

Irvine Council raises garbage fee by \$3

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One council member brought up the fact that the city had had several expenditures last year that they would not have this year such as the audit that was done by the state.

Councilman Billy Arthur questioned the mayor about hiring Junior Spicer for the street department when he already had someone for that position.

Mayor Noland said that Earl Young was a part time employee and only worked four hours a day. He added that he had just laid him off because he needed someone there to perform other duties than just drive the garbage truck.

Arthur said that the city could not afford to pay the \$21,000 salary of Spicer if they had to use last year's

budget because the money wasn't there to pay him.

Rodney Davis agreed and said if the money wasn't there to pay that salary then the budget would have to be worked out in order to stay in compliance with the state.

"So you're going to create a fiscal nightmare and put yourself back at square one and this makes no sense to me," stated Davis.

Mayor Noland said that one of the line items on the new budget that he didn't agree with was the city attorney. He said that no one had ever asked who his recommendation for city attorney was and that the council had contracted Davis without his approval.

Councilman O'Brene Richardson spoke up and said that one of the first find-

ings within the state auditor's report was regarding the duties of the council and the mayor. He said he still felt like they were having the same problem today and that the council is responsible for complying with Kentucky statutes.

"When we left here at the last meeting we had a balanced budget and was actually \$3,200 in the black," replied Councilman Tim Burkhardt.

Richardson also questioned a bill from the IRS that the city had recently received.

City Clerk Robin Powell explained that a small amount of that bill was because the planning and zoning commission was not run through payroll. She said that according to James Driver who came and audited the

documents for the city that a lot of other cities make the same mistake because they aren't aware of this particular law.

Powell said the remaining \$2,239.16 of the IRS bill was for FICA taxes that had not been paid on the mayor in 2015. She said that Driver told her it would be up to the city council whether or not they had Mayor Noland pay back half of the FICA tax.

Mayor Noland said that when he was elected to office that he was retired from a previous job and that he had spoken to someone at the social security office who told him that he did not have to pay FICA taxes. He said that since he was given the correct information he has been paying that tax.

"I don't care to pay half of that back but I want insur-

ance like the other employees do," stated Noland.

The council went on to discuss the EDA which is one of the other line items on the budget that Mayor Noland opposed. Several members of the EDA were present once again to voice their opinions about the benefits of the EDA and the wonderful things that it does for the community.

Attorney Rodney Davis stressed to the council that there is nothing illegal about the city's payment to the EDA each year even though that had been discussed during a previous meeting.

Kathy Samples said that the bank supports the EDA each year with \$24,000 but it's for the people who work hard to better the community. She said that she felt like Joe Crawford has more

passion for the success of this community more than anyone else she knows.

Councilman Woody Tipton spoke up and said he would not support the budget with the \$10,000 payment to EDA unless the council could find a way to offer more pay and better insurance to the police officers and firefighters who work for the city. He said that some of them are so underpaid that he doesn't see how they can even afford to eat.

The council did approve a \$3 increase on garbage rates that would bring the budget back into the black. An estimated \$38,016 will be generated from the rate increase. The council agreed to meet back on Tuesday night to work on the line items that were discussed during the meeting.

OBITUARY NOTICE

Friday, June 23, 2017

Charles E. McLemore, 106

Charles E. McLemore, of Bayonet Point, Florida, passed away Friday, June 23, 2017 at the age of 106.

He is survived by his two sisters, Nancy Lyke and Mary Caribardi; six nephews and four nieces.

He is predeceased in death by his parents, Robert and Maggie McLemore

along with his brothers, Joyce and Robert; and sister, Lelia Terry.

Visitation will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 28th at Lewis-Abner Home for Funerals. A graveside service will be held at West Irvine Cemetery on Thursday, June 29th at 2 p.m.

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KSP arrests Red Lick man for assault

A Red Lick Road resident now faces nine charges after Kentucky State Police investigated a case of assault Tuesday on Sand Hill Road.

