

Vernonia City News...

At the March 18, 2019 City Council Meeting:

Council Approves Open Space Lease Agreement – Council approved a final version of a lease agreement that will allow adjacent property owners to use FEMA buyout properties from the 2007 flood that are currently held as open space by the City. The leases will be for five years, with a longer option after 10 years, and will cost \$1 annually. Tenants will be required to insure the property they are leasing. Leased properties can only be used in a manner consistent with FEMA restriction on flood damaged property. Anyone interested in leasing an adjacent property can contact City Hall for details on the program.

Council Extends Deadline for Insurance for Grandstands – Council approved extending the deadline to May 28 for the Save the Greenman Field Grandstands group to secure insurance before they begin renovation work.

Council Authorizes Replanting on Mill Site – Council authorized City Administrator Josette Mitchell to begin replanting areas that the City logged on the old mill site. Mitchell told the Council the City was prepared to replant 6.25 acres this year, at an estimated cost of \$590 per acre, and needed to grade and prepare another 5.67 acres before planting next year.

Council Approves Goal Setting Retreat – Council voted to hire consultant John Morgan, at a cost of \$3,500, for a 12 hour facilitated goal-setting retreat. Councilor J.R. Allen voted against the proposal.

Council Hears Presentation on 2020

Census – Council heard a presentation from a representative of the U.S. Census Bureau, who told the Council preparations are being made to begin the Census in March of 2020. Council was informed that state funding for programs like reduced school lunch programs and representation in Congress is based on an accurate count during the Census. The Census Bureau will be using the internet for the first time to record people and is looking for ways to reduce undercounted populations like seniors, the homeless, and immigrants. Jobs with the 2020 Census will be available - go to 2020census.gov/jobs.

City Administrator Report – City Administrator Josette Mitchell told the Council construction for the Senior Center/Food Bank building has gone out for bid – bids are due April 18.

Mitchell told the Council a local contractor, Swart Construction, has won the bid to install fencing at the Archie Dass Dog Park, and said installation should be complete by the end of the month. Mitchell said the bid was low enough to allow the purchase of several benches and a covered gazebo for the park with available funds.

Mitchell said Phase 2 of the Spencer Park tree planting is ready to go. Mitchell said a local business, Farmwoman's Nursery, will provide the trees which can be purchased from the City by citizens as memorial trees. Four different species are available and the City has a map which shows the placement of the trees in the park.

Mitchell told the Council a household hazardous waste collection will be held on April 13 and said several groups in the community will be

organizing other clean up projects that day; clean up locations will include the Vernonia Library, the Dewey Pool area, Spencer Park, and possibly the Tipton Hall cemetery on Pebble Creek Road.

Police Chief Report – Police Chief Mike Conner provided a monthly call report to the Council. He told the Council he has learned that the Vernonia School District is currently planning to continue with their Student Resource Officer (SRO) program – the City and School District share the cost and services of the SRO.

Conner said SRO Abbey Hanson has been involved in anti-bullying programs, truancy, some classroom activities, child abuse investigations, investigating or assisting with campus disturbances, and attending some school sporting events.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Rick Hobart announced that Randal Harvey was his Citizen of the Month for March. Harvey has been an active member of the Lions Club, Vernonia Cares, and Hands on Art. She and her husband Jack are getting ready to move away from Vernonia.

INVITATION TO BID

ROSE AVENUE SENIOR CENTER/FOOD BANK PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Vernonia intends to contract for the construction of the ROSE AVENUE SENIOR CENTER/FOOD BANK building, located at 547 Weed Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon. Project will be constructed under a single prime contract.

The Rose Avenue Senior Center/Food Bank project located in Vernonia, Oregon consists of a new 7,127 square foot, Type 5-B construction, non-sprinklered senior center and food bank building. The Work includes the furnishing of labor, materials, and equipment for the construction of all work as described in the Drawings and Project Manual including, but not limited to general construction, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, fire protection systems, installation of all owner furnished/contractor installed items, and final connection of all food service equipment. The full extent of the Work is described in the Drawings and Project Manual.

