

# Vernonia City News...

**At the June 17, 2013 City Council meeting:**

**Council Approves 2013-14 Budget**-After a public hearing, Council passed Resolution 09-13, adopting the Budget for fiscal year 2013-14. The budget, as approved by the Budget Committee on April 30, 2013, has a total of all funds of \$7, 840,141. With the adoption of the Budget the City also levies taxes at a rate of \$5.8163 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

**Council Tables Restroom Purchase**-After a lengthy discussion, Council tabled an agenda item for the purchase of a prefabricated restroom to be placed at the new Spencer Park. Member of the Parks Committee expressed concerns that the restroom would not meet

the needs of the park and asked Council to delay the purchase so they could research other options. Council also tabled a second item related to costs associated with the design and siting of the restroom.

**Council Approves Purchase of Salvaged Timbers**-Council approved the purchase from Trails End Recovery of old growth timbers salvaged from the Washington Grade School during deconstruction. The cost of the purchase is \$14,800 and includes: 120-2'x14"x22', 13-19"x12"x16', 8-12"x12"x8' and 2-1'x27"x40'. The City intends to use the timbers to construct a picnic shelter at the new Spencer Park as well as several other uses.

**City Hall to be Closed July 5th**-Council approved a request from staff to close City Hall on Friday July 5, 2013 as part of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Staff will use leave time if they are scheduled to work on that date.

**Council Renews Meter Reading Contract**-Council renewed a contract with Metereaders, LLC for two years. The rate of the contract is \$0.93 per meter, an increase of .02 per meter. The City has contracted with Metereaders, LLC since 1997.

**Council Approves IGA for Major Crimes Team**-Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with various public safety agencies to establish guidelines for the operation of the Columbia County Major Crimes Team.

## City Administrator Report

By Bill Haack

### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT WWTP COST ESTIMATE

The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) facility improvements project cost estimate is within a \$5.25 to \$6.0 million range. We have however used \$5.8 million in the FCS Group wastewater rate study, which is high center in the above range. Additionally, we are assessing breaking the dike elevation project out of the new construction project, to allow for the elevation to take place this fall as a flood protection effort. DEQ has determined

that this is allowable as an expansion of the original project and as governed by the environmental completed in 2005.

### WWTP FINANCING PLAN

City Council conducted a WWTP Financing Plan works session on June 10, 2013. We reviewed both the FCS Group rate study and other budget analysis. Council directed staff to prepare an agenda item on the financing plan based on this discussion for the June 17, 2013 city council meeting. Pursuing USDA financing will require a Public Hearing following USDA RUS §1780.19 Public Information. The USDA Application has 249 com-

ponent parts on the checklist; we are working on the required first 10 items.

### WWTP ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

City Council approved a small contract with Tetra Tech to develop elements of an Operations and Maintenance manual that will be used to demonstrate that the WWTP intends to have operational protocols in place to manage the operations of the hyporheic discharge pipe galley sufficiently to mitigate concerns over ammonia impacts on fish in the Nehalem River. TT intends to deliver by next week to DEQ.

### HEADWORKS PARSHALL FLUME & RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

Lyda Excavating established the surcharge area where buildings and other improvements will be installed near the headworks. Pipe and manholes are delivered to be installed during the coming week. Lyda is purchasing aggregate from the school and flood relief demolitions for use in the project through Custom Excavating. Otak and Lyda meet at least weekly to measure progress and assess problems to keep us on schedule.

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## Summer Reading Program Kicks off with Compost and Crafts



The Vernonia Library Summer Reading Program started on June 17th. This year's theme is "Dig into Reading." Along with stories, coloring and crafts, the kids also had a chance to learn about composting. Other events this year include a Movie Matinee on June 22nd at 2:00 PM, Lego Club on June 27th from 3:45-4:45 PM and a Dinosaur program on July 2nd from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. There are also several evening programs being planned.



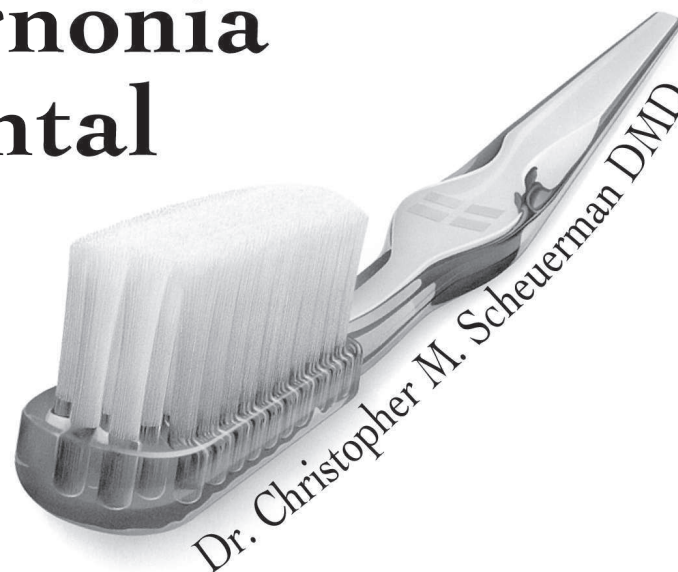
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To repeat, any capital credit account published on the official list that remains unclaimed six (6) months from the date of publication of this notice shall revert to West Oregon Electric Cooperative.

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