Trooper J. Northen said he went to the woman's apartment around 2 a.m. June 26, when he heard some yell, "He is back."

The trooper said he ran outside and observed Jonathan D. Carnes, 31, pull into the driveway in a 1974 Chevrolet. He shone his light into the vehicle because the victim said that Carnes had a gun when he had left.

The citation states the trooper asked Carnes to get out of the vehicle and why

he came back to the apartment. Carnes reportedly replied that he had messed up and wanted to face what he had done.

The citation states that Post 7 dispatched him and said that Carnes had been threatening the victim on the phone and said he was coming back.

The trooper said the female had several visible injuries to her head and legs. At this point, the citation states that Carnes became disorderly, loud, argumentative, and aggressive toward the trooper.

Carnes was placed under arrest on an out of county warrant and placed in North-

ern's cruiser. Trooper Lovett was in charge of Carnes, and Northern heard him yell to Carnes to stop resisting arrest. The troopers brought the man under control on the ground. The trooper said he then noticed the female had a knot on her right eye and several scratches and cuts on her leg. She had a bruise on her foot.

The female victim told the trooper that Carnes had thrown her into the kitchen wall where he hurt her foot.

She said after the altercation, Carnes attempted to take her truck. Neighbors outside reported seeing Carnes hit the woman in the face with his fist and throw

her to the ground.

One woman said she grabbed the victim and drug her out of Carnes' way as he was leaving to keep the victim from being run over.

The victim was taken to Baptist Health in Richmond for treatment of her injuries.

Carnes was charged with one headlight, failure to wear seat belts, improper equipment, operating on suspended or revoked license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transportation, obstructed vision and/or windshield, assault second degree, wanton endangerment first degree, and resisting arrest.

CSX stores rail cars on empty tracks

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That afternoon the two engines returned. Depending upon the size of the cars, Taylor said the railroad can place 90 to 100 cars to a mile.

Storage of rail cars is nothing new, but other communities have reported problems with trespassers where rail cars are stored, including illegal drug activity.

Jeff Hix, Property Valuation Administrator for Estill County, said the county may receive some tax dollars from local storage of rail cars. If the cars are in the county on January 1, the railroad will be required to pay tangible taxes on them.

Hix stated the railroad is a franchise, similar to utility and phone companies. The franchisees must file a report with the state on their inventory on January 1.

Fortunately for Hix, he doesn't have to assess the value of rail cars. The state will do that.

This past March, CSX Railroad hired a new CEO, 72 year old Hunter Harrison. He was CEO of Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Media reports have stated that Harrison has plans to store 25,000 rail cars.

The Beattyville Enterprise received a statement from CSX's representative, Christopher Smith, in Jacksonville, FL.

"CSX's management team has been undertaking a comprehensive review of the company's operations, and making changes across its network to improve efficiency, safety and service to customers," it said.

"As part of this effort, CSX is temporarily and safely storing empty rail cars as needed on CSX property near Ravenna, KY. CSX is committed to safety in the communities in which we operate and to minimizing the impact of our operations when possible," the memo added.

Police Activity Report

Three people were arrested during a traffic stop Saturday night at the intersection of Court Street and Broadway.

The driver of the black 2002 Chevy was identified as Angel M. Morgan of Dry Branch Road, Irvine.

Sgt. John Sturniolo said the vehicle had only one brake light. Morgan reported failed field sobriety tests.

Irvine's K-9 Fritz alerted on the vehicle.

The officer stated that marijuana was found in her vehicle and a syringe in her purse.

Morgan was charged with driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and one brake light.

James Burton, 53, of W. Cedar Grove, Irvine, was a passenger in the vehicle.

Sturniolo said he had a baggie of methamphetamine, four syringes, and a bent metal spoon in his pocket.

A food stamp card belonging to another person was reportedly found in Burton's possession.

Burton was charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, theft/receipt of a stolen debit card, and public intoxication.

Larry White, 33, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine was a passenger in the rear seat.

Sturniolo said that White had a syringe in his front pocket and two marijuana roaches were found on the back seat.

