

Vernonia City News...

At the January 6, 2014 City Council Meeting:

Council Approves RFP for Biosolids Removal-Council approved the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the removal of Biosolids from the Wastewater Lagoons.

Council Approves Change to Fee Schedule-Council voted to approve Resolution 01-14, which amended Resolution 14-08, amending the Master Fee Schedule and reflecting changes suggested by the Public Works Committee for fees associated with the Sewer Loan Payment. The change raises the Loan Repayment fee from \$31.00 to \$40.00.

Council Approves Amendment to Utility Billing-Council approved an amendment to Ordinance 871, sections 10 and 11. The amendment clarifies language concerning billing, collection, and payment arrangements for utility billing.

Council Approves Water Line Extension-Council approved a recommendation from Public Works Foreman, Jeff Burch to extend a water line on Cougar Street between Rose and Weed Avenues. Burch asked to do the extension now before construction begins on the Rose Avenue Project. Burch said he expects the water line extension project to cost less than \$4,000 which will come from the Water SDC Fund.

City Accepts OLCC License Renewal Recommendations-Council voted to take no action and accept the favor-

able recommendation from Police Chief Mike Conner to renew the OLCC Liquor Licenses for the following vendors: All In Pub & Eatery, Blue House Cafe, Bridge Street Mini Mart, Cedar Side Inn, La Cabana Mexican Restaurant, The Black Iron Grill, New Hong Kong Restaurant, and Vernonia Sentry Market. Conner told Council there had been very few alcohol related problems during the past year. Based on Conner's favorable recommendation OLCC will process the applications.

Health Center Update-Brett Costley spoke on behalf of the Vernonia Health Board and updated Council on the current Lease Agreement negotiations. Costley told Council that the Health Board is reviewing the current draft and will have their suggested changes to Mayor Mitchell in the next few days. Council agreed to review the Health Board's changes and meet with them on Monday, January 13 to discuss any discrepancies. Costley told Council that he didn't believe there were any major issues that the two sides wouldn't be able to work out.

Council Decides Not to Show Property-Council denied a request from a real estate agent to show a house and property owned by the City next to the cemetery property. Council agreed that they were not ready to make any decisions concerning this property at this time.

Council Approves New Sign at Lake-Based on a recommendation from the Parks Committee, Council approved the

design and placement plan for a new sign at Vernonia Lake. The sign was designed by Sally Harrison, who brought the idea forward. Harrison raised all the money for the sign, which will be installed in the island at the Lake entrance.

Mayor Reappoints Members of Committees-With the approval of the City Council, Mayor Josette Mitchell reappointed Dale Webb, George Tice and Sam Potter to the Public Works Committee, Carole Davis and Jeffery Hoyt to the Cemetery Committee, Grant Williams to the Planning Commission and Scott Laird to the Parks Committee. Council also accepted the resignation of Jerry Keenon from the Parks Committee.

Open Positions for Mayor and Council-City Recorder Joann Glass notified Council that the Mayor Position and two Council positions will be up for election on November 4, 2014. The Mayor position, currently held by Josette Mitchell is for a two year term. The Council positions, currently held by Donna Webb and Bruce McNair are four year positions. Election packets are available at City Hall from the City Recorder. Nomination petitions can be filed no earlier than June 4, 2014 and no later than August 22, 2014.

Council Recesses to Executive Session-Council recessed and entered into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2)(e) *To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.* Following their return to open session, Council made no remarks concerning the Executive Session.

Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7 PM:

Tuesday, January 21, 2014
Monday, February 3, 2014

City Closures are scheduled for:

Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Dates and times subject to change due to conflicts of schedules

CITY OF VERNONIA BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL, DEWATERING AND TRANSPORT PROJECT

Request for Proposals

The City of Vernonia is seeking bids from qualified Biosolids Removal Contractors to remove the biosolids from Cell 1 and Cell 2 of their lagoons, including dewatering, and transportation. Estimated quantity is 700 Dry Tons, with the completion date by June 30, 2014. The Scope of Work is contained in the RFP package.

Contractors are advised that there will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting** for all bidders planning to submit a bid. This

meeting will be held on **January 23, 2014 at 2:00 PM**, and will start at City Hall.

A copy of the RFP package can be obtained by contacting the City of Vernonia, at City Hall at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. Sealed bids marked "Biosolids Dredging, Dewatering, and Transport Project" must be received by the City of Vernonia at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064 by **2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 13, 2014**. No proposals will be accepted after that time.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Request to Amend)
the Boundaries of the South Columbia) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
County Enterprise Zone)

1. Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon will hold a public hearing on January 22, 2014, at or after 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308 of the Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon.
2. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the expansion of the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone to include additional unincorporated areas within the County and areas inside the City of Vernonia.
3. Copies of the proposed tax lots and boundary maps may be obtained from the Board of Commissioners Office, Room 331, Columbia County Courthouse Annex, 230 Strand, St. Helens, Oregon 97051, phone 503-397-4322.
4. The meeting will be open to the public and all interested persons may attend and give testimony regarding the expansion. The Commissioners' meeting room is accessible to the disabled. If you are in need of accommodations, please contact the Board of County Commissioners' Office at 503-397-4322.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Anthony Hyde
Anthony Hyde, Chair

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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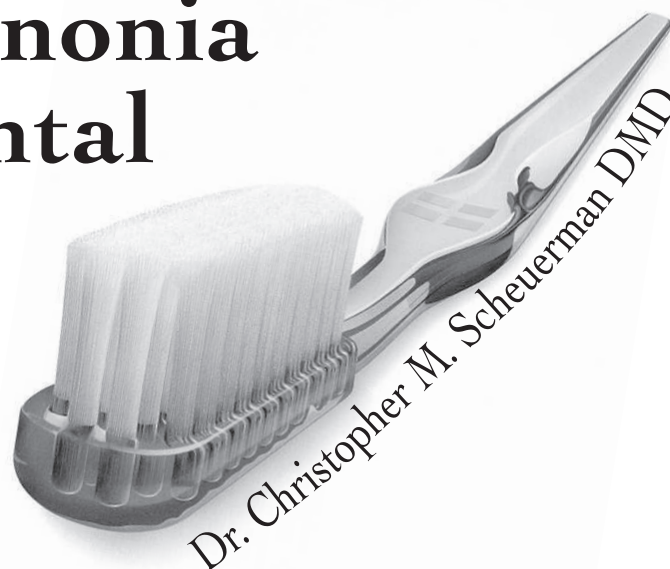
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