

# Vernonia City News...

**At the March 19, 2012 City Council Meeting:**

**Council Approves New Water Rates**—After a Public Hearing, Council approved a new water rate schedule by a vote of 4-1. (See full story on front page)

**Chief Conner Informs Council About Golf Cart Use**—Vernonia Police Chief Mike Conner informed Council that golf carts may only be used on City streets with a designated speed limit of 25 MPH or less and

by a driver with a Disability Golf Cart Permit issued by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Conner informed Council that the Vernonia Police Department intends to provide notice to citizens about the Golf Cart Law and begin issuing warnings in the near future.

**Council Hears Presentation, Approves City Server Virtualization**—Council heard a presentation by Sean McGilloway of ISOsource, who provides technical support for the City. McGilloway spoke concerning the

ability of the City's current computer server to meet the needs of the City. Council later authorized ISOsource to provide new hardware and software solutions to allow the City server to run by virtualization.

**Council Declines Action Against Community Church**—Council chose to take no action after hearing from Carl Holsey that no one is occupying a trailer on the property of the Vernonia Community Church. The Church had previously received a Temporary Occupancy Permit for the Trailer and a request for an extension was denied by the City Planner and Council. City Planner Carole Connell had referred the issue back to Council as the trailer was still on site and plugged in.

## City Council Approves Water Rate Increase

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meter but it is a class where we may have customers in the future.)

The following chart describes how the current customer base is distributed by water meter size:

Water Meter Size (Inches)	Number of Water Meters	Residential	Commercial/Other
5/8 or 3/4	835	738	97
1.0	0	0	0
1.5	13	0	13
2.0	20	19	1
3.0	1	0	1
4.0	3	0	3
6.0	1	0	1

Ninety-five percent of the city's utility system customers use either of the two smallest meter sizes

and the majority of these accounts are residential customers. There are also 97 nonresidential accounts in the smallest meter sizes class.

The chart at the bottom of this article describes in general the Base Rate, Water Allowance and Consumption Rate by water meter size.

The new water rate will be incorporated in the monthly city utility bill due in early July 2012. The water utility charge is only one part of the monthly utility bill. In addition to the water utility charge, there is a charge for sewer loan, sewer utility, and park fee. For the majority of the utility consumers in Vernonia who previously paid the minimum monthly utility bill of \$102.00, the monthly utility bill will increase to \$103.00 or \$1.00 more with the bill due in July 2012.

**Council Approves IGA Between School and City**—Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Vernonia School District and the City of Vernonia regarding the demolition of the current school buildings and the construction of the replacement park. According to City Administrator Bill Haack, this was a housekeeping measure and should have been in place previously.

**Council Accepts Resignations**—Mayor Josette Mitchell and Council accepted the resignations of three members of the Vernonia Community Learning Center Committee: Jill Hult, Janelle Cedergreen and Carol Davis.

**The City of Vernonia will have three offices open for election in the General Election on November 6th, 2012:**

- Vernonia Mayor Two Year Term
- Vernonia Council Member Four Year Term
- Vernonia Council Member Four Year Term

Election Packets are available at the office of the City Recorder, 1001 Bridge St. Vernonia, OR 97064.

Original nomination petitions can be filed no sooner than May 30, 2012 and filed no later than August 23, 2012 by 4:00 PM with the City Recorder.

For more information call Joann Glass, City Recorder at 503-429-5291, ext. 106.

### Vernonia Health Center Clinic Town Hall Passing the Torch April 4th 7pm Middle School Cafeteria

Vernonia Health Center Board you like to invite you to join them in thanking Providence Health Services for ten years of service to the community and welcome Dr. Bryan Miller as the new Provider of medical services in Vernonia.

Come meet the staff of Verdura Family Wellness and the ancillary providers for

- Physical Therapy
- Mental Health
- Pacific University Physician Assistant Program

Western Oregon University Osteopathic Residency Program

Also in attendance will be Senator Betsy Johnson, Commissioner Tony Hyde, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici as we discuss the options for moving the clinic to ensure the sustainability of medical services in the community.

Refreshments to follow



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