

Vernonia City News...

City Wrestles With Budget *continued from front page*

concerning the original Budget Message delivered by Young. Mitchell stated that the committee has requested a retraction of parts of the message, specifically point number six, which stated that both the water and sewer funds would make a transfer to the General Fund of \$50,000 each so an appropriation of \$100,000 could be made to the Parks Fund to help finish the Bicycle Skills Park. The Budget Committee refused to fulfill this proposed action and asked for a simple retraction of this statement. "This has been brought up at every meeting and it is in every set of minutes, and it still has not been addressed," stated Mitchell. Budget Committee member George Tice noted that in the original presented budget, the city would have Cash on Hand of \$700,000 and that today's numbers now state Cash on Hand of \$160,000-- a difference of over \$540,000. The Committee then suggested that the Budget Officer write an amendment to the Budget Message that would be entered into the public record.

Mitchell next explained that the Library and Parks Committees had met and both made adjustments to their budgets. The Library proposed reducing their budget by \$4,000 which included a cut of \$1,000 from the new books line item. The Parks Committee recommended the hiring of a full-time parks and building maintenance employee, who would be paid a lesser hourly rate, saving the city approximately \$10,000. The committee accepted these changes and tentatively approved the budgets for those funds.

Mitchell then told the committee that, even with the above-requested cuts, they were still facing a \$160,000 shortfall. Mitchell proposed de-funding the City Administrator and Chief of Police positions in order to save funds. Mitchell and Tice went on to explain that this plan would include using some of the money currently funding the full time City Administrator and hiring a part-time contracted interim administrator to guide the city and oversee administrative and financial

duties as well as operation of the Public Works, Police, and Planning Departments. Tice explained that this would save approximately \$80,000.

Police Captain Mike Kay addressed the committee and announced that the Police Department had trimmed \$12,450 from their budget, in addition to the savings of \$45,000 by de-funding the Chief position. There were questions raised about whether there would be a cost to the city by breaking their contract with the current Chief, Frank Grace.

At the end of the meeting, Committee member Brett Costley made a motion that the Budget Committee send a communication to City Council to consider de-funding the City Administrator position and the part-time Police Chief position and discuss these

changes, as appropriate at the next City Council Meeting on June 7th, and report back to the budget committee their thoughts. The motion passed.

The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:00 P.M. at the Vernonia Community Learning Center, after the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, June 7th.

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9:30am - Pre-ride the course —open to all registered racers

10:00am - Kiddie race (all Kids under age 10) 10 minutes

10:30am - Juniors Girls & Boys (10-14). Junior Girls & Boys,(15-18). 30 minutes

11:10am - Cat2/3 Women (19-34) (35-44) (45-54) (55+) 40 minutes

11:50am - Break, Course Open 15 minutes

12:05pm - Cat 3 Men (19-34) (35-44) (45+) 40 minutes

12:45pm - Cat 2 Men (19-34) (35-44) (45-54) (55+) 45 minutes

1:30pm - Break, Course Open 15 minutes

1:45pm - Single Speed Men, Single Speed Women, 45 minutes

2:30pm - Pro/Cat 1 Women, Pro/Cat 1 Men (19-34) (35+) 50 minutes

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Kiddie Race	Free
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Cat 3 (Beginners) Cat 2, Singlespeed	\$15
Pro/Cat 1	\$20
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