

Vernonia City News...

At the September 4, 2018 City Council Meeting:

Greenman Field Grandstands – Council held a long discussion concerning the Greenman Field grandstands. Council directed the City Administrator to contact the School District Superintendent to clarify plans for the scoreboard and lights at Greenman Field. Council also directed the City Administrator to obtain a simple scratch test for lead based paint and to test for asbestos in the roofing material. The Council also discussed potential specific restrictions for use of the field during activities besides sporting events, including no heavy equipment, single axel vehicles only, nothing that damages grass, and no horse events, and instructed the City Administrator to bring back a draft Memo of Understanding for use of the field.

Parks Priorities – Council reviewed a list of priority projects presented by the Parks Committee and considered scheduling a joint workshop in the future with the Parks Committee to discuss in detail the projects and funding. The Council took no further action.

Election Town Hall – At the request of Councilor Bruce McNair, the Council discussed the possibility of the City hosting a Town Hall type event with candidates for Vernonia Mayor and City Council. Council took no further action on the idea.

At the September 17, 2018 City Council Meeting:

Mayor Declares Suicide Prevention Month – After the reading of a procla-

mation, Mayor Mario Leonetti declared September as National Suicide Prevention Month. Following the proclamation, Councilor Jill Hult recognized a family in the community recently affected by suicide, stating: "Our most sincere sympathies to the family, friends, and our community members who are feeling this loss. May you all find comfort and support with each other."

Topics From the Floor – Bev Danner asked the City for a timeline for drainage work to be done above her house on 3rd Street. Danner said her foundation has been damaged by water runoff since development happened above her home.

Sharon Bernal provided background information and asked the City to keep her real estate clients, the seller James Brunsmann, and a potential buyer on Springboard Lane, informed concerning the potential need for a larger sewer pipe so more development can happen in the area. Bernal said that the original pipe was installed by Brunsmann and was the correct size to serve the lots in the area, but access was given to the developers at Roseview Heights, and now the pipe may not have the capacity to service new development.

Gretchen Lindauer asked the City to "...do the right thing..." and work with the developers at Nickerson Ridge and figure out a solution to the issues there so she can build on her lot.

Mayor Appoints Williams to Planning Commission – With approval from the rest of the Council, Mayor Mario Leonetti reappointed Grant Williams to another four year term on the Planning Commission.



ODFW formally turned over ownership of the new pump at Vernonia Lake to the City of Vernonia. Installation of the pump was paid for with grant funding obtained by the Vernonia Lions Club. L-R Back row: Don Webb, Dale Webb. Front row: Vernonia City Administrator Josette Mitchell, Allen Marshall, Larry and Gail Snethen, and two ODFW representatives.

Council Approves Water Sewer Hookup – Council voted to approve a request from Dave and Pat Lane to allow them to hookup to City water and sewer service when they develop a property they recently purchased on Oregon Avenue, which is outside the City limits.

City Administrators Report – City Administrator Josette Mitchell told the Council that interviews have been held for the Billing Clerk position. She said a top candidate has been selected and once background and references have been checked the new employee will be an-

nounced.

Mitchell told the Council the newly hired Public Works employee is no longer working for the City. She said the City will use current personnel through the fall and post the position again in January.

Mitchell said the City met with staff from ODFW and members of the Vernonia Lions Club for the formal transition of ownership of the Lake pump. The new pump system was paid for with a grant from ODFW awarded to the Lions Club and the City.

Police Blotter • September 1-16, 2018

Reports Taken/Arrests

- September 3, 2018 Report of Reckless Driving and Driving Under the Influence near Alder Street
- September 4, 2018 Report of Criminal Mischief near Missouri Avenue
- September 12, 2018 Report of Burglary 1 and Theft 2 near Jefferson Avenue
- September 13, 2018 Informational Report
- September 14, 2018 Informational Report
- Citation/Other**
- September 3, 2018 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 84/55 mph near Timber

Road

- September 4, 2018 Cited for Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device, and Failure to Carry Insurance near North Mist Drive
- September 15, 2018 Cited for Driving Uninsured near Timber Road

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 09/01/2018 through 09/16/2018 VPD had 145 calls for service

Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:
Monday, October 1, 2018
Monday, October 15, 2018

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, November 12, 2018
Veterans Day Observed

Dates and times subject to change

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

September 22
October 13 & 27

Dates and times are subject to change due to weather

VERNONIA'S voice PRESENTS Meet the Candidates

A Political Forum with Candidates for **Columbia County Sheriff**

Confirmed attendees:

Dave Brown, Jim Gibson, Brian Pixley

Wednesday, October 10th 7:00 pm

A Political Forum with Candidates for **Vernonia City Mayor**

Confirmed attendees:

Rick Hobart, Jill Hult

Vernonia City Councilor

Confirmed attendees:

J.R. Allen, Mike Seager, Dale Webb

Thursday, October 11th 7:00 pm

at the Cabin in Vernonia
901 Park Drive

These will be moderated events.

Candidates will answer a series of prepared questions. Several questions will be drawn at random from the audience.

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