

Hough reports to Banks City Council on sidewalk improvements

by Jodi Boylan

Mayor John Kinsky proudly presented Jolynn Becker with the League of Oregon Cities and CityCounty Insurance Services (CCIS) Gold Safety Award at the October 11 Banks City Council meeting. Becker, the City Recorder is also Safety Committee Representative for the City of Banks, which had an injury frequency rate of 0 in the 2010-11 year.

Contract Deputy Todd Hanlon briefed council on the September police report, showing 94 total incidents in the city, with 19 of them by public demand, three arrests, 25 traffic stops, five written citations, and nine written reports. One person was arrested for shoplifting, another was arrested for misdemeanor driving with a suspended license, and a youth was taken to a juvenile facility on harassment/threat charges to another student. The school and juvenile department are dealing with the youth.

Hanlon also reported that right after the park gazebo was painted, someone vandalized the gazebo by putting tire scuff marks on each of the pillars; fortunately, they were able to get most of the marks off. He has no suspect information at this time.

Since school started, Hanlon has introduced himself to each of the principals and some of the students in the three schools. City Manager Jim Hough expressed his appreciation for the good service that the city continues to get with its contract with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The Mayor and council joined in on Hough's comments of appreciation.

Hough reported to council:

- The Banks Green Team is working on a project to conduct two E-waste collection events per year. One will be on the Saturday of Earth Day weekend in April and the other will be the first Saturday of October.

- City Staff is working to have an aerial photograph taken of the City of Banks, with the goal of duplicating the angle and view of the 1953 photo that hangs in Council Chambers.

- The city has sent sidewalk improvement letters to property owners with discrepancies. A number of responses have been received and the city is working with each property owner to effect this safety improvement.

- The city received, and responded to a query from the League of Oregon Cities regarding local option levies.

- The Internal Audit Subcommittee met September 21, and will recommend a few changes to the Financial Monitoring Policy of the Financial Manage-

ment Policies and Procedures document. The changes will be presented at the November 8 council meeting

- The city is still working with

Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) to begin emergency notification procedures in

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