

Volunteers and Donations Make a Difference

Volunteers and donations can make a big difference in our small community. The volunteers and staff that man our local ambulance service give a lot to the community. Last month they were on the receiving end.

Vernonia volunteer and staff Trish Smith received a donation of a large set of kitchen cabinets to replace the small counter in the ambulance bay they use to prepare food while on duty. Volunteers and staff did some painting prep work and installed the counter bases. The Volunteer Ambulance Association approved funds to purchase a counter top and lighting. When Smith requested an estimate to install the counter top, local contractor

Anthony Krieger volunteered his services; he and Joe Walters installed the counter. The ambulance volunteers now have a counter, sink and loads of storage thanks to the generous support of Krieger and Walters and the anonymous cabinet donator.

The Vernonia Fire District was a similar recipient. When the District was looking to replace a cabinet to free up some space in their office, Jan and Joel Templin volunteered to build and install a new cabinet as a thank you to the Fire District. The Fire District now has a beautiful new corner coffee station and food storage cabinet.

Right: Joe Walters and Anthony Krieger installing a countertop for Vernonia Ambulance. Far right: Vernonia Fire has a new coffee station thanks to Jan and Joel Templin.



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California to Adams Avenue.

Council Amends Flood Hazard Reduction Ordinance-Council approved Resolution 901, amending Title 9 Section 9-05 Flood Hazard Reduction. The amendment includes language recommended by a Natural Hazards Program Specialist following

a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) to discuss the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The CAV identified some deficiencies in the City's flood plain development permitting process, and this amendment addresses those issues.

Council Discusses VCLC Issues-Mayor Josette Mitchell informed Council that several issues were identified when the City was in the process of vacating the Vernonia Community Learning Center (VCLC) as staff prepared to turn the building over the Vernonia Senior Center, who is now leasing the building. Council directed staff to notify neighboring buildings that the building, including the adjoining courtyard, will now be leased by the Senior Center; place signage indicating that parking behind the VCLC building is for that building only; and add one handicapped parking spot behind the building.

Mayor Appoints Roberts to the Budget Committee-Mayor Josette Mitchell, with approval from Council, appointed Brittanie Roberts to the City Budget Committee.

CERT Class to be Offered-Councilor Kim Tierney, liaison to the Emergency Preparedness Committee, announced that a Community Emergency Response Team class will be offered beginning in early April.

Tierney also informed Council that the Emergency Response

Committee will now meet every other month on the 1st Tuesday at the WOEC office. Tierney also asked Council to consider a location to dump debris in the event of a disaster. Council agreed to discuss the matter and try and have an MOU in place by May 5, 2015.

Topics From the Floor-Scott Laird gave Council an update on projects the Parks Committee is working on, including a new pump system at Vernonia Lake. Laird also informed Council that the Parks Committee will now be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month at City Hall.

Ernie Smith told Council that he came to them before about the trees lining Bridge Street which have grown too large, are blocking businesses signs and damaging the sidewalk. Smith asked Council to deal with the issue. Smith was told City Administrator Gian Paolo Mammone is scheduling a meeting for all business owners to discuss their concerns.

Council Discusses Oregon LNG Project-City Administrator Mammone informed Council he had attended the informational meeting hosted by Oregon DEQ concerning the proposed Oregon LNG and Oregon Pipeline projects. Council said they would like to open a dialog with the Columbia County Commissioners to discuss pros and cons of the project.

Council Discusses Anderson Park Concerns-Councilor Mike Seager raised concerns about the conditions at Anderson Park. Council agreed that staff needs to review the park rules and make sure all guests are complying.

Council to Hold Work Sessions-Council will hold a work session on February 9 at 6:30 PM to discuss City Council rules and regulations and committee powers and duties. Council will also meet on February 23 at 6:30 to evaluate the performance of the City Administrator.

Next Council Meeting-The next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, due to the President's Day holiday on February 16.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday at the Library!

Tuesday, March 3
6:00 pm

Get a picture taken with the Cat in the Hat!
Bring your own camera or the library will take one and send it to you for free.

BIRTHDAY CAKE!

Find Dr. Seuss characters hidden throughout the library March 2 - 7 and enter to win a prize drawing!

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