

Council approves budget on second vote

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The second reading of the 2017-2018 budget was approved during the Irvine Council meeting after being shot down by council members on the first try. City clerk Robin Powell was unable to attend the meeting due to an illness in the family, therefore, council members were unable to obtain all the information that was needed for them to make a decision about the new budget. The new budget was short in the amount of \$3,500.

Councilman Billy Arthur once again questioned Mayor W.J. Noland about a part time employee that had been hired. He asked if they could do away with the position that Jr. Spicer was filling and still have enough manpower to get done what needed to be done within the city. Arthur added that the reduction of Spicer's position would save the city money.

"Jr. came to us when we needed somebody and we still need him. The city is about as dirty as it can get," replied Noland.

Arthur said he felt like the other employees should still be able to do the work that needed to be done. Councilwoman Nelle Williams agreed and said that it came back to her point that she had made several months ago that there needed to be supervision over the street and sanitation workers. Williams said that there had been a chair

sitting on the side of the road on Hood Avenue for at least two months.

Councilman O'Brene Richardson spoke up and said that there were still a lot of unanswered questions about the budget and that he had to vote no. It came down to a 3-3 vote with Mayor Noland breaking the tie and also voting no.

Councilman Tim Burkhart asked Attorney Rodney Davis what would happen if the council could not come to some sort of agreement on the budget by the deadline. Davis said that they would have to come to an agreement by the end of the month or the Department of Local Government would step in and balance the budget for them.

After much discussion the council agreed to move \$3,500 out of the depreciation fund in order to balance the budget. The motion carried 4-2 at that time.

Several members of the Estill Action Group were in attendance to speak of the benefits of the EDA. Verlin Prewitt said that he felt like local taxes were the best taxes to have and that the EDA was founded by him, Tom Bonny, and several other leaders in the community many years ago. Prewitt added that Citizen's Guaranty Bank helps the EDA a great deal and he expressed his appreciation to the city of Irvine for their contribution as well.

Victoria Stevens said that she had recently moved to Estill County and that she

could see a lot of potential for the community and that they were working on several new projects including the first ever water tubing event in the county. She said she would eventually like to see Estill County become a destination spot.

Harold Friend, a resident of Cantrill Street, addressed the council about a couple of properties that had been damaged by the storms in March. Friend said that he had a rental home that was heavily damaged and that after he received the insurance settlement he had that home torn down and hauled away. He said that was not the case with two properties in particular located at 623 and 625 Cantrill Street. Friend said to his knowledge the property owners had collected their insurance payments and were doing nothing about cleaning up the mess. He said the odor from those properties is so terrible that the lady that lives next to one of them is ill from the smell.

Mayor Noland said he had spoken with Kenny Cole of the Estill County Health Department just that morning about the properties and that he would drive up there himself to assess the situation. Rodney Davis added that they could send the property owners an abatement letter and possibly start legal proceedings if necessary.

Friend added that one of the homes had six dogs still living inside. He said that they bark all the time and that the tenants can be

seen coming in late at night to feed and water the animals. He said those tenants have moved to another home where he was told that they are not allowed to have their pets. Police Chief Brad Smith said he would get in contact with Tommy Mullen from the animal shelter and see what could be done about the animals.

Louise Holbrook addressed the council and said that at every meeting she attends she hears how the city is in the red. She said when the newspapers come out after a meeting, she reads about the same thing and she thinks it's a poor way to run a business especially a city.

"I'm like everybody else, I don't like paying taxes but when I do I want it to be used to the best of its ability," stated Holbrook.

She went on to say that she was not opposed to the proposed occupational tax that was proposed by Mayor Noland because people that work out of the city have to pay that tax in other counties. She added that anyone that came into the city to work should be willing to pay that tax as well.

Councilman Arthur spoke up against the occupational tax once again and said that he would never agree with it and they were still discussing the possibility of raising the rate on the garbage bill to make it fair across the board.

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Councilman William Van Cleve asked why the council had not been presented with a new budget. He said that those have to be turned in by June 1st. Moores said that she was not aware of that and she would begin to prepare a budget. Mayor Estine Tipton said that they would have to call a special meeting to review and approve the new budget. Van Cleve replied that the new budget should go into effect on July 1st.

Councilwoman Crowe read a letter that was written by SRO Michael Gross. Gross was unable to attend the meeting but had written a lengthy letter explaining to the council the work that he does for the school system as well as the city of Ravenna. In that letter Gross mentioned numerous grants that he had obtained for the police department to purchase new weapons, uniforms, as well as new computers.

Van Cleve asked Mayor Tipton if she had spoken with Superintendent Jeff Saylor about the SRO and she said that she had tried to contact him but was told that he was on vacation at this time.

James Gross spoke about the time he spent as the SRO officer and told the council that even though he worked for the school the majority of the year that there were lots of times he was working behind the scenes for the city as well. He said he knows that Michael does the same and that the city would not be able to hire a part time officer if he was to leave the job because the laws have changed about employing part time officers.

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Local priest ordained 50 years ago, honored

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Father Al said there was a blight which killed the grape crop so his family turned to tobacco farming.

His family was Catholic so he and his five sisters and brothers were educated in Catholic schools. He attended St. Patrick High School in Maysville, which is one of the few Catholic schools functioning today.

Then he went to Xavier University where he majored in chemistry.

It was while he was attending Xavier, that Father Al answered the call to be a Jesuit priest.

Father Al started serving the church in 1967 and 1968 while he was finishing theology school.

