

Council questions mayor about employee hours

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A special meeting of the Ravenna council occurred on Thursday afternoon to discuss the budget, city employees, and a potential infrastructure committee.

Concerns were brought to the table about the city clerk and the amount of hours that she works each week. When Angie Napier was hired she was hired for 15 hours per week but the council agreed to raise that to 30 hours per week after the flooding in March.

Councilmember Tammy Howell asked why Napier was still working over the allotted 15 hours per week. Mayor Valerie Flinchum said that they were still trying to get everything caught up from the previous administration, and that the council had agreed that Napier could work up to 30 hours per week until July.

Councilman Budd Tucker questioned why Napier was on vacation that week when she had already taken a vacation after she was hired in as the city clerk. He said this made the second vacation that she had been on and also asked what hours she worked each week.

Tucker said he felt like

she should have set hours like from 10-1 each day that way residents would know when they could do business at city hall.

Flinchum said that Napier did not have set hours because she owned her own business and worked at city hall when she was needed but she was there herself each day from 7-3 if anyone needed to conduct business.

Tucker said to Flinchum that she always stated that there would be transparency among the council but wanted to know why none of the council members were made aware that Dyllon Long had been working for the city for the past three weeks.

Flinchum said that Brandon Long was going to be going on vacation soon and had been training his son on what needed to be done within the city while he was gone. Tucker said that Long's past three paychecks had overtime on them and Long was only hired to work 25 hours per week.

Flinchum said that the current budget was made when Ricky Williams was still employed with the city, and that there were 40 hours per week allotted for the maintenance

man. Therefore, she was still working within the budget by allowing Long to work over the 25 hours per week that he was hired for.

Councilman Buford Powell said he had no problem with either of the city workers. The council's concern was the fact that they had not been kept in the loop about hiring Long's son.

Flinchum said that she was sorry, but it never entered her mind to contact the council members because that was her job as the mayor.

Tucker stated that he felt like the council was going down the same path that they were on before as far as the transparency goes.

Tammy Howell said that she was concerned about the amount of money that was being paid out but the work was not being done. For example, she said there was a huge strip of grass in the park that hadn't been mowed, weed eating that needed to be done around the building at city hall and on the sidewalks.

She said that people had asked her why the city had two employees working when there was work that needed to be done. Howell stated that

she can walk and see what needs to be done so she knows the citizens are justified in what they are saying.

Flinchum said that she has people come to her and tell her how well the city looks so they just needed to take the good with the bad and work together on these issues. She added that she would discuss the concerns with Long on Friday because he would be working in order to get things ready for Memorial Day weekend.

Councilman Chris Smyth said that Flinchum needed to take the feelings out of it. He said that something had changed and that everyone could feel it. He added that it was the communication between the council and mayor that had changed.

Flinchum said that she was upset because Tucker had sent Ken White up there with a paper saying that the council had called a special meeting when it's the mayor's place to do that. Tucker said the only reason that he had done that was because Flinchum had failed to respond to his texts and emails.

Tucker added that one other gripe that he had was that the maintenance

man had been out looking for abandoned vehicles.

Howell agreed and said that was technically the police chief's job, and when there were curbs that needed painting and mowing that needed to be done and that looking for abandoned vehicles should be done by someone who is trained in law enforcement.

Flinchum said that she didn't know if Ken White was off duty that day but she had the list and asked Long to look for the vehicles.

"We have two good employees, but they come and go as they please," stated Tucker.

Flinchum said that Greyson Evans had contacted her about the infrastructure committee that was needed in order to obtain a grant to survey the city. She said that it would be done in three steps.

Flinchum added that she would be on the committee as well as the city clerk, and that Greyson had recommended a council member be on it and possibly a citizen of Ravenna.

Howell recommended that Pig VanCleve serve on the committee because he has experienced water issues himself. He has lived

in the city for many years, and he is willing to serve on the committee.

Tucker said that Brandon Hisle had also expressed his interest in serving on the committee.