Sealed bids will be received up to the hour of **2:00 PM**, local time on **April 18th, 2019** by Josette M. Mitchell, City Administrator, City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon 97064. Any bids received after the above specified time will not be considered. The carrier, including the United States Postal Service, is considered an agent of the bidder. NO faxed or electronic bid submittals will be accepted, under any circumstances. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:15 pm in the Vernonia City Council Chambers, City Hall. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bid bond in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total bid.

A Voluntary Pre-Bid Meeting & Site Tour will be held on **April 1st, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the VERNONIA CITY HALL, located at 1001 Bridge St. Vernonia, Oregon.

Questions regarding the project during the bid period shall be submitted to Josette M. Mitchell, City Administrator by email only, jmitchell@vernonia-or.gov.

Project Substantial Completion shall be 292 calendar days after the notice to proceed (NTP) is issued, Project Final Completion shall be no more than 30 calendar days after Substantial Completion.

Plans and Specifications may be reviewed at and must be obtained from Precision Images, 900 SE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97214, 503-274-2030 at www.precisionimages.com

Prior to submission of its bid, bidder must be registered with the Oregon Construction Contractor's Board as required by ORS 701.055, and thereby comply with the requirements of ORS 701.035 to 701.55.

Bidders shall be qualified in accordance with the applicable parts of ORS 279C in order to submit a bid for public works in Oregon.

Oregon Prevailing Wage Laws - Contractor shall pay each worker employed in the performance of the work not less than the higher of the wage rate for the type of work being performed as set forth in either the Oregon Prevailing Wage set forth in the "Prevailing Wage Rates for Public Works Contracts in Oregon" or the applicable federal Davis-Bacon Wage Decision.

Work under this contract will be funded in part with Federal Grant Funds from the Oregon Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The City of Vernonia is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

By: Josette M. Mitchell, City Administrator, City of Vernonia, Oregon

Police Blotter March 1-18, 2019

REPORTS TAKEN/ARRESTS

03/01/2019 Arrest on a Warrant and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance near Rose Avenue
03/14/2019 Report of Found Property near Madison Avenue
03/14/2019 Arrest for Driving While Suspended Felony Level near Knott Street

CITATION/OTHER

03/01/2019 Citation for Violation of the Basic Rule 70/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South
03/05/2019 Citation for Unlawfully Applying Graffiti and Possessing Graffiti Implements near Vernonia Lake
03/09/2019 Citation for Driving While Suspended and Driving Uninsured near Nehalem HWY South

03/09/2019 Citation for Violation of the Basic Rule 79/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South

03/10/2019 Citation for Driving Uninsured and Failure to Display Plates near Cougar Street

03/10/2019 Citation for Driving While Suspended near Nehalem HWY South

03/10/2019 Citation for Violation of the Basic Rule 71/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South

03/15/2019 Citation for Violation of the Basic Rule 71/55 mph near Nehalem HWY South

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 3/01/2019 through 3/18/2019 VPD had 273 calls for service

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Vernonia, Columbia County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, will be held at the Cabin in Vernonia 901 Park Drive, Vernonia OR 97064. The meeting will take place on April 9th, 2019 at 6:30 pm

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message, the Budget Document and to establish the agenda for future meetings. No deliberation will take place at this meeting.

An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at that meeting to discuss to proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

The meeting for public comment will be on:

Date: April 16th, 2019 Time: 6:30 pm Location: Cabin in Vernonia

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained after April 9th, 2019 at City Hall 1001 Bridge St, between the hours of 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday

Vernonia City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:

Monday, April 1, 2019

Monday, April 15, 2019

Dates and times subject to change

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

**March 23
April 13 & 27**

Dates and times are subject to change due to weather