On weekends he traveled to the Great Lakes Naval Base. He was able to minister to a lot of servicemen during the Vietnam War.

He worked for seven years in Washington, D.C.,

at the Center for Science in Public Interest. Starting in 1977, he started the Appalachian Science in Public Interest in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

He spent 25 years there teaching topics such as how to compost toilets, solar energy, organic gardening, and raised bed gardening.

During this time, he also helped out at different churches.

Father Al has written several books on the environment. He maintains a web site at earthhealing.info.

Because of his age, Father Al has cut back on a few things he once did, such as lobbying for the environment.

"I've never been in the hospital overnight in my life," he stated.

He was born at home.

Every day he gets up, he thanks the Lord for his good health.

Kentucky River River Sweep

Saturday June 17th

It's that time of year again!
Judge Executive
Wallace Taylor and
Solid Waste
Coordinator
Kim Dawes, in
collaboration with
the Kentucky
River Authority,
have planned
Estill County's annual
Riversweep 2017.

June 17, 2017

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

We will meet at Lock 12 beach area in South Irvine.

Any persons or groups interested in assisting with the cleanup can contact Judge Taylor's office at 606-723-7524 for more details.



Local Police Activity Report

Two arrest warrants were served June 12 on Justin Patrick, 28, of Sandhill Road, Irvine, by Irvine Officer Colton Lewis.

A bench warrant issued by Estill Circuit Judge Michael Dean says that Patrick violated the conditions of his release on charges of tampering with physical evidence and four counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree.

Powell District Judge K. Proffitt also issued a bench warrant on Patrick for failure to pay.

Patrick was found guilty on August 30, 2016 of theft by deception including cold checks under \$500.

Judge Proffitt set his bond at \$133.50 cash, which will be applied to the amount due, if paid.

Sgt. John Sturniolo said it was reported that Larry Davenport, 46, of Richmond was driving recklessly on Broadway on June 9.

The officer reported he located the vehicle that Davenport was driving on Northwood Drive and Davenport failed field sobriety tests.

Irvine's K-9 Fritz alerted on the vehicle, the officer stated. He added that 3.5 grams of methamphetamine, a bag of marijuana, a syringe, and a brass marijuana pipe with residue were found under the back seat of

the vehicle.

Davenport was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, failure of non owner to maintain insurance, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in vehicle, trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine over 2 grams), possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

An Irvine woman was arrested June 6 after Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith was investigating a possible overdose.

The report says that Chief Smith made contact with Billy R. Wilson, 35, of Church Street at 135 N. Plum Street in Irvine. He stated that Wilson had entered the residence without permission.

After Wilson was checked by EMS, Smith said he placed her under arrest and was attempting to handcuff her. He attempted to remove a cell phone from her hand. As she pulled away, Smith said it revealed money in her hand that was hidden behind the phone.

The money, \$32.00, had been reported missing by the tenants at North Plum Street.

Smith said he had been actively looking for Wilson, who was the suspect in several reported thefts. He

added the phone in her hand was positively identified by a victim of an earlier theft.

In this case, Wilson was charged with criminal trespassing, first degree, public intoxication of a controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking/disposition - all others, and resisting arrest.

The chief said that on the same date, a theft of several items had been reported to IPD by Jack Neal. Neal reported the theft of several watches, phone, and other items.

When placed under arrest, Chief Smith said he found the watches in Wilson's purse.

She was charged with receiving stolen property under \$500.

Joe Wesley Pugh, 50, of John Rawlins Road, Irvine was arrested June 11 by Officer Colton Lewis.

The officer said he received a complaint that Pugh was possibly selling meth at Shell Mart. He observed Pugh's vehicle leave the parking lot.

Officer Lewis said that Pugh's license plate was not illuminated, so he made a traffic stop at the intersection of Richmond and Wisemantown Roads.

Pugh was charged with plate not illuminated and possession for sale/transfer simulated substance, first offense.

2017 Estill County Relay for Life

Superhero's Schedule of Events

Relay Ceremony Friday, June 16

6:00 pm - Opening Ceremony (Pause Concessions)

Prayer: Bro. Ricky Kirby, Thomas Baptist

Flag Presentation: Boy Scout Troop #89

National Anthem: Amber Lee

6:15 pm - Survivor Ceremony

Survivor Lap

Rose Presentation: Girl Scout Troop #661

Caregiver Lap (Concessions Reopen)

7:00 pm - First Responders Lap

Luminaria Ceremony

9:15 pm - Luminaria Ceremony (Concession and Activities Paused)

Prayer & Presentation: Bro. Todd Blevins

Singing: Jessica & Lauren Mullins

In Memory: Janice Ballard Family

In Honor: Barsha Honchell & Family

In Hope: Jason Baber & Family

Entertainment

7:30 pm - Superhero Costume Contest

7:30 pm - Performance by Emmalea Deal

8:30 pm - Performance by Geno Seale

10:15 pm - Zumba w/ Shannon Muncie

10:45 pm - Performance by Jessica Mullins



Thank You

The family of Wanda Ann Stone would like to express its sincere appreciation to all the flowers, prayers, kind words and thought during her illness and death.

We would especially like to thank the Estill County EMS, St. Joseph Hospital, Marcum & Wallace Hospital and others who helped during her illness.

A special thank you goes out to DAV, American Legion, Sons of American Legion, other service groups, churches and others who assisted in any way.

Thanks to pallbearers and the funeral home. All help was sincerely appreciated.

Earl Stone, Vivian Mullins, Jimmy Mullins, Jessica, Hannah, Madison, Cassie, & Charles