

Vernonia City News...

At the June 6, 2016 City Council Meeting:

Council Adopts 2016-17 Budget – The Council held a Public Hearing and following no public testimony, passed Resolution 04-16, adopting the 2016-17 budget. The budget was approved by the Budget Committee on May 5 and amended before the adoption. The total budget is for \$9, 223, 456.

Council Gives Approval to Move Forward on Sewer Project – Council gave consensus to move forward on the full California Avenue/Spencer Hill Sewer Project. The project includes installation of infrastructure to allow industrial development on private property along California Avenue and also reroutes sewage from the Spencer Hill neighborhood to pump station 3 instead of sending it across the Nehalem River to pump station 2 and then pumping it back for treatment. Staff told Council the infrastructure for the California Avenue portion of the project could be paid for with Systems Development Charges (SDC) funds. The remaining funds needed for

the project will come from reducing the amount in the sewer contingency line item.

Council Approves Grant Administration Contract – Council approved the contract with Columbia Pacific Economic Development District to administer the Rose Avenue Project grant and authorized the City Administrator to sign it.

Council Approves Request to Inhabit Travel Trailer – Council approved a request for a permit from Michael Kelly to allow a family member to live in a travel trailer on his property at 1248 2nd Avenue. The permit is for six months.

Council Denies Request to Inhabit Travel Trailer – Council denied a request for a permit from Terry Miller and Jodie Malcolm to inhabit a travel trailer for six to eight weeks at 888 Jefferson, on property owned by Gene Winningham. City staff did not recommend approval of the permit request. No one involved in the permit request was in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Appoints Wilcoxon to Cemetery Committee – With approval from the rest of the Council and a recommendation from the Cemetery Committee, Mayor Randy Parrow appointed Darlene Wilcoxon to the Cemetery Committee.

Council Approves IGA for Water Gauge – Council approved the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and the Oregon Water Resources Department for maintenance and operation of a river gauge at the Rock Creek Bridge. The agreement calls for the City to pay \$5,200 with a 3% increase annually for the service.

City Administrator Report – City Administrator Josette Mitchell updated the Council on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project and told them the DAF has been fixed and passed testing.

Mitchell told the Council she toured parts of the City damaged in last winter's high water event with FEMA representatives. Mitchell said the City will receive a 75% reimbursement for repair projects approved by FEMA; the City should receive the reimbursement

by the end of June.

Mitchell told the Council the City has had no further contact from the Nickerson Ridge Estate representatives.

Mitchell told the Council that bidding on the trailer at the Airport would end on June 10 and that the current high bid was \$3,600. Following the close of the bidding it was reported that the trailer was sold for \$10,500.

Mitchell told Council that plans are moving forward for construction of a picnic pavilion at Spencer Park using materials the City salvaged from the Washington Grade School demolition. Design and engineering of the structure is nearing completion.

Topics From the Floor – Jeff Grant asked to discuss the reasons why he has been trespassed from the city library property. He was told a City Council meeting was not the appropriate place for that discussion. Grant was encouraged to come to City Hall during business hours to review his situation with City staff.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

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It is time to stop playing with the people of Columbia and Clatsop County. Get some teeth and step aside. Natives of these communities have lived in an area that flourished with timber jobs, saw mills, pulp mills, plywood mills where thousands of people were employed. Now our resources that made us strong are being sent to China and the result was the closure of all those mills and the loss of thousands of jobs.

Now, we are losing access to land we have enjoyed and respected for a hundred years, as the big Timber Giants and their bought and paid for politicians walk over the top of us. What really upsets people is when a local politician like yourself "pretends" to care and "pretends" to come up with some lame ideas that will do nothing.

Brad, if you want the continued support of your district I would highly suggest you step up and take direct action. No excuses and political BS

answers or it is time for us to find one who can. The Governor of Montana was able work out a deal where they were able to keep open access to its citizens on Weyco property. So what does that say about you? About your associates and your Governor?

Bart Miller
Scappoose
Admin for "Pacific Northwest Stands United Against Weyerhaeuser"

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Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:

Monday, June 20th, 2016
Tuesday, July 5th, 2016

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, July 4, 2016
Independence Day

Dates and times subject to change due to conflicts of schedules

The Vernonia Transfer Station is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday

June 25
July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27

Dates are subject to change due to weather

Police Blotter June 1-13, 2016

REPORTS TAKEN

- June 2, 2016 Other Agency Assist near North St.
- June 6, 2016 Arrest on a Warrant near Bridge St.
- June 7, 2016 Death Investigation

CITATIONS/OTHER

- June 1, 2016 Cited for Defective Lighting, Failure to Carry Registration/ Insurance near Bridge St.
- June 9, 2016 Cited for Violation of the Speed Limit 47/20 near Maple St.
- June 11, 2016 Cited for Violation of the Speed Limit 49/35 near Rose Ave.

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 06/01/2016 through 06/13/2016 VPD had 70 calls for service.

NOTICE OF POSITIONS OPEN CITY OF VERNONIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 8th day of November 2016, at which time the legal voters of the City of Vernonia will be entitled to vote for candidates to certain city offices.

OFFICES OPEN FOR ELECTION:

- VERNONIA MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM
- VERNONIA COUNCIL MEMBER FOUR YEAR TERM
- VERNONIA COUNCIL MEMBER FOUR YEAR TERM

Election packets are available at the office of the City Recorder, 1001 Bridge St, Vernonia, OR 97064. Nominating petitions can be filed no sooner than June 1, 2016, and filed no later than Friday, August 26, 2016, by 4:00 pm with the City Recorder. For more information call Stephanie Borst, City Recorder at 503-429-5291 ext. 104.

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