

Irvine resident considers opening a bed & breakfast

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 Kathie Watson approached members of the Irvine council on Monday night to discuss the possibility of opening a bed and breakfast at her home on Broadway. Watson said that she had not been actively working on the bed and breakfast because she wanted to seek advice from the council before doing so. She said that there would be many economic benefits to the city with a

bed and breakfast located in city limits and that it would attract tourists, which is what they had been working so hard to achieve.
 "This would make a huge difference for the city of Irvine," Watson stated.
 Mayor James Gross said that the area in which Watson lives is zoned a "R1" which means it is zoned for single family dwellings. City Attorney Rodney Davis said that when they were looking at the

bed and breakfast located on Main Street that it was zoned as residential but with conditional uses and he didn't know if Watson's address fell into that category. He said he would look into the matter further and would let the council know what his findings were.
 The council approved for Mike Meade to serve on the Irvine Municipal Board of Commission. They also approved longevity pay for city employees. Councilman Ernest Farm-

er asked if longevity pay was the same as a Christmas bonus. Mayor Gross explained that it was not, that it is a reward for working with the city based on the number of years of employment. The council approved the longevity pay in the amount of \$100 for full time employees and \$50 for part time employees.
 Robin Powell said that she had been contacted by two radio stations to run holiday ads. One of the ads would be \$100

and the other would be \$80 and would be paid out of the advertising expenditures. Councilman Billy Arthur asked where the radio stations are located and was told that one is located in Richmond and the other station is located on Main Street in Irvine. Tim Burkhart made the motion to run holiday advertisements with WSKV since they are located in the city.
 The council moved into closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Ravenna continues to discuss omitted items on financial reports

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 The Ravenna council met on Monday night after a wonderful Christmas dinner that was provided to guests by Mayor Estine Tipton. The discussion centered around the financial statement and why the statement doesn't show all of the expenditures each month. Valerie Flinchum brought this to the council's attention after she questioned the fact that expenditures for the month of November were over \$12,000 which is substantially higher than what it typically is.

City clerk Ashley Moore and Councilwoman Amy Crowe agreed that the program that is used to keep track of the financials doesn't not show all of the expenditures which they called 'liabilities.' Moore said that there is a payment for \$300 that is paid each month that doesn't show up on the statement and one bill that she paid this month that was in the amount of \$1,576.03 was also not reflected on the statement and that was for liability insurance. Moore said that the insurance is paid quarterly.

Councilwoman Vicki Horn said that she uses the same program at work and that it should be able to show all those expenditures each month. Moore said that she would email a copy to each of the councilmembers who would like to see it.

Ravenna has finally been deemed compliant on their yearly audits according to Moore. She said that the auditors would soon begin to work on the 2018-2019 audit and once it was completed the city would receive more Municipal Road aid.

Fire Chief David Harvey reported no fires during the month of November. Police Chief Ken White provided a breakdown of the work he had done in the past month which included two arrests, two city ordinance warnings served, one accident and many other violations.



Ravenna fire chief David Harvey, constable Ricky Williams, Hargett fire chief Rob Forehand, Irvine fire chief Tony Murphy, and Estill County fire chief Derrick Muncie were presented ambassador awards on Monday night at the Ravenna Council meeting by Bill Wesley who is chaplain for the cities of Irvine and Ravenna and the Estill County Rescue Squad. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)

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