

## Irvine to advertise for bids on Hummer as surplus property

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Robin Powell said that's how they do the Wal-Mart card that they use to purchase supplies with.

Mayor Gross said that a loan on the fire truck would be paid off in December and asked the council what they thought about paying that amount on the line of credit once the truck was paid in full.

He said the payment on the truck is \$2,543 per month and the line of credit has a balance of \$79,993.83, and they should be able to get the balance down fairly quickly by applying that money. The line of credit was opened before Gross took office to pay for audits according to Powell and both loans have an interest rate of two percent.

Gross said he would like to list the Hummer as surplus property and take sealed bids on it. He said there was possibly another vehicle that would be listed as surplus property as well. Burkhardt stated that if they took sealed bids on the vehicles to make sure they were able to deny the bids if they were not for a reasonable amount.

Mayor Gross said he had spoken to the council during the last meeting about painting one side of Church Street yellow so residents wouldn't park on that side but after some consideration had decided to paint it red and make it a fire lane. He said at this time residents were parking on both sides of the street and the garbage truck couldn't get through there, much less any rescue vehicles.

He said that once the side of the

street was painted red then violators would be towed instead of just receiving a citation.

Powell informed the council that she would be providing each council member with a packet on the Friday before each meeting. She said she could send them by email or she could print the packet off, but she felt like it would cut down on time if council members had a full weekend to review the agenda, bills, and other items that would be discussed at the meeting.

Chief Sturniolo said that a down payment had been made on the computer systems that were discussed at the last meeting. He also said that an anonymous donor had paid \$1,000 toward a computer for the evidence room, and that those computers were currently being built at Pro Silver.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy reported that there had been two structure fires within the city. One was a chimney fire on Turner Avenue, and the other was a kitchen fire on Oak Street. The fire on Oak Street was caused by a new air fryer malfunctioning. Murphy said that both fires were extinguished quickly and no major damage was reported.

Councilman Les Withers asked about the pedestrian signs located on the Irvine bridge. Mayor Gross said that the state had placed those signs there, and he had asked about them several times but had not received a clear answer. He added that he sees people walking on the bridge all the time especially during the morning and afternoon hours.

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He hopes to have a dog weekend to follow the cat event. He said if a dog weighs over 20 pounds, it will have to be taken to Lexington, but spaying or neutering is still free.

JoAnne Parks, a damage prevention specialist with Columbia Gas of Kentucky, spoke to the fiscal court to encourage residents to call 811 before digging to plant a tree, a bush, water or sewer lines, etc.

She added that the Public Service Commission has taken over regulations for natural gas. Persons who dig without calling can be fined \$12.50 for the first offense, \$2,000 for the second offense, or \$4,000 for a third offense.

Parks said that telecommunication cables are also underground, and it is very expensive to replace them, compared to gas lines.

Jimmie Wise, director of Estill Ambulance Service, said that ambulances had made 4,150 runs during 2019.

He said the local ambulance service is the best one in eastern Kentucky.

Many of the 43 employees are from out of town. Wise said this is because they meet the educational requirements and ECU being nearby.

A smaller crowd was present to learn about the Second Amendment resolution.

County Attorney Jason Riley estimated that 110 of the 120 counties have passed resolutions supporting the right to bear arms.

He announced that another rally on the Second Amendment has been

scheduled for January 31 in Frankfort.

Riley added support of the amendment appears to have bi-partisan support from both houses in legislature.

"At this point, I think the county has done what they can do," he said. "What the counties have done will cause the state to do something as well."

"Our voice will be heard best if we get out on November 3 and vote," stated Ray Snowden.

"I don't think people realize it's easier to pass a law than get rid of one," said Jacob Estes.

Estes has been the coordinator of the grass roots group in Estill County and is keeping up with gun laws in state legislature.

The fiscal court opened four bids for a county fire truck and a ladder truck for the Irvine Fire Department. Several bids were also opened for medical equipment to be used by the ambulance service.

These items will be paid for by CSEPP funds. The fiscal court did not accept bids at Monday's meeting, but will allow the fire departments and ambulance service to look over them to make sure they meet all specifications.

Watson discussed a future surplus sale.

Eugene Kidd asked for the court to help with gang activity in Estill County.

Riley said he was unable to comment on the gangs because of an ongoing investigation.

The fiscal court is scheduled to meet on Presidents' Day at 5 p.m.

## Citations Issued

**Matthew Hager**, 33, of 8th Street, Ravenna, was served with two bench warrants on January 23 by Irvine Officer Stewart Morris.

**Edward Allen Moore**, 28, of Williamsburg, Ohio was charged with menacing on Noland Court on January 24 by Officer Morris.

An Estill County bench warrant was served on **Kenneth P. Stepp**, 41, of Turner Avenue, Irvine on January 24 by Officer Morris for failure to appear.

**Amanda C. Hunt**, 38, of Dry Branch Road, Irvine, was arrested January 22 following a traffic stop on Mack Street in Irvine by Officer Morris.

Officer Morris charged Hunt with one headlight, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, failure of owner to produce insurance card, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Deputy Chris Coffey cited **Nathanael Partin**, 21, of Evarts, KY on Jan. 24 for disregarding a traffic control device at Shellmart.

**Steve Norton**, 54, of Stacy Lane was served with two Estill District Court warrants by Deputy Brad Smith on Jan. 26.

A Substation couple were arrested Jan. 25 by Deputy Coffey during an incident of domestic violence at their residence.

Arrested were **April Richardson**, 43, and **Greg Richardson**, 44. They were each charged with second degree disorderly conduct.

Deputy Brad Smith served an Estill District Court bench warrant on **Brian Parsons**, 44, of Substation Road on Jan. 27. The warrant says Parsons failed to pay a fine and/or court costs on a public intoxication charge.

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