

Irvine council discusses trash, festival, and parking on Laurel

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James Woolery, a lifelong resident of Estill County, spoke to members of the Irvine council on Monday night about the garbage in the city.

Woolery presented the council with pictures of three homes that he said were in violation of the ordinance pertaining to properties and asked why the ordinance was not being enforced. He said that property values would increase and landlords would be able to charge more rent if the city was cleaned up.

Councilwoman Janice Bush said that she and Nelle Williams had been fighting this battle for years and there are currently thirteen properties on the list that violate the ordinance pertaining to properties.

City Attorney Rodney Davis said that the city does send out abatement letters and has foreclosed on several properties recently because the property owner did not comply with the terms of the ordinance but it costs the city thousands of dollars each time that happens.

Woolery asked why the city couldn't go around and place a sticker on the homes that were in violation. He added that he would even pay for the stickers if he needed to.

He also said that per the ordinance that anyone who is in violation of the ordinance can be fined \$100 per day. He also asked why that was not being enforced because he felt like people would be more willing to clean their property up than take a hit to their wallet.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that the police depart-

ment had been given the task of enforcing the ordinance and that he does believe it is getting better but would definitely look at some of the properties that Woolery had mentioned.

"I've been in the war and there are places in Baghdad that look better than this," stated Woolery.

Francine Bonny and members of the Mushroom Festival Committee were in attendance to give an update on the upcoming festival. Bonny said that the festival was just two months away and that they had been working hard to make it better than ever.

She said the theme for the festival this year will be called "A Fungus Among Us" and introduced Dr. James Maples from ECU who collected data from last year's festival.

Dr. Maples said that a survey had been completed by individuals attending the festival and that approximately 20,000 people had attended the event in 2017. He said while those who attended the festival spent money on food, gas, and souvenirs very little was spent on lodging and that the city should consider the festival a treasure.

Mayor Noland informed the council that he had spoken with Mr. Caudill from Jackson about repairing Laurel street and taking it over if the city was willing to take Park Avenue and Orchard Street.

"Is Laurel Street that bad of a street that we have to trade it off?" asked Councilman Billy Arthur.

Councilman Woody Tip-ton asked the mayor if this was his way of not having to

deal with the parking issue on Laurel Street.

"As long as I'm mayor there will be no parking down there. It's a safety issue," stated Mayor Noland.

A privilege license was granted by the council to Ron Newlin to operate the Bargain Bin located at 100 River Drive. Newlin will sell new and used household items.

The council moved to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Local candidate forums to held Mar. 8-May 10

The Estill County Public Library and Estill Action Group will be sponsoring a series of candidate forums at the Estill County High School auditorium beginning on March 8, 2018, and running through May 10.

All local candidates who are on the ballot for the May Primary are invited and encouraged to participate, and all voters are urged to attend.

The forums will allow each candidate to briefly discuss his or her platform and to answer questions submitted by voters. Each candidate will be contacted with guidelines for participation.

The candidate forums are being organized in partnership with Estill County Schools, The Citizen Voice & Times, The Estill Tribune, WIRV/WCYO/WBON, and WSKV.

For more information, please call 606-723-3030 or email the library at estillcolibrary@gmail.com.

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3. Cap'n Crunch
4. Froot Loops
5. Lucky Charms
6. Frosted Flakes
7. Fruity Pebbles
8. Cap'n Crunch's Crunch Berries
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As the dad of a 13-year-old son and an Estill County School bus driver for the past 9 years, school safety is extremely important to me. We must protect our kids.

The drug epidemic that is rampant in our community must be combatted on all fronts.

Having served as Director/Estill County's Animal Control Officer for the past six years has given me the experience necessary to work with law enforcement agencies and the judicial system to gather key evidence necessary to prosecute offenders in several animal abuse cases.

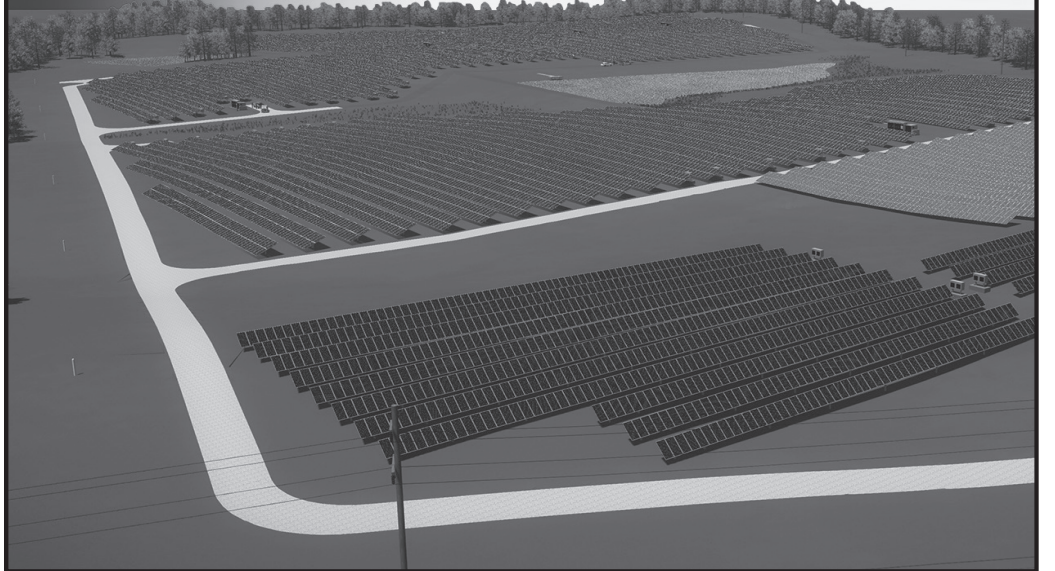
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