

Vernonia City News...

At the December 7, 2015 City Council Meeting:

Council Approves Changes to Livestock Regulations – Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 909 which amends Title 3, section 3-06.03 regulating keeping livestock and domestic fowl in city limits (see full story on front page).

Council Approves Books on Wheels – Council approved a request from the Library Board and Library Director Shannon Romtvedt to begin a new program, Books on Wheels. The program is designed to deliver books to homebound residents. The program will be facilitated by volunteer Audeen Wagner and is available to Meals on Wheels recipients along with other homebound residents.

Council Approves Food for Fines – Council approved a request from the Library Board and Library Director Shannon Romtvedt to host a Food for Fines event. The program is designed to reduce fines, encourage library use and support local food banks. With approval from Council Romdvedt suggested a two week event in February that would reduce fines by \$1 for each item of food donated. Donations would benefit Vernonia Cares.

Council Approves Staff Vacation Adjustment – Council approved a plan to adjust vacation time for a specific employee for this year. The Public Works Foreman was unable to use vacation time that was accrued because of staff shortages and policy dictates that the employee lose that vacation time at the end of the calendar year. Council

approved a partial cash payout for 66 hours and a rollover of 40 hours to next year.

Council Discusses Library Board Positions – Council discussed the fact that two members of the Library Board are also Library staff members. Library Director Shannon Romtvedt informed Council that the current language in Ordinance 808 does not speak specifically to city staff serving on Committees. Council determined that the two staff members should serve out their current terms but be replaced by non staff members. They agreed with Romtvedt that the ordinance should be revised to address this issue.

Councilor Expresses Concern About Potential Marijuana Clubs – Councilor Kim Tierney expressed concern about the potential for private clubs in the community where people could smoke marijuana. Tierney asked the Council to consider prohibiting this type of business, and Council directed the City Administrator to prepare an ordinance for the December 21 City Council meeting for possible adoption.

Council Provides Break on Water Bill – Council discussed a letter from Barbara Peterson who said she is on a fixed income and has had a steadily increasing water bill for six months. She discovered a leak and was asking for consideration on her bill, which City staff determined was \$169.99 over her monthly average for the six months. Council agreed to split the the overage for just the last month, which was \$64.60 and provide credit for \$32.30.

Topics From the Floor – Frank and Amy Cieloha told Council that they just received a tax assessment bill from the County for a building they constructed on their property over three years ago. The bill contains back taxes, because the Cielohas said the City did not properly report the building to the County. They asked what the City would do to insure this does not happen again.

Jessica and Jordon Ray told the City they had a water leak at their home

and asked what help they can get from the City. Council referred the issue to staff.

Rob Curl wanted to discuss the change in City utility rates that increased the charges for larger valves. Curl was told that since he had involved his attorney, the Council could not discuss the issue with him. He said he would get a Letter of Disengagement so the two parties could discuss the issue.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Upcoming Events

Adopt-a-Book Event:
December 2 - December 23
Create a unique holiday treasure by purchasing a book for the Vernonia Public Library's collection. You can even dedicate the book to the person of your choice with a special bookplate. Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

Winter Break Board Game Tournament
Tuesday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 30, 3-4:30 pm
Registration required at the library. Limit to 12 players. Call (503) 429-1818 or e-mail library@vernonia-or.gov.
Join us on the 29th for a hands-on tutorial of the popular board game "7 Wonders" and practice round and then return on the 30th to use the skills you learned in our tournament where a winner will be crowned and prizes awarded (celebration snacks to follow). 7 Wonders is a beautifully designed board game that teaches children analytical strategic thinking and resource management and it is a blast to play! The game takes 30 minutes to learn and the box recommends it is for children ages 10 and up.

Winter Break Matinees
Saturday, December 19, 2 - 4 pm
Tuesday, December 22, 2 - 4 pm
Relax and enjoy a holiday movie and free popcorn. Call or visit the library for movie title.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group
December 17
3rd Thursday of every month, 6 - 7:30 pm

Book Discussion Group
December 28
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm
Selection for December: *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time
Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 - 3. Older siblings welcome.

Preschool Storytime
Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am (except for holiday closures, Fridays December 25 and January 1)
Stories and a craft/activity for children up to age 5.

Holiday Closures
Closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holiday
Closed Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1 for New Year's Holiday

Library Hours & Contact
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 - 7
Saturday: 10 - 4
Closed Sundays
Phone: (503) 429-1818
E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov

Friends of the Vernonia Public Library

Membership Dues:

Family:	\$10.00	Individual:	\$5.00
Minimum:	\$1.00 plus 2 hours minimum of work in the library		

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Vernonia Public Library
Mailing Address: 701 Weed Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone		
Date	Amount Enclosed	\$

I am interested in helping with the following committees **(optional)**:
Please Circle • Membership • Endowments • Book Sales • Publicity & Public Relations • Fund Raising • Library Services • Finance-Budget-Legal Matters

Cedar Side Inn



New Years Eve Party
Thursday, December 31st

Karaoke
Every 2nd & Last Friday

Taco Tuesday
from opening until 9pm
3 hardshell or 1 softshell \$4.25

Ladies' Night
every Thursday 6pm-close

• Free Pool • Free WiFi • Specialty Pizzas

Check our Facebook page for daily specials and upcoming events
756 Bridge Street, Vernonia 503-429-5841



FULL dish SPORTS PACKAGE!

Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4-7

EVENTS

Thr, Dec. 31st
New Years Eve Party w/ Moonshine

Sat, Jan. 9th
Triple Edge Band

"BIKER FRIENDLY"

Sun - Thurs 11 AM - Midnight

Fri - Sat 11 AM - 2:30 AM

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