He added that White had a food stamp card from another person in his possession.

White was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, public intoxication, and theft of stolen debit card.

Misty Wilson, 36, of

Church Street, Irvine was charged with public intoxication and fleeing or evading police second degree (on foot) just after midnight on June 26.

Irvine Officer Colton Lewis said he was patrolling Church Street when he saw Wilson run into her residence and out the back door. The officer said he told Wilson to stop. After she was located in the woods, the officer said it was discovered there was a warrant for Wilson's arrest.

Wilson was also charged with public intoxication.

Dakota L. Arvin, 18, of Eades Drive, Irvine was charged with alcohol intoxication on June 25 by Officer Lewis. The citation states the officer was called to investigate a man down inside his vehicle at 1290 Richmond Road.

A bench warrant was served June 23 on Phillip Stone of Cantrill Street, Irvine by Officer Lewis.

The warrant was issued by District Judge William Leach. It says Stone was found guilty of public intoxication and prescription drugs not in proper container on Oct. 21, 2015.

The court system says that Stone has failed to pay \$173.00. His bond was set at that amount in cash.

A bench warrant was served on Charlotte Riddell, 48, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine.

Judge Michael Dean of the 23rd Judicial Circuit issued the warrant on Riddell saying she has violated conditions of her release to complete court ordered rehabilitation for substance abuse.

Riddell was placed on diversion on October 25, 2016 after being charged with six counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree.

No bail was set for Rid-

dell.

Two arrest warrants were served June 22 on Cody Ballard, 25, of Rice Street, Irvine by Officer Lewis.

Both warrants were issued by Estill District Judge William Leach for failing to appear on March 16.

On one warrant, Ballard had been found guilty of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and charges of second degree disorderly conduct and menacing were merged.

In the other case, he was found guilty of second degree disorderly conduct and menacing. A charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place was merged.

No bail was set.

A Richmond woman was arrested June 21 following a non-injury collision on Wisemantown Road around 8:52 p.m.

A citation states that Angela Denise Cox, 30, failed field sobriety tests.

It adds that a used syringe was located in her purse, and a small plastic baggie with a brown substance was found in an open cigarette package.

The woman was treated and released from the hospital. She was released to the custody of the Estill County Jail Staff.

Cox was charged by KSP Trooper T. Robinson with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), and drug paraphernalia buy/possession.

Cox's bail was set at \$1,000 cash.

An Estill County woman was charged with second degree assault on June 13 by Irvine Chief Brad Smith

The citation states the police went to Hoy's Fork Road to investigate a man being run over by a vehicle. The victim told the chief that

Tisha Cornett, 32, had taken his vehicle without permission and tried to leave with it.

While the victim was trying to stop Cornett from leaving the area, the citation states he fell to the ground. It adds that Cornett ran over his foot with the vehicle.

The victim was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of a possible broken foot.

Smith said that when he made contact with Cornett, she appeared to be under the influence.

In addition to assault, Cornett was charged with theft by unlawful taking of an auto - \$500 or more but less than \$10,000 and alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Cornett pleaded not-guilty to the charges during her arraignment on June 14 in Estill District Court. Her preliminary hearing was set for June 28.

Cornett was lodged in the Clark County Detention Center. Her bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

Court records state that she was arrested on a new offense while a case is pending.

An Eades Drive resident has been arrested on a warrant obtained by Det. Toney Allen of Kentucky State Police.

Brandon Elliott, 25, was charged with theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

The arrest warrant states that on May 23, Elliott sold a 1956 Chevy belonging to Michael Abney to William Sparks Jr., of Jeffersonville, Ky.

Abney had contracted with Elliott to replace the floor pans in the vehicle, which was valued at \$10,000.

Elliott was released from custody on a \$5,000 cash bond.

Hawaiian Hula Dance Party



Thursday, June 29th 2:00 pm

We're welcoming Marie Riggs of Louisville to demonstrate and teach us Hula.

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