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## Irvine council declares mayor's office vacant W.J. Noland has been absent from job for over 60 days due to illness

The Irvine Council faced a difficult decision Monday evening in declaring the mayor's office vacant.

Mayor W.J. Noland has been hospitalized 62 days as of Monday's council meeting.

City Attorney Rodney Davis told the council that KRS 83A.130 stated that if

the mayor was absent for 60 days, the seat should be declared vacant.

Councilman Billy Arthur had asked to go into closed session to discuss personnel, meaning the mayor.

"I personally do not believe the mayor is an employee of the city," Davis stated.

His opinion allowed the discussion of the mayor to be made in open session.

The city attorney said he had asked opinions from others on Irvine's situation, including the Kentucky League of Cities.

Arthur stated that he would like for several members of the council to go see

the mayor before making their decision.

Councilman Tobo Bryant, who is acting mayor pro tem, said the council did not want to rush Noland out of office, but they must follow the KRS.

Robin Powell, the city clerk, has been making decisions the mayor normally

would have made, in addition to her clerical duties.

The council voted to declare the mayor's office vacant.

Davis will now notify County Clerk Sherry Fox and Secretary of State Allison Lundergan Grimes of the vacancy.

The council will have 30

days to appoint a mayor to replace Noland.

If the council does not appoint someone at their July 23 meeting, the appointment may come at a specially called meeting since the August 13 meeting will exceed 30 days of Monday's meeting.

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This youngster showed his skills on an ATV during the ATV and Motorcycle Dirt Drag at the Estill County Fair on Thursday night. A gentle rain threatened to turn the dirt into mud.

## A brother is arrested after July 5 argument

*Knife and truck were allegedly used as weapons*

One of two brothers was arrested following an argument over money on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

KSP Trooper John Northern was dispatched to Old Landing Road where Tim Plowman told him his brother had pulled a knife on him during an argument and tried to run over him with his truck.

The trooper located Ronnie D. Plowman, 49, at a residence on Brookshire Lane, which was nearby.

The citation states that Ronnie told the trooper that he didn't have a knife.

It adds that Ronnie finally said that he

threw the knife out the truck window in a curve. Trooper Northern was unable to locate a knife.

As he attempted to arrest Ronnie, the trooper said Ronnie jerked away and started to run.

He charged Ronnie with third degree terroristic threatening, tampering with physical evidence, and resisting arrest.

Ronnie's bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

He pled not-guilty to the three charges on July 6 in Estill District Court. He plans to hire his own attorney, and his preliminary hearing will be held on August 8.



Ravenna Mayor Estine Tipton displays new t-shirts for this year's Railroad Festival to be held in September. The photo on the shirts is of the L&N Railroad Depot built around 1925. The shirts are available at Ravenna City Hall. Sizes for youth through adult x-large cost \$10.00 each in short sleeves. A long sleeve adult shirt is \$15.00. The charge for larger sized shirts is higher.

## Winning Cousins



Photo above: Larry and Brenda Neal were proud to have three grandchildren who were winners at the Estill County Fair last week. Katie Campbell was crowned Little Miss, and her first cousin, Jonah Neal, was crowned Little Mister during the Little Miss and Mr. pageant on Saturday, June 30. The cousins will be representing Estill County at the Kentucky State Fair on its opening day. At the state fair, the young couple will be judged as a team, instead of individually. They will be accompanied by Miss Estill County Megan Bellamy. On Tuesday, July 3, the Baby Show was held in Estill County. The girl winner of the 0-6 month category was Leah Neal. She is Jonah's little sister.

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The Ravenna council held a very short meeting Monday with most of the time spent on discussing a raise for an employee, Ricky Williams.

Williams had asked the council for a raise back in the spring and was told that by city ordinance that raises were given the first of July.

"I think he deserves a raise," said Councilwoman Sharon Snowden.

"I think everybody needs to be given a raise," Councilwoman Beverly Thompson stated.

Snowden said that merit raises were the best way to give raises.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that money was put in the budget for Williams' raise.

Snowden stated the city had \$25,000 less

in revenues during the last fiscal year.

Tipton said the city had stayed within its budget. She added the city also had an ending balance of \$16,521.63 at the end of the fiscal year June 30.

The mayor explained that revenues are always scarce in June because it is the end of the fiscal year.

Police Chief Ken White and Fire Chief David Harvey were also present but there was no mention of raises for them, as well as other city employees who were not present.

White presented the council with the department's activity report for June. There were no fires during June in Ravenna.

The city also approved the financial report for June.

## Ravenna council votes to give employee raise