

Vernonia City News...

At the December 18, 2017 City Council Meeting:

Topics From the Floor – Wendy Sears provided an update on the Skate Park project and said there is now a website at VernoniaSK8.com, a banner to be hung at the site, a sign with a thermometer to show donations, and posters to go around town. She said the Vernonia Boosters will be acting as fiscal sponsor and there is an account set up at Wauna Credit Union for donations. She updated Council about their meeting with Evergreen Skate Park Designs. She said the size of the park they initially were targeting, 4,000 sq.ft., would only accommodate 2-3 people at a time so they are now targeting a 6,000 sq.ft. park, which would cost \$200,000 and accommodate 6 people at a time.

Council Approves Parks Recommendation for Grant Elements – Council approved, by a vote of 5-0, a list of proposed elements to be included in an application to Oregon State Parks Local Government Grants program. The Parks Committee recommended the elements, which will focus on upgrades to Spencer Park, and include a skate park, ADA pathway, play shed roof repairs, dugouts for baseball/softball field, sports field repairs and irrigation, camping sites, outdoor volleyball court, natural play structures at Spencer and Anderson Parks, and fencing for a dog park. The Parks Committee will proceed with developing the feasibility of each element and determining a budget for the overall project.

Council Approves Letter of Support – Council approved a request for a Letter of Support for the City of Astoria, who will apply for, in partnership with Community Action Team (CAT), a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for regional housing rehabilitation projects. Councilor Susan Wagner declared a direct conflict of interest prior to the discussion, as she is an employee of CAT and had authored the request for support, and stepped down from the dais. Wagner explained the grant would benefit all residents living in the CAT service district, which includes Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties. Council voted 4-0 in favor of the request.

Council Approves Senior Lease Renewal – Council approved a request from the Vernonia Senior Center to extend their lease for the Vernonia Community Learning Center for an additional three years. The current lease was set to expire at the end of the year. The vote was 5-0.

Council Approves Supplemental Budget – Council approved Resolution 09-17, a supplemental budget for fiscal year 2017-18, which appropriated funds. Finance Director Angie Handegard told Council that the City took in funds last year from the Cemetery Committee that had been held in a private account, designated for beautification projects, after the budget was finalized. The Committee asked the City to monitor and use the funds. The supplemental budget establishes new accounts for the Memorial Cemetery with \$5,942 and the Pioneer Cemetery with \$1,705. The supplemental budget also corrected a mistake, which Handegard called ‘housekeeping,’ in the Water Reserve Fund.

City Administrator Report – City Administrator Josette Mitchell told the Council that installation of the bio domes at the sewer lagoons is tentatively being scheduled for mid to late January.

Mitchell said Superintendent Miller at the Vernonia School District has agreed to install security fencing at Greenman Field to protect against liability.

Mitchell told Council that the School District has changed their mind on a plan to move leftover dirt at the campus site to the site near the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mitchell said the City did not budget for fill dirt in the project because they were going to re-

ceive the dirt for free and the School District would have reduced cost for trucking the dirt a short distance. She said she would bring the issue back to Council for further discussion at a later date.

Mitchell said she met with an Arborist, David Hunter, who will be assessing trees at Ora Bolmeier Park.

Mitchell said the City has replaced a culvert on Polk Avenue.

SOS DONATION Support our Seniors

Vernonia Senior Citizens
939 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064
Office Telephone 503-429-3912
501 (c) (3) TID: #23-7422295

- Donor's Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
 Enclosed is my \$60 donation towards the Senior Meal Program (Sponsors one monthly meal pack containing 10 meal certificates)
 Enclosed is my donation towards two meal packs (\$120)
 Here is my donation for another amount \$ _____
 \$15/year annual senior citizen membership for those 60 years old and over
 You have my permission to list me as a Champion of the SOS program (amount will not be posted)
 My check will serve as my receipt OR
 I would like a tax deductible receipt mailed to me at the above address

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING AN SOS CHAMPION!

Police Blotter • December 1-18, 2017

Reports

- December 4, 2017 Report of Counterfeit Money on Rose Avenue
- December 6, 2017 Report of Assisting Outside Agency
- December 6, 2017 Report of Theft III near Birch Street
- December 7, 2017 Report of Non Injury Motor Vehicle Accident near North Mist Drive
- December 12, 2017 Report of a Stolen Vehicle near Jefferson Avenue
- December 15, 2017 Report of Illegal Burning of Certain Materials near Rose Avenue
- December 15, 2017 Report of Criminal Mischief near Washington Avenue

- December 16, 2017 Report of Burglary II and Theft II near Bridge Street
- December 16, 2017 Report of Theft I near East Bridge Street
- December 16, 2017 Report of Violation of a Restraining Order near East Bridge Street
- December 17, 2017 Arrest on a Misdemeanor Warrant near East Bridge Street

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 12/01/2017 through 12/18/2017 VPD had 119 calls for service.

The Vernonia Transfer Station is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday January - October 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

January 13 & 27
February 10 & 24

Dates and times are subject to change due to weather

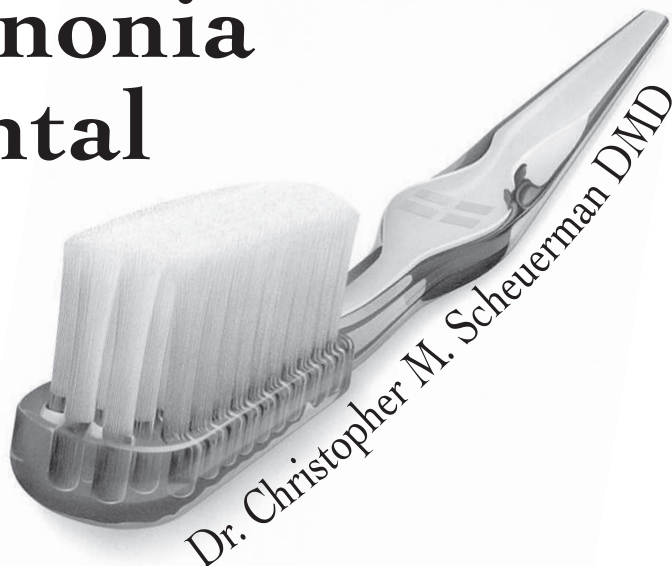
Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:
Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

City Closures are scheduled for:
Noon - Friday, December 22, 2017
Christmas Eve Observed
Monday, December 25, 2017
Christmas Day
Noon - Friday, December 29, 2017
New Years Eve Observed
Monday, January 1, 2018
New Years Day

Dates and times subject to change

Vernonia Dental



Dr. Christopher M. Scheuerman DMD

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FIRST DAY HIKE



Join L.L. Stub Stewart State Park staff on the Banks-Vernonia Trail on January 1st, 2018. Cross the Buxton trestle, experience expansive views of the Oregon Coast Range and hike past northwest native plants in Douglas Fir stands originally managed for logging. The hike will start and end at the Buxton Trailhead.

**Be prepared for uneven, potentially slippery surfaces. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for cold, often wet weather. Dogs allowed on leash only. Trail is not adequate for strollers. Best for hikers age 12 or older or younger if abilities warrant. Bring water and snacks.

Free parking! Contact: 503 324 0606

• January 1st, 2018 • 9:00am - 10:00am • Buxton Trailhead