

Irvine mayor proposes closing alley

At Monday's Irvine Council meeting, Mayor James Gross asked the council to look at closing an alley at the end of West Chamberlain Street.

He said the alley has broken up and he thinks it will eventually slip over an embankment.

He added that it is no longer safe for the city's garbage packer to travel the alley. Gross said the sanitation employees are using a pickup truck to pick up garbage.

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Tim Burkhart and Billy Arthur both stated they thought the alley had already been closed.

"We haven't been able to take a fire truck down there for a long time," stated Fire Chief Tony Murphy.

The mayor stated that no one parks off the alley.

City attorney Rodney Davis asked James to research why it is an alley. If the alley was closed previously, the closure should be in the minutes of a previous meeting.

The mayor said he had re-

ceived quotes for health insurance. The company had a cheaper plan but it had less benefits than the employees now had.

The council stated they had budgeted for the same plan they have now although it is more costly than last year.

Gross gave quotes that he had received on a new garage door for the city building.

After some discussion, Murphy said he would look at the garage door on Tuesday. He thought it could be

repaired. The council said there was nothing wrong with the door, but the track needed replaced.

City Clerk Robin Powell said some that codifying city ordinances was estimated to cost between \$4,100 and \$4,800.

Mayor Gross said some delinquent property taxes have been paid after names were published. Others had come in and arranged to make payments.

The council discussed filing lawsuits against those who are still not paying

property taxes. They will discuss that during an executive session, because it is pending litigation, at a future meeting.

According to Attorney Davis, the council may or may get back the delinquent taxes if they force a sale of the property.

Much of the meeting was devoted to an audit report by Auditor Sammy Lee, of the fiscal year ending in 2018.

He stated that it had taken him three months to complete Irvine's audit, where it usually takes 45 days to do one.

Lee made recommendations for Irvine to make to make the auditor's job easier, many of the items involved Irvine Municipal Utilities, which has its own independent audit.

Mayor Gross said he will use a thumb drive to get monthly information needed for the city's audit.

Lee stated the city had some small bank accounts which have a monthly bank fee. He suggested the city look at other ways to handle those accounts to save money on those fees.

Police Activity Report

Sheriff Chris Flynn served a bench warrant June 5 from Morgan County district court on **Joseph R. Harrison**, 31, of Broadway in Irvine. The warrant charged Harrison with contempt of court to complete rehabilitation as ordered.

Morgan County had dismissed five traffic charges against Harrison. He was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle under the influence and was given shock probation on a misdemeanor charge.

An Estill bench warrant was also served on Harrison for failure to comply with six traffic charges. His bond was set at \$300.00 cash.

Jackie Turpin, 29, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was served with an order of arrest by Sheriff Flynn on June 7.

Kenny Clark, 28, of Stacy Lane, was served a warrant on June 7 on misdemeanor charges by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Deputy Josh Rison served a warrant on **Cornelius Vargas** of McKee on June 7 for failure to appear.

A warrant was served on **Timothy Charlton**, 47, of McKee Road, Irvine on June 6 by Deputy Coffey.

Four bench warrants were served on **Michael Crim**, 30, of Hargett - Parvin Road, Irvine on June 4 by Deputy Rison.

One of the warrants was for Crim's alleged non-payment of court costs, fees or fines in Estill District Court on four traffic offenses from 2018.

Judge William Leach set Crim's bail at \$333.00 cash. The second warrant was for a criminal complaint obtained by Deputy Chris Coffey, which charges Crim with theft by unlawful taking or shoplifting under \$500.

The warrant states that in February, Crim had taken a fishing reel from a store.

The third warrant was for non-payment of fines for Estill District Court.

Crim had been found guilty of theft by unlawful taking or disposition in August. Bail on this warrant was set at \$190.00 cash.

The last bail was for Crim's alleged failure to appear in Estill District Court. He had been found guilty in August of criminal trespass first degree and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Judge Leach set his bail at \$273 cash on this warrant.

Deputy Rison served an indictment warrant on **Brenda Taulbee**, 36, of Cressy Road, Irvine on June 4. Taulbee was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and drug paraphernalia.

