

Vernonia City News...

At the February 5, 2018 City Council Meeting:

Council Tables Decision About Trees on O-A Hill – Council tabled a discussion on how to manage a stand of trees on Oregon-American (O-A) Hill at the base of Ora Bolmeier Park that the City had inspected by a licensed arborist. (See full story on front page.)

Council Approves Budget Calendar – Council approved the Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2018-19, presented by Finance Administrator Angie Handegard. The Budget Calendar calls for the first meeting of the Budget Committee to be held on Tuesday, April 10, with the Committee continuing to meet each subsequent Tuesday through May 15, or until the Committee has approved a recommended budget. The Budget Committee includes the five members of the City Council and five community members. There are currently two openings on the Committee. The Council is scheduled to adopt the budget on June 18. The Council also voted to appoint City Administrator Josette Mitchell as the Budget Officer for fiscal year 2018-19.

City Administrator Report – City Administrator Josette Mitchell told the Council that she is planning to meet with

Vernonia School District Superintendent Aaron Miller to discuss a timeline for the demolition of the bleachers at Greenman Field. Some Council members questioned whether they had made a final decision on the demolition and requested that the issue be included in the agenda for their February 20 meeting for additional discussion.

Mitchell told Council the City is getting cost estimates to replace carpet at the Library and in the Police Department. She told Council that insufficient funds were budgeted in fiscal year 2017-18 to replace the roof at the Library, so more money will need to be budgeted in the next fiscal year and the roof project will not be undertaken until after July 1, 2018.

Mitchell reported that she is still getting prices for trees that will be planted at Spencer Park as part of the Memorial Tree project. Citizens have been invited to make a donation to purchase one of several tree species in honor of a loved one, which will be planted at various pre-selected spots in the park.

Police Chief Report – Police Chief Mike Conner told the Council that he is continuing the background check process to hire a new full-time officer and a reserve officer.

Conner also reported that the de-

molition will be starting on a house on Riverside Drive that was damaged by fire.

Topics From the Floor – City Recorder Stephanie Borst read a letter into the record from Dan Black, the new owner, along with his wife, of the property at 934 Bridge Street, formerly known as Lew's and most recently as the Buck-

horn. Black said he and his family have been fixing up the building. He said he also owns a building in Tigard where he was part of a Main Street improvement project there. Black said he would like to see trees replanted in the downtown corridor to help make it more attractive, and said he would be willing to pay for trees to be replanted in front of his property.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY OF VERNONIA COMMITTEES:
Volunteers are needed to serve on various City Committees. Participating on a City Committee is a rewarding experience, providing an opportunity to learn and share your skills. It also enables volunteers to become involved in their local government.

VERNONIA BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee consists of the members of the local governing body and an equal number of citizens at large. The citizens are appointed by the governing body and serve terms of three years. Questions: please contact Angie Handegard, Finance Administrator (503) 429-5291 ext. 107

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm
Location: Vernonia Public Library

PARKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: As Available
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Day and Time: 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete an application for Appointment (found at <http://www.vernonia-or.gov/>) and return to City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR 97064 or Fax to (503) 429-4232. Any questions please call the City Recorder at (503) 429-5291 ext. 105.

Police Blotter • February 1-12, 2018

ARRESTS/REPORTS TAKEN

- February 1, 2018 Arrest on a Warrant near East Bridge Street
- February 9, 2018 Informational report was taken on a possible fraud near Bridge Street
- February 9, 2018 Arrest for a Warrant near North Mist Drive

CITATIONS/OTHER

- February 2, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule near Nehalem HWY South 70/55 mph
- February 3, 2018 Cited for Failure to Carry Insurance and Expired Registration near Bridge Street
- February 3, 2018 Cited for Driving While Suspended and Driving Uninsured near Madison Avenue
- February 3, 2018 Cited for Violation of an Urban Speed Limit 50/35 mph near North Mist Drive
- February 8, 2018 Cited for Driving While

Suspended and Driving Uninsured near Rose Avenue

- February 9, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Posted Speed 39/25 mph near California Avenue
- February 9, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 72/55 mph on Nehalem HWY South
- February 10, 2018 Cited for Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device near Weed Avenue
- February 10, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 51/35 mph near Lone Pine Road
- February 10, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 84/55 mph and Careless Driving on Nehalem HWY South

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 02/01/2018 through 02/12/2018 VPD had 87 calls for service.

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

**February 24
March 10 & 24**

Dates and times are subject to change due to weather

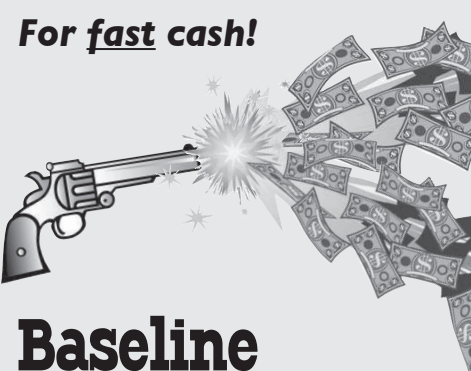
Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Monday, March 5, 2018

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, February 19, 2018
Presidents' Day

Dates and times subject to change

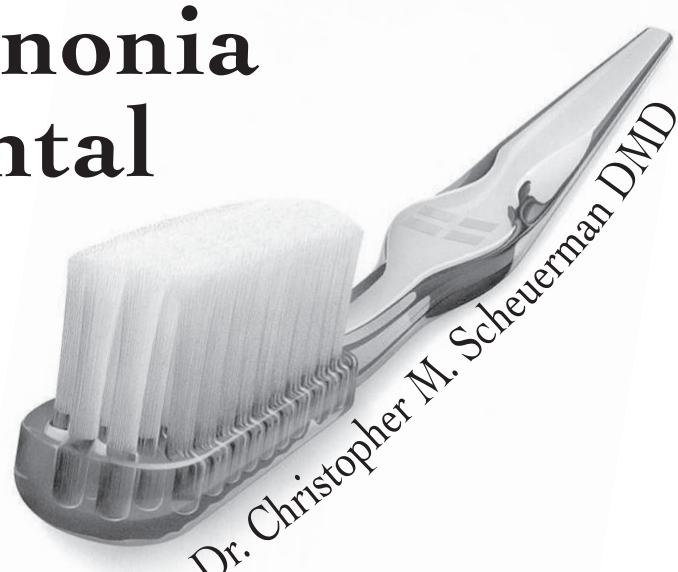
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