

Vernonia City News...

At the May 7, 2018 City Council Meeting:

Vernonia Swears In New Police Officer – Vernonia's newest member of the Police Department, Michael Walter, took the Oath of Office in front of a room packed with family and friends. Walter's wife Jeanette Walter had the honor of pinning on his badge. Later in the meeting, Vernonia Police Chief Mike Conner told the Council that Walter is new to law enforcement and that he and his family live in Vernonia.



increase about \$1.00-\$2.50 per month, depending on the size of the customer's container and frequency of service.

Board Approves Street Vacation Request – Following a public hearing at which there was no testimony either in favor or against, the Board approved a request by Joe Riley to vacate three separate sections of 3rd Street in order to place a proposed home optimally on a property. City Planner Matt Straite had recommended approval of the application.

Positions Open for City Council – City Recorder Stephanie Borst announced that three City Council positions will be up for election on November 6, 2018. The offices open for election are Vernonia Mayor for a two year term, currently

held by Mario Leonetti, and two Council Member positions, both four year terms, currently held by Jill Hult and Mike Seager. Election packets will be available at City Hall starting May 30. Nominating petitions must be filed by August 23.

Council Approves Street Closure for July 4th – Council approved a request by the Intercultural Society of Vernonia to close Park Drive on July 4 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a concert in Hawkins Park as part of the Great American Bash celebration.

City Administrator Report – City Administrator Josette Mitchell told the Council a grant application has been submitted to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the Vernonia Dog Park Project. Council later passed Resolution 5-18 authorizing the City to apply for the grant.

Mitchell said the new carpet has been installed in the Library. Because the colors did not match in the different rolls of carpet that were used, the City is negotiating with the installation company to find a solution.

Mitchell said an easement has been signed by the owner of the Lincoln School property. City staff will now install a storm drain line to alleviate a water run off issue from the property.

Mitchell said the City will begin planting Memorial trees in Spencer Park the week of May 21. She said there are still trees and spots that can be sponsored. She also said six trees would be planted at the Memorial Cemetery surrounding the new Urn Garden.

Mitchell said the City of Ver-

nonia and the Cemetery Committee are planning the annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28 at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery. She said they are looking for volunteers to help with the set up.

Topics From the Floor – Dale Webb told the Council he is monitoring the new lake pump installed by ODFW and that he is working with ODFW staff to make sure the pump is operating correctly.

Janice McGuire provided an update on progress by a citizen group to save the Greenman Field grandstands. McGuire said the group will present to the Council at their next meeting a business plan for use of the grandstands, including funding for maintenance, and an agreement with a non-profit.

Dennis Chadek told the Board he is disappointed in the conditions at the old Lincoln School. Chadek pointed out the Council voted to change the zoning at the property to Commercial and the trailer restoration business that now operates from the site continues to get worse, with more old trailers and even a boat being parked on the property.

Randy Ward said he is very impressed with the work being done by Park Host James McMahon to clean up Airport Park. Ward said he hoped more people would use this park.

Stacey Pelster raised concerns about parking on Bridge Street, especially cars that are parked overnight or even for several days and don't move. She suggested limiting the length of time cars can park in downtown.

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Reports Taken/Arrests

- April 30, 2018 Arrest on a Misdemeanor Warrant near Bridge Street
- May 6, 2018 Arrest on two Felony Warrants and one Misdemeanor Warrant near Nehalem HWY South
- May 9, 2018 Report of Criminal Mischief II and Trespass near Bridge Street

Citations/Other

- May 1, 2018 Cited for Driving Uninsured near Nehalem HWY South
- May 2, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 71/55 mph and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance near Nehalem HWY South

- May 8, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 79/55 mph and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance near Nehalem HWY South
- May 9, 2018 Cited for Expired Registration Tags near Bridge Street
- May 12, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 71/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South
- May 12, 2018 Cited for Driving While Suspended near Jefferson Avenue

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 04/30/2018 through 05/14/2018 VPD had 129 calls for service.

NOTICE OF POSITIONS OPEN CITY OF VERNONIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 6th day of November 2018, 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
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Election packets will be available May 30th, 2018 at the office of the City Recorder, 1001 Bridge St, Vernonia, OR 97064. Nominating petitions can be filed no sooner than June 1st, 2018, and filed no later than Thursday, August 23rd, 2018, by 4:00 p.m. with the City Recorder. For more information call Stephanie Borst, City Recorder at 503-429-5291 ext. 105.

The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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

**May 26
June 9 & 23**

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, May 21, 2018
Monday, June 4, 2018

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, May 28, 2018
Memorial Day Holiday

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