

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



In August, the City Council held its first public hearing for a development agreement for the West Side of Banks. At our September meeting we will be continuing the hearing. A public hearing is a time for residents to add their comments. If you can't attend the hearing, you can also email comments to our City Recorder which will be added to the record.

Once a development agreement is approved, next steps include a community open house, meetings with city staff and turning in an application. Once an application is determined to be complete, our city planner issues a report with her findings. The application and report are then reviewed by our Planning Commission. If it meets our code requirements this group of citizens is required to approve it. I understand that growth can be scary, but growth is a necessary part of life.
 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**

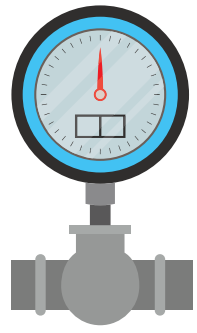
Business Outreach Email List

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**

Community Outreach Email List

As a subscriber, you will receive emails with information about public notices, City and community events, and City news. **Sign up at www.cityofbanks.org/communityoutreach**

To accurately bill you each month, The Public Works Department must have access to the water meter that serves your home or business. Please, make sure the meter box is not covered by trashcans, vehicles, tree limbs, leaves, etc. If we cannot read the meter, we have to estimate your billing for the month. Also, very importantly, if you have an emergency and we need to turn off the water service to your home or business, Public Works Personnel will require immediate access to the water meter in order to assist you. If the lid to the meter box at your service address is missing or damaged, please, contact the Public Works Department at (503)324-5112, so that we can replace the lid – at no cost to you.



Remember to drive safely in the school zones!



September is National Preparedness month. Get ready at: dfr.oregon.gov/preparenow



There is lots of information to be found on the City of Banks website. Check it out at www.cityofbanks.org.

CITY MEETING RECAP FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023

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

City Council Work Session

- Steve Donovan with Donovan Enterprises and City Attorney Dan Kearns discussed the options for the Park System Development Charges.
- City Attorney Dan Kearns gave Council an overview of the Westside Developer Agreement.
- City Attorney Dan Kearns reviewed the schedule of Ordinance readings and adoption for the Transportation Master Plan & the Park Master Plan.
- City Manager Jolynn Becker reviewed the summary of overtime hours for the Washington County Sheriff's Office.
- City Manager Jolynn Becker reviewed the job description, and the advertising process for the newly created Economic Development Coordinator position.

City Council Meeting

- 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.
- City Council adopted the minutes of the July 11, 2023, City Council Meeting.
- City Council authorized the City Manager to sign Amendment #2 to the IGA with Washington County to continue the City's partnership in the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program.
- City Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with filling the Economic Development Coordinator position not to exceed an amount of \$50,000.00..
- City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-15 a Resolution authorizing the write off of bad debt/accounts receivables in the amount of \$157.28.
- City Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Bob Pardee to Economic Development Commission position PC7.
- A Public Hearing for the Westside Developer Agreement. This public hearing will be continued at the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting.
- City Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No.2023-07-01, an Ordinance Amending the City of Banks' Zoning Map to Rezone Certain Real Property along Main Street from Commercial to Downtown Commercial. Consistent with the Property's Commercial Comprehensive Plan designation. Ordinance was adopted.
- City Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07-02, an Ordinance Amending the City of Banks' Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map to Replan and Rezone the Banks Elementary School Property from Commercial to Public Facilities. Ordinance was adopted.
- City Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07-03, an Ordinance Amending Title XV (Land Usage), Chapter 151 (Zoning Code), Section 355 (Nonconforming Situations – Purpose and Applicability) of the Banks Development Code by allowing newly designated Downtown Commercial zone properties to expand as nonconforming uses. Ordinance was adopted.
- City Council conducted a second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2023-05-001, an Ordinance Amending Title V (Public Works), Chapter 50 (Water), Section 50.04 (Description of Service) of the Banks Municipal Code to Revise the City's Bulk Water Sales Authority.

Urban Renewal Agency

- Urban Renewal Agency approved the funding for the 2023-2024 Façade Program.
- Urban Renewal Agency approved the request from PS 127.1 LLC dba Be Joyful Salon to receive the funding that they were awarded from the 2020 Façade Program.

Economic Development Commission

- Economic Development Commission made a recommendation for the Banks Urban Renewal Agency to approve the 2023 Façade Program.

Park, Recreation & Tree Board

- Discussion on Earth Day Cleanup and future events.
- Discussion on expanding the play area in Greenville City Park.

Planning Commission

- Planning Commission had two public hearings relating to the City of Banks Park Master Plan and update to the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan. The Commission made a recommendation for approval to City Council.

Library Board

- The Library Board reviewed information about library budgeting and funding, debriefed about their retreat and received updates on Library and Council activities.

NEWS FROM THE BANKS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Summer is coming to an end which means the end of the Summer Reading Program at the library. Award books will be available until August 31.

The start of school also means a return to regular story times and after school programs! Story time will start September 6 and 7, and elementary programs resume September 12 and 13. We have a lot of fun programs lined up for the next few months, so be sure to check the City calendar, or the library calendar at wccls.org.

It's a bountiful time of year and there is often a basket of produce on the library counter looking for someone to take some home! Much is from the library garden, but we also share produce from patron's gardens, so you never know what might be on offer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF BANKS

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



Backflow testing has started. Please watch for Public Works staff and drive carefully in the area. If you have any questions, please call the City at 503-324-5112.



Make Saving Water Part of Your Back-to-School Routine!

1. Use a timer for showers. Not only will this help save water by limiting to 10 minutes or less, it can also keep you focused and on time in the morning.
2. Turn the water off while you brush your teeth! If you leave the water running, you can end up using as much as four gallons each time you clean your teeth.
3. Be mindful of your laundry: When dressing, evaluate what's actually dirty and what could be worn again. Not only could you save tons of water, but time and energy by doing less laundry.

