

# Vernonia City News...

## At the June 5, 2017 City Council meeting:

**Council Adopts 2017-18 Budget** – Following a Public Hearing at which there was no public testimony, the Council voted to approve Resolution 04-17 and adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget.

**Topics From the Floor**—Richard Meyer, Vice President of the Ridge Riders, had questions about the procedures and costs associated with restoring water service to the horse arena area. City Administrator Josette Mitchell suggested that Council consider a reduced fee at their next meeting on June 19.

City Recorder Stephanie Borst read a letter into the record from James Collins, asking that the \$35 water reconnect fee be waived due to unfortunate circumstances. Council asked staff to place the issue on the next meeting's agenda.

Leslie Siebert wanted to make the City aware of a dangerous situation, telling the Council that the wooden bridge over Rock Creek on the Linear Trail near Anderson Park is extremely

slippery when wet, which resulted in her son being seriously injured in a bicycle accident last Christmas. Siebert requested the City take action to make the bridge safer.

Richard Stein asked the City to hold a public meeting to discuss plans for replacing trees in the downtown corridor.

**Council Approves Several Library Items** – Library Director Shannon Romtvedt brought several items to the Council. Council approved a revised computer and internet use policy, which clarifies patrons' agreements to terms of use and limits use to one hour per day. Council approved plans for the expanded Food for Fines program, which will make use of grant funds to allow patrons to pay for damaged and lost materials. The Council also approved Resolution 03-17, declaring certain property surplus and authoring the sale of the property.

**Police Report** – Police Chief Mike Conner told Council his department is not working on any significant cases, but did congratulate Officer Cody

Pesio and his wife on the birth of their first child.

**Council Approved Amended Master Fee Schedule** – Council approved Resolution 15-17 to Amend the Master Fee Schedule. The changes include adjustments to the water rates previously approved by Council that include increasing the base water rate from \$24.50 to \$29.30, reducing the Loan Repayment Fee from \$11.50 to \$9.50, and reducing the consumption charge from \$4.25/1,000 gallons to \$3.00/1,000 gallons. Council approved the changes unanimously with Councilor Bruce McNair voting "yes" but expressing his disagreement with Council's decision on how excess fees collected by the City for repayment of the Loan are being returned to the ratepayers. The revised Master Fee Schedule also included the

addition of the sale of Urn Plots at the cemetery.

**Councilor Commends Staff for Cemetery Work** – Councilor Bruce McNair commended staff, the Cemetery Committee and the Council for the work they have done to improve conditions at the Memorial Cemetery.

**City Administrator Report** – City Administrator Josette Mitchell updated the Council on several current projects she is monitoring, including the upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Rose Avenue Project, Nickerson Ridge Estates, and Bear Creek issues. She told the Council that construction of the picnic shelter at Spencer Park should be completed in the next few months.

## Police Blotter • June 1 - 12, 2017

### Reports Taken/Arrests

- June 6, 2017 Report of a Non Injury Vehicle Crash near Rose Ave.
- June 8, 2017 Report of Fraud taken near North Mist Dr.
- June 8, 2017 Report of a Motor Vehicle Crash near Rose Ave.
- June 10, 2017 Arrest on a Warrant near Anderson Park
- June 11, 2017 Arrest on a Warrant near State Ave.

### Citations/Other

- June 4, 2017 Cited for Defective Lighting and Failure to Carry proof of Insurance near Nehalem HWY South
- June 6, 2017 Cited for Violation of Posted Speed 57/35 mph near Elm St.
- June 8, 2017 Cited for Violation of

- Posted Speed 71/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South
- June 8, 2017 Cited for Driving While Suspended, Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance, and Violation of the Posted Speed 70/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South
- June 8, 2017 Cited for Violation of the Posted Speed 79/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South
- June 10, 2017 Cited for Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device near Bridge St.

**Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 06/01/2017 through 06/12/2017 VPD had 73 calls for service**

**The Vernonia Transfer Station is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8am-2pm**

**June 24  
July 8 & 22**

*Dates and times are subject to change due to weather*

## Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

**City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:**  
Monday, June 19, 2017  
Monday, July 3, 2017

**City Closures are scheduled for:**  
Tuesday, July 4, 2017  
*Independence Day Holiday*

*Dates and times subject to change*

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## AA Meetings

**Open Meetings**  
Mondays & Thursdays  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Vernonia Christian Church  
410 North Street

**Women's Meeting**  
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grace Family Fellowship  
Youth Center  
957 State Avenue

## Reserve Police Officer Job Announcement

The Vernonia Police Department has openings for Reserve Police Officers. Interested citizens can obtain an application and complete job description in person at the Vernonia Police Department. Minimum qualifications include, but not limited to: must have a high school diploma or GED; must be at least 21 years of age and be a U.S. Citizen; have a valid Oregon driver's license; be able to pass a criminal background investigation; and pass medical and psychological evaluations. Questions regarding the position should be directed to Chief Michael Conner (503) 429-7335 ext. 110.

## Cedar Side Inn



**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



- Specialty hamburgers
- 8 Draft beers & mixed drinks
- 5 Craft beers on tap
- Pool tables & satellite TV
- Free Wi-fi
- Beer & Kegs to go

Sun - Thurs 11 AM - Midnight • Fri - Sat 11 AM - 2:30 AM  
733 Bridge St, Vernonia • 503-429-9999

**FULL dish SPORTS PACKAGE!**  
Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4-7

## EVENTS

**Sat, June 24**  
Texas Hold 'em  
**Sat, July 1**  
Dr. Stahl

**"BIKER FRIENDLY"**