Danny Hoover, 43, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine was served with a warrant by Sheriff Flynn. The warrant states that Hoover failed to appear in court on charges of alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Perry Lee Cox, 29, of Substation Road, Irvine was charged on May 30 with op-

erating a vehicle with no operator license.

Joshua Franklin Profitt, 34, of N. Plum Street, Irvine was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place on June 9 by Officer Jason Conrad.

The citation states that Profitt was a passenger in a vehicle that was traffic stopped by Officer Stewart Morris.

The driver of the vehicle, **Jessica Cole Williams**, 34, also of N. Plum Street, Irvine, was charged by Officer Morris with careless driving and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Profitt's citation states that he was too intoxicated to drive the vehicle in a safe manner.

Williams' citation states that her vehicle crossed the center line on River Drive. She was given field sobriety tests. Williams was charged with careless driving and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Myrtle M. Carman, 69, of Waco, was cited by Irvine Police on June 7 for no/expired registration plates and no/expired registration receipt. She will appear in Estill District Court on July 24.

Sherman D. Collins, 50, of Stevens Avenue, Irvine was cited on June 7 for a violation of city ordinance for nuisance of conditions on property. The citation states the property has litter on porch and grass/weeds. Collins is scheduled to appear in district court on July 26.

Two citations were served June 8 by Officer Morris on **Darvis McIntosh**, 40, of Church Street, Irvine for failure to pay in Estill District Court cases.

McIntosh was found guilty in August for fourth degree assault (domestic violence). He was also found guilty in August of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.

Judge William Leach set McIntosh's bail at \$65 cash for each bench warrant.

Garry D. Collett, 46, of Coral Ave., Irvine was arrested June 7 for public intoxication by Officer Jason Conrad. Collett was walking south on Richmond Road.

Jacquelyn Neal, 31, of Ida Grace Road, Irvine, was arrested June 7 by Capt. John Stumliolo on charges of operating on suspended or revoked operator license and operating motor vehicle under the influence.

The citation state there was an Attempt to Locate (ATL) issued for Neal's vehicle. Stumliolo observed the vehicle traveling west on the Irvine bridge.

Two Fayette District warrants were served on **Joshua R. Stage**, 25, of Jacqueline Court, Irvine. The warrants were served by Officer Russell Morris on June 4.

The warrants charge Stage with theft or disposition of a firearm and acquisition of retail merchandise for sale.

The warrants say that Stage and a co-defendant went into Dan's Discount

Jewelry and Pawn on New Circle Road at 10:03 a.m. on May 8.

The citation states that Stage and the co-defendant were observed on video stealing the firearm from the business. It says that Stage can be seen manipulating the lock, and then goes over to speak to the co-defendant.

The co-defendant left the store, and Stage returned to the gun display. The warrant states that Stage removed the firearm, placed it in his waistband and left the business.

He allegedly got into the passenger seat of the vehicle and fled the scene.

The second warrant says the two co-defendants took the stolen firearm and sold it to a third party.

A warrant for failing to appear in Madison District

IPD charges 30 year old with rape, sexual abuse

A 30 year old Irvine man was arrested June 5 and charged with two counts of rape second degree - no force and two counts of sexual abuse, first degree.

Captain John Stumliolo obtained the warrant on Brian Aaron Tipton of James Street in Irvine following a two-year investigation by the Irvine Police Department and KSP Trooper Austin Brashear.

The citation states the alleged offenses occurred be-

between November 16 and 17 of 2017 and involved a victim under 14 years old.

It adds the victim informed Det. Brashear that Tipton had subjected her to sexual contact above and beneath her clothing. She allegedly was subjected to further sexual contact the following morning.

Rape in the second degree is a Class C felony, and sexual abuse is a Class D felony. Tipton's bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

She was paroled on November 29. The warrant states she has absconded parole supervision, failed to complete treatment for substance abuse, and failure to report to her parole officer as directed.

Woman strikes carport, then leaves the scene

An Estill County woman faces numerous charges after allegedly leaving the scene of an accident in Ravenna on June 4.

