

City Will Wait to Hire Permanent City Administrator

The Vernonia City Council is waiting until they go through the 2014-15 budget process before making any decisions about hiring a permanent City Administrator.

Mayor Josette Mitchell says that the City has exhausted all the funds allocated for the City Administrator position for this fiscal year, due to all the expenses and costs the City incurred to finalize the dismissal of previous City Administrator Bill Haack.

"We realized there wasn't money in that line item to hire someone for the rest of the fiscal year without making extreme changes, like letting someone else go or cutting something else way back to where the services provided would not be what the citizens were ex-

pecting," said Mitchell during a recent interview.

Instead, on December 12, 2013, the Council chose to appoint Mitchell and City Council President Randy Parrow each as City Administrator Pro Tem and share the duties of the City Administrator. According to the Agreement between Mitchell, Parrow and the City of Vernonia, Mitchell is handling the day to day operations at City Hall, managing ongoing projects, and supervising all employees. Parrow is responsible for any employee disciplinary action.

The Agreement also preserves Mitchell and Parrow's right as Mayor and Councilors to preside over, participate in, and vote in all City Council and City Committee meetings.

The Agreement is effective until the City hires a City Administrator or Interim City Administrator.

The City of Vernonia is required by Ordinance to have a City Administrator. The City Charter allows an elected officer to be employed in a City position that is substantially volunteer in nature. Neither Mitchell nor Parrow are being paid in their role as City Administrator Pro Tem. Mitchell is receiving a stipend

of \$3.91/hour to cover day care costs she incurs while working at City Hall.

Mitchell said that, once the City Council has adopted a budget for the next fiscal year, they will begin a formal search for a new City Administrator, which will include advertising the position, a review of the potential candidates, an interview process and the eventual hiring.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE POSITION

Vernonia, Oregon 97064

Position closes Monday, April 3rd, 2014 - 4 pm

The City of Vernonia is seeking a Temporary/Seasonal Grounds Maintenance Worker from April 2014 through Oct. 1st, 2014. The work to be performed by the Temporary/Seasonal Grounds Maintenance Worker includes:

- Be a positive representative of the City and Parks
- Pick up trash in and around parks buildings and grounds
- Mowing, weed eating, all landscaping care for City owned properties and maintain all equipment in good condition and repair
- Follow Park Maintenance Standards
- Additional duties may be required for general daily maintenance

Hourly Rate: \$10.00/hour

Hours: Not to exceed 40 hours/week

Workdays: Monday-Friday

If interested in this position please pick up an application at:

City Hall, 1001 Bridge St., Vernonia OR 97064 or vernonia-or.gov

The City of Vernonia is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7 PM:

Monday, April 7, 2014

Monday, April 21, 2014

City Closures are scheduled for:

Monday, May 26, 2014

Memorial Day

Dates and times subject to change due to conflicts of schedules

DOGS PROHIBITED ON ATHLETIC FIELDS

I would like to take this opportunity to remind community members that dogs are prohibited on the athletic fields at the Old School site. The athletic field areas are leased by the Vernonia School District and are NOT "public park" areas. With Spring sports starting up it is important that community members with dogs do not walk them, let them run, or let them relieve themselves on or near the athletic fields. Contamination from urine and feces are not safe or healthy for the children in the community. Help keep our young athletes healthy and obey the posted signs.

Josette Mitchell

Pro-Tem City Administrator



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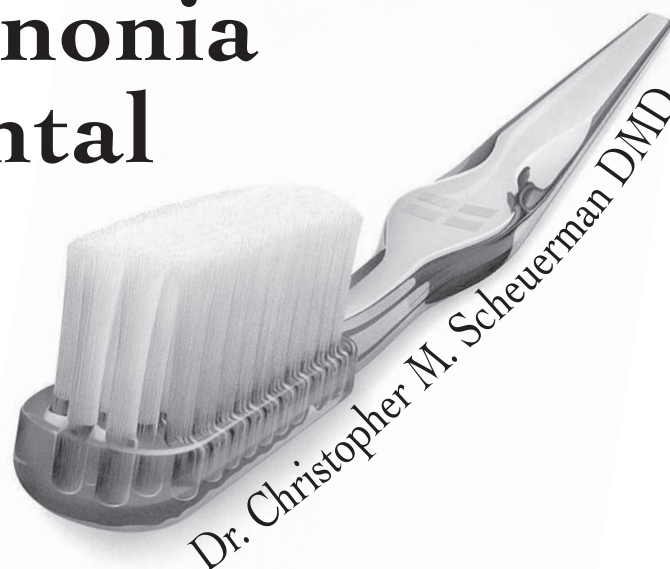
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