Flinchum stated that she had been advised to keep the committee small in order to keep it a simpler process and asked that the council table the decision until they were able to speak with Greyson himself to gain more knowledge on the matter.

The new fiscal budget is being handled by Gay Oliver's office and is in the process of being completed at this time. She said that all the paperwork had been picked up from city hall and was assured that the budget would be 'squeaky clean' when it is presented to the council.

Tucker asked if it would be ready at the meeting on June 14th, and Flinchum said that she was not given a date as to when it would be ready but said the CPA assured her that it would be ready in time.

Tucker said that if it wasn't ready by the next meeting then they would have to hold two special meetings in order to get that ready by the start of the new fiscal year.



Dalton Goolman was presented an award by Representative Bill Wesley for having perfect attendance since Kindergarten. Goolman was also recognized during graduation on Friday night.



Graduates tossed caps in the air following Friday's graduation at ECHS. Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

Irvine Police Activity

An Estill County indictment warrant was served on Jimmy Nieves, 49, of Turner Avenue, Irvine on May 29 by Sgt. Morris.

The indictment charged Nieves with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Douglas Harrison, 48, of Doe Creek Road, Irvine was served an Estill County warrant by the Irvine Police Department for failure to appear.

IPD served an Estill County warrant on **Elliot Muncy** for failure to appear in court.

Sgt. Stuart Morris served a Madison County warrant on **Jon Southern** 33, of Winchester for probation violation (for a technical violation).

Officer James Marshall arrested **James R. Harrison** May 30 on a Madison County warrant.

During a search, Marshall said he located a baggie in Harrison's left jacket pocket which contained .05 grams of hero-

in, .05 grams of methamphetamine, and part of a suboxone pill.

He charged Harrison, 42, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine with possession of a controlled substance, first degree (heroin), possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and fleeing or evading police, second degree (on foot).

Sgt. Stuart Morris charged Jon Southern, 33, of Winchester with receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

The citation states that Southern was driving on River Drive when Morris ran a license plate number. The vehicle came back as stolen.

Morris lost the vehicle in traffic but later located it on Fourth Street in Ravenna. It was unoccupied.

Southern was later located in the woods in Pearl Street in Ravenna.

Officers arrest gun-threatening Richmond man

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The citation states that a Glock 22 .40 caliber was recovered from the immediate area after the arrest of Robert Jeffrey Clark, 36.

Smith said that Clark was the father of a child that was at the home on Minor Lane. The father was scheduled for super-

vised visits only.

The citation states that Clark repeatedly made threats that he wasn't leaving the residence without his child while walking around the yard and back of the residence, showing a handgun.

Smith said several of the residents barricaded themselves inside the

home and hid the child for its own safety.

The owner of the residence told Smith that Clark was not invited to the residence and had no right to be there.

Smith stated that Clark had threatened several other witnesses during the altercation.

Clark was charged

with first degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, first degree wanton endangerment, attempted custodial interference, second degree criminal trespassing, and second degree terroristic threatening.

He was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail.

Veterans celebrate Sat. Memorial Day Ceremony

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The final speaker was Phyllis Abbott from Lady Veterans Connect at the former Trapp Elementary School.

She stated that Lady Veterans Connect will help restore relationships between women veterans and their families.

It will also prepare them for jobs.

"Women veterans have needs as well as men veterans," she stated. "We need to give them pride."

The public is invited to the dedication of Lady Veterans Connect on June 16 at 1 p.m.

Texan is charged with criminal abuse of child

A Texas man was arrested Sunday night for criminal abuse of a child on Murphy's Ford Road in Estill County.

Trooper C. Barnes responded and met with Anthony Knightglaz' girlfriend, his daughter, and him.

The daughter told Barnes that her father had put the strap around her neck and pulled her to

the ground.

Knightglaz told the officer that he was trying to restrain his daughter to show her what jail was like. During his attempt, the strap slid up around her neck.

Knightglaz, 34, was charged with criminal abuse first degree -- child 12 or under. He was lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail.

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