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W.J. Noland, newly elected mayor of Irvine, presided over his first council meeting on Monday night. Noland was elected to a four year term. All six council members were re-elected to another two-year term.

New Irvine mayor announces plan to clean city, get audits

As his first meeting as mayor of Irvine, W.J. Noland stated his immediate goals for the city. The goals included getting the streets and city cleaned up, getting audits done, and getting new equipment and truck repairs for the street department.

"We have more junk," Mayor Noland stated.

He asked the council to look at getting another truck which could be used to haul junk, spread salt, and accommodate a snow plow.

Artie White with White Associates addressed the council about doing the city's 11-12 and 13-14 audits. White said the law allows two years to be combined in one audit.

White was told the city's current audit firm has not completed the 09-10 audit yet.

"How are we still getting the Municipal Aid money?" asked Councilman Tobo Bryant.

Bryant said he has been on the council over 20 years now, and he was told in the past if the city was not compliant on its audits, that money used for street improvements would be withheld.

White told the city that if contracted as their auditor, he expected to have the audits up to date by May 1. Because another auditing firm is doing the 09-10 audit, White's firm would not be responsible for it, but may have to amend the other two audits later if that audit is not completed.

White's firm was not officially hired by the city on Monday. The auditor will send the city a letter with the terms of the audit in it.

The newly elected county surveyor, Justin Rogers, addressed the council. He asked the council to look at closing some alleys in Sweet Springs Addition where he owns property, which have not been used as alleys.

Councilman Bryant said

the council had attempted to close one of the alleys but was unable to because it is a utility strip. Rogers agreed to do the plat for any alley which could be closed.

The council agreed to close the alley running from Shelby Street to the alley with the utility strip. A formal vote will be taken after the alley is surveyed.

City Clerk Robin Powell said the city had received a thank you note from the C.D. Noland family.

She presented a request for a privilege license from Kashara Garrett to open a dance studio on Main Street. The license was approved by the council, contingent upon approval by the city's building inspector.

City attorney Rodney Davis asked the council to give second reading of an ordinance related to waste water treatment to comply with the Clean Water Act.

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New members welcomed to the Ravenna Council

by CATHY DAWES Estill County Tribune

The first Ravenna council meeting of 2015 was held on Monday night at city hall with three new members on board. Terry Johnson, Sharon Snowden, and Beverly Thompson filled the seats of William Van-Cleve, Louis Officer, and James Richardson.

Bryan Kirby was in attendance to have the council approve a resolution pertaining to the rehab project on the five homes located in Ravenna that will be getting renovated or completely rebuilt. Kirby said that the resolution was to pay bills such as advertising, rent on storage units for the family's belongings, and also for temporary housing for the families while the project is being

completed.

The total amount of the resolution came to \$4,918.20. Kirby added that the lead based paint and asbestos testing had been completed and as soon as the results were in they would advertise for bids for the construction of the homes.

Councilwoman Beverly Thompson presented Fire Chief David Harvey with a clock for his thirty years of service to the city of Ravenna. During the presentation, Thompson became emotional as she talked about how Harvey had quit school at an early age to work and help his family with finances and then later on finished his education while still working full time. She said that Harvey had served under four mayors in the city of Ravenna, including herself.

91 year old community leader from Ravenna dies Saturday



Charlie Vanhuss was honored on his 90th birthday by the City of Ravenna. He stopped in city hall almost daily and sat in on many city council meetings.

Charlie Vanhuss, 91, a lifelong resident of Ravenna, died Saturday at the Irvine Health Care Center.

When you read Charlie's obituary, you may think he had no surviving family. He had many friends, too many to list in an obituary, and they were his family.

His obituary doesn't tell you that Larry Stewart, a former candidate for jailer, visited him often during the short time he was in the nursing home and took Charlie whatever he needed. There were others like Larry who did the same for Charlie.

He once shared a dog with his neighbor and former county judge executive, the late Ralph McClanahan.

Charlie did not own a car or drive. He walked wherever he went until his later years. Most of the things he needed he found right in small town Ravenna.

He worked until retirement at Ravenna Drug Store.

Each day, Charlie walked downtown. He visited Ravenna City Hall and bought his groceries at Bob's Super Market.

Charlie was a strong

democrat in a county which was outnumbered by republicans.

One of his best friends was Robert Walker, the owner of Ravenna Drug Store. Walker was also community minded and was involved in many of the same things as Vanhuss.

Walker became the Irvine Police Chief. Six weeks later, Walker was shot to death.

Every February since then, Vanhuss attended an Irvine Council meeting in memory of Walker.

For 25 years, Charlie served as Scoutmaster for Boy Scouts Troop 144. During those 25 years, 43 of the local Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout award. Vanhuss was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor for distinguished service.

Charlie was active in his church, Ravenna Christian Church. He received an award for over 50 years of perfect attendance with the Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis club. Charlie was also active in many other organizations.

His funeral is set for today at 1 p.m. at Ravenna Christian Church, where he was a faithful member.



Newly elected council members Sharon Snowden, Terry Johnson, and Beverly Thompson began their terms on the Ravenna council on Monday night. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)



On Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Kentucky state rep. Cluster Howard was sworn into office by Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John Minton while Rep. Cluster's wife Sandy held the Bible on which he took his oath. All House members were sworn in to their two-year term that day. Rep. Howard is representing District 91, which includes Breathitt, Estill, Lee, Owsley, and a part of Madison County. (Photo courtesy of LRC Public Information)



Newly elected Circuit Court Judge Michael Dean is sworn in by Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. on Dec. 8, 2014, in the Supreme Court Courtroom at the state Capitol in Frankfort. Judge Dean took office this week and serves Estill, Lee and Owsley counties. (Photo courtesy of Adm. Office of the Courts)

Obituaries

- Doris Covey, 81
 - Raymond Flynn, 95
 - Brindia S. Hatton, 69
 - Isaac McIntosh, 88
 - Troy Lee Mullins, 75
 - Bruce Puckett, 79
 - Charles Vanhuss, 91
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