Ravenna Police Chief Ken White said that Deborah L. Logsdon, 47, of New Fox Road, Irvine drove her vehicle into a carport at 409 Elm Street.

He stated that she then ran away and attempted to break into a residence at 405 Elm Street. She then went to 401 Elm Street where she broke into a vehicle and ransacked it.

According to the citation, Logsdon was taken to the

hospital for a blood draw. White stated that she was unsteady on her feet and ranted about being on a secret mission.

She was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, leaving the scene of an accident, two counts of attempted burglary, theft by unlawful taking, expired license plates, and failure to maintain required insurance by non owner.

Logsdon's bail was set at \$6,500 cash. She could post 10 percent of that amount for her release from custody.

Deputy arrests woman for trafficking in drugs

An Estill County woman was arrested on Saturday by Deputy Chris Coffey on drug and traffic charges.

Deputy Coffey stated he was traveling west on KY toward McDonald's when he met a vehicle which failed to dim its head lights. He pulled the vehicle over in the Hardsee's parking lot.

During a search of the vehicle, Coffey said he found a receipt which had some small crystals rolled up in it. He added he found a cut straw poked under a coin holder in the console. The straw had a

baggie rolled up in it which Coffey said had contained a crystal substance, suspected to be meth.

The deputy stated that he found a small baggie of marijuana in a small container.

The citation states that Cox refused a blood draw at Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

Cox was charged with failure to dim headlights, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Grand jury returns 2 indictments May 24

Information on the final two indictments returned on May 24 have been released.

Those indictments were on Dustin Reynolds, 25, of Ticky Fork, Ravenna and Bryan L. Woolery, 36, of Horn's Road, Irvine.

Reynolds was charged by indictment with theft by unlawful taking or disposition -- all others over \$500 and under \$10,000 and being a second degree persistent felony offender.

According to the indictment, Reynolds took several pieces of brand new clothing from a vehicle on April 25, 2019. The clothing belonged to Amber Roush.

The indictment states that Reynolds has been convicted of one previous felony of-

fense.

Deputy Chris Coffey investigated the case. Dustin Reynolds, 25, of Ticky Fork Road, Ravenna, was served with an indictment warrant on June 6 by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

Woolery was indicted on a single count of receiving stolen property over \$500, under \$10,000.

His indictment states that between November 30, 2018 and through January 14, 2019, he was in possession of several tools that belonged to Dextral Horn. The tools were valued between \$4,000 and \$6,000.

Sheriff Flynn served the indictment warrant on Woolery. The investigation was conducted by Sheriff Flynn.

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The 2019-2020 budget was approved by the council. The estimated revenues for the budget is \$277,600 with appropriations and expenses being the same leaving a zero balance at the end of the fiscal year.

A letter of resignation from Councilman William Van Cleve was read by the city clerk. The letter was submitted on May 17, 2019.

The council discussed how they would fill that seat until the next election.

Mayor Tipton said that when Beverly Thompson was sick she had spoken to former county clerk Sherry Fox about how they would fill the vacancy if Thompson wasn't able to come back.

Tipton said that Fox told her that the city would have to use the next person in line who had received the most votes during the last election.

Flinchum said that was not true and that according to KRS.83A.040 the council would have to appoint someone to fill Van Cleve's position.

The council agreed that they would table the discussion until the next meeting and give Mayor Tipton time to find out for certain how the process should be handled.

Homeless man faces charges about drugs

Donald Jeffery Collett, 30, homeless of Irvine, was arrested on Stacy Lane on June 6 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

The deputy received a call that there was a prowler in the 1900 to 2000 block of Stacy Lane.

He was told that Collett was sometimes walking the road in the area and was staying in an abandoned house at 2115 1/2 Stacy Lane.

Coffey said he located Collett at the abandoned house, and there was a needle on the table near where Coffey was sleeping.

During a search, the deputy found a cigarette wrapper with 1/4 of a suboxone pill in it and a small baggie of a crystal-like substance, suspected to be meth.

Coffey said that Collett was extremely cooperative.

He charged Collett with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance, second degree.

Bail for Collett was set at \$5,000 cash. He could post 10% of that amount for his release.

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