



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

System Development Charges (SDC's) are fees paid to the city when new homes are built. At our October City Council meeting, these fees are being reviewed and updated. SDC's are used

by the city to enhance or improve the area under development. Builders can also make improvements directly and earn SDC credits. This is one of the ways growth is funded.

Please attend the council meeting on October 10th to learn more about SDC's. We have a presentation starting at 6pm.

Mayor Stephanie Jones

## CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

- City Council  
2nd Tuesday (monthly)
- Park, Recreation & Tree Board  
3rd Monday (Quarterly - Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
- Library Board  
3rd Tuesday (monthly)
- Planning Commission  
Last Tuesday (monthly)
- Economic Development  
1st Wednesday (monthly)

City meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend.

## SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL OUTREACH LISTS!



The City of Banks has established email outreach lists to deliver information to community members, community organizations, and businesses.

### City Meeting Agendas Email List

As a subscriber, you will receive emails with information about public notices, City Council Meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, Economic Development Commission Meetings, Library Board Meetings, Park Recreation and Tree Board Meetings, and other City meetings. **Sign up at [www.cityofbanks.org/government](http://www.cityofbanks.org/government)**

### Business Outreach Email List

As a subscriber, you will receive emails with information about public notices, City and community events, City news, and Economic Development Commission information. **Sign up at [www.cityofbanks.org/businessoutreach](http://www.cityofbanks.org/businessoutreach)**

### Community Outreach Email List

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## FRIENDS OF THE BANKS LIBRARY BOOK SALE

### LIBRARY'S JANE MOORE COMMUNITY ROOM



NOVEMBER 2-6 **SALE**

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony  
November 26, 2023 at 6:30pm  
Greenville City Park



## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City of Banks Administrative Offices, Public Works Department, and the Banks Public Library will all be closed on:

- November 10, 2023 - Veterans Day
- November 11, 2023 - Veterans Day (Library)
- November 23 & 24, 2023 - Thanksgiving



There is lots of information to be found on the City of Banks website. Check it out at [www.cityofbanks.org](http://www.cityofbanks.org).

# CITY MEETING RECAP FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

A brief recap on the items discussed & actions taken at City Meetings.

## City Council Work Session

- Swatco Sanitary Service made a request to the City Council to approve a rate increase.
- Michael Calhoun requested a letter of support from the City Council. He is working to get the Banks/Vernonia State Trail designated as a National Recreational Trail.
- City Council discussed the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)/American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project List.

## City Council Meeting

- Mayor Jones read the 2023 National Banned Books Week Proclamation into the record.
- Presentations of: Police Monthly Briefing, Library Director Report, Public Works Supervisor Report, City Recorder/Assistant City Manager Report & City Manager Report, and a presentation of a plaque to Washington County Lt. Bob Ray, for his years of service and support to the City of Banks.
- The City Council adopted the minutes of the August 8, 2023, City Council Meeting.
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-16, a Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposal.
- A Public Hearing for the Westside Developer Agreement. This was a continuation of the public hearing held at the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting. The City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the Westside Development Agreement.
- City Council conducted the First and Second Reading, and Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-09-01, an Ordinance amending the Banks Comprehensive Plan by repealing the City's Park and Recreation Master Plan, adopting the 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including an updated Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and amending the text of Comprehensive Plan Goals 2 (Land Use), 8 (Recreation), and 14 (Urbanization) to implement these planning documents. Ordinance adopted.
- The City Council conducted the First and Second Reading, and Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-09-02, an Ordinance amending the Banks Comprehensive Plan by repealing and replacing the City's Transportation System Plan. Ordinance adopted.
- City Council approved the amended State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)/American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project List as discussed at the September 12, 2023, Work Session.
- The City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the proposal with CwM-H20 for the Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) Limited License and Pilot Study Plan at a cost not to exceed \$67,530.00.
- The City Council authorized the staff to proceed with repairing the section of road located on NW Broadshire Lane.

## Urban Renewal Agency

- No meeting held in September

## Economic Development Commission

- No meeting held in September.

## Park, Recreation & Tree Board

- No meeting held in September.

## Planning Commission

- Planning Commission approved the request for a Type III Partition for 13067 NW Main Street.

## Library Board

- The Library Board reviewed the Collection Development Statement and approved it with no changes. They initiated the update process for the Library's Strategic Plan.

## NEWS FROM THE BANKS PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Rural Ramblers Walking Group has been enjoying the cooler weather and a chance to walk on the linear trail most Fridays. They are starting to plan their Civic Project and should have information to share about that project in the coming months. Other library programs are in full swing, too! The Friends of the Banks Library are gearing up for their next book sale the

first week of November. Donations of gently used books and movies are welcome at the library. Please call first if you have a large donation to make.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF BANKS

Interested in serving on a City of Banks Board, Commission or Committee? We are currently seeking volunteers. Please contact City Recorder, Angie Lanter at [alanter@cityofbanks.org](mailto:alanter@cityofbanks.org) or 503-324-5112 for more information.



## FALL WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Sweep patios, driveways and sidewalks.  
Never hose paved surfaces.



Be conservative when washing your car.  
Wash your car with a bucket and only turn on the hose to wet and rinse your vehicle.



If you are still watering your plants, lawns and gardens, remember they require less water in the fall as daylight hours have become shorter and the sun's intensity has decreased. As the days get shorter, so should your watering times.