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IMU appears to have settled lawsuit

The Irvine council approved an agreement at Monday's meeting that would settle a lawsuit between Irvine Municipal Utilities and Estill County Water District.

Bee Williams, IMU manager, said this agreement was similar to the original one.

Mayor Ernest Farmer said ECWD was to approve the agreement the next day,

July 15.

Williams said that IMU will assume ECWD's waste water treatment plant and will provide sewer service and collect from 460 county customers.

"We need those 460 customers," Williams stated.

IMU will obtain funding from Rural Development to extend sewer lines on Wisemantown Road and Dark Hollow Road.

"The project will eliminate all the odor in this area," stated Williams.

Customers to be served by IMU's sewer will be able to get rid of their septic tanks after they are hooked onto city sewer service.

City attorney Rodney Davis said he had looked over the agreement. He stated that he did not represent either water company.

Joe Crawford with Estill

Development Alliance also gave his quarterly report to the council.

Crawford said the Revive River Drive event has grown, so the Chamber of Commerce will be making plans for that event.

He stated that he will work with the city to establish an internet presence.

Crawford commented on the multi-county ATV trail. He said there is no compen-

sation for property owners.

He said that all liability for accidents will be assumed by the state.

The Irvine council renewed their agreement with EDA, under the same terms as last year.

Fifty-one cars had participated in the Kruzers car show on Main and Broadway on Saturday evening. ECMS will have a car show on July 20.

The council approved a Color Blaze 5K race in Irvine for Hospice on October 25.

Councilwoman Nelle Williams asked about the city's audits. Councilman Tobo Bryant said he wanted all the audits caught up by the end of the mayor's term.

Bryant said he was concerned with the downtown appearance.

Serial check forger served for cashing check in Estill Co.

An Estill warrant has been served on a man who has been called a serial check forger.

Bobby W. Brewer, 46, of Jackson, is charged locally with second degree forgery and criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Brewer has also been charged three times in Powell and twice in Lee County.

Brewer was posted on television news several weeks ago and was identified by his ex-mother-in-law.

The local warrant was obtained by Captain Adrian McKinney of the Irvine Po-

lice Department.

It says on April 22, 2014, Brewer cashed a forged check for \$155.00 at L&W Sewing Basket.

The check was a First Data EFS Transcheck, which is typically used by truck drivers.

The warrant states that Brewer signed the back of the check with Keith Isaacs.

Police say that Brewer typically went into a business and purchased an item with a check which was in an amount larger than the purchase. He then got cash back.



Irvine resident Harold Calmes addressed the Irvine Council about farmland the city now claims is within city limits. Calmes appeared before the council in the early '60s over the farmland, and the city said the farmland was not within city limits.

Farmers continue to question city over property boundaries

A group of farmers who own property on Kirkland Avenue voiced their opinions at Monday's Irvine Council meeting.

The oldest of them, a retired minister, Harold Calmes, was the first speaker.

Calmes said he bought farmland on Kirkland Avenue in the 60's and built a home there around 1964 or 65.

He added that he received a notice from the city to pay taxes on farmland.

"I contested it then, and I won out," he said. "It went all them years, and nobody ever said nothing."

Calmes said he talked with the late Russell Powell, an Irvine Council member at the time. He said Powell had a real old city map which showed the property was not in city limits.

Mayor Ernest Farmer said the city did not have planning and zoning at that time, and it was not on a planning and zoning map. The latest map was adopted in about 2008.

"If I have to pay tax on this property, I will," said Danny Click, another property owner.

Click questioned how the city ordinances will affect their use of the land as farmland.

City attorney Rodney Davis said the PVA assesses farmland, and it being in city limits would not affect that assessment.

He added that existing uses of the property will be grandfathered in and not affected by planning and zoning.

Dwight Arvin said he had owned property on Kirkland since 1963 and had never had a tax bill.

Arvin said when property is annexed into the city, it must be contiguous to the current city boundary and the people in the affected area must be notified.

Davis suggested the property may have been annexed because IMU owned property in the area.

He also added that city properties are sometimes overlooked when tax bills are sent out.

"What's unusual here is that it's not just a lot. It's a big lot of acreage out there," Davis stated.

Davis said the Land Office at the Secretary of State's office has an old map which shows the farmland is in city limits.

He also said that he has asked in the spring for ordinances and other information the state office may have. He has yet to receive further information.

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Tonya Abshear presented the colors of the American flag at Saturday's horse show.

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Sherryl Chaney, 67
Lloyd King, 68
Carolyn Parrett, 63
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Barking dogs dominate Ravenna meeting

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On July 14, 2014 the Ravenna city council met in regular session and once again the hot topic of discussion was an ordinance pertaining to dogs.

Camille Evans, a resident of Ravenna, approached the council for the second month in a row to discuss how she was treated by Councilman William VanCleve when he approached her about her dogs' barking.

Evans went on to say

that she felt threatened by VanCleve the day that he approached her about her dogs, and she wanted to know why only certain parts of the dog ordinance were enforced and not others.

She said that according to the ordinance that all dogs must be registered by breed and sex at City Hall and that she was not aware of the ordinance in the first place, much less to know that she was supposed to have her dogs registered with the city.

Mayor Estine Tipton re-

plied that since she had been mayor that no one had registered their dogs with the city.

Evans stated that according to the ordinance that two or more neighbors have to file a complaint about the dogs, and to her knowledge no one other than VanCleve had a problem with her dogs.

"That's not true. One of my neighbors complained to me about your dogs barking all the time," said Councilwoman Tina Johnson.

Evans said that since the

complaint had been made that she had been taking her dogs inside at night and not allowing them to stay in the yard like she had been doing in previous months. She said that she felt like the ordinance needed to be enforced all the way or to be voided because only parts of it were being enforced at the previous time.

Mayor Tipton assured Evans that the council would take a look at the ordinance and amend it if they felt that it was necessary.

"So this ordinance is void

at this point?" asked Evans.

"No the ordinance is not void. Like Mayor Tipton said, we as a council will take a look at the ordinance and will see what we can come up," said Tina Johnson.

Kathy Collett had approached the council several months ago about a storm drain that was broken near her house. The broken drain has been allowing water to run into her backyard because it isn't draining properly.

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