

# Vernonia City News...

## At the April 1, 2019 City Council Meeting:

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Rick Hobart reported on the City County Dinner he attended in Clatskanie, where he heard a presentation on proposed development at Port Westward. Hobart said he also did a ride-along with the Vernonia Police Department which was very informative.

**Council Approves Large Rate Reduction on City Utilities** – Council approved a recommendation from the Rate Review Committee which would add a reduction in city utility rates of \$22.66 to the proposed budget. The new rate would take effect July 1, 2019 if approved in the budget process. (See full story on front page.)

**Updated City Web Site Goes Live** – The City of Vernonia has updated their

website, which is now live and available for use. The site has a more modern look and is easier to navigate. The site was designed and created by City staff member Ben Fousek, with assistance from City Recorder Stephanie Borst and other staff.

**Council Approves Recommendation for Public Works Inspector Position** – Council approved adding a new position into the budget for a Public Works Standards Inspector. The new position would specifically inspect water and rain drains, site drainage, and storm water to ensure city code is being met during new construction. City Administrator Josette Mitchell said the position would be part-time and would be paid for through inspection fees.

**City Administrator Report** – City Administrator Josette Mitchell told the

Council several contractors and subcontractors took part in a pre-bid meeting for construction of the Senior Center/Food Bank facility. Mitchell said bids are due April 18 and she hopes to award the contract by April 30.

Mitchell said the City has submitted their application for an Oregon State Parks Grant to build a skate park at Spencer Park. The total project cost is \$306,500, with the City asking for \$227,000 in grant funding and providing \$79,500 in matching funds and in-kind donations, mostly contributed by the Vernonia SK8 group.

Mitchell said the fence at the Archie Dass Dog Park is almost complete and said she expects benches, signage,

and other amenities to be installed by the end of April.

**Police Department Report** – Chief Mike Conner was not present at the meeting as he was celebrating the birth of a new grandchild.

**Council Meets in Executive Session** – After recessing to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) "To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regards to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed," Council returned to Open Session and took no further action, stating the Executive Session was for informational purposes only.

## City-Wide Clean-Up Day April 13

Vernonians are invited to help clean up the community on April 13 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Led by Mayor Rick Hobart and The Green Team (who will be giving out green T-shirts all day) and other volunteers, projects will be organized in several locations. Just show up at one of the following sites:

- Library Grounds - Spring Cleaning
- Dewey Pool – Flower Bed Sprucing
- Spencer Park – Garbage Clean-up
- Entrance Signs - Landscaping/ Pruning
- Learning Center/ Bargains on Bridge Street – Pressure Washing
- Hazardous Waste Collection – Spencer Park

### Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:  
Monday, April 15, 2019  
Monday, May 6, 2019

City Closures are scheduled for:  
Monday, May 27, 2019  
Memorial Day Holiday

*Dates and times subject to change*

### The Vernonia Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday January - October

April 13 & 27  
May 11 & 25

*Dates and times are subject to change due to weather*

## Vernonia Police Blotter March 19-31, 2019

### Reports Taken/Arrests

- March 19, 2019 Arrest on a Warrant near East Bridge Street
- March 21, 2019 Arrest on a Warrant near Bridge Street
- March 22, 2019 Report of Criminal Mischief near Missouri Avenue
- March 28, 2019 Arrest on a Warrant near Adams Avenue
- March 28, 2019 Report of Theft II and Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle near North Street
- March 28, 2019 Report of a non injury Vehicle Fire near North Street
- March 30, 2019 Informational report regarding disturbance near 1st Avenue

### Citations/Other

- March 20, 2019 Cited for Driving While Suspended near Maple Street
- March 20, 2019 Cited for Violation of the Posted Speed 58/35 mph near North Mist Drive

- March 20, 2019 Cited for No Drivers License and Failure to Provide Insurance near Missouri Avenue
- March 24, 2019 Cited for Violation of the Basic Rule 72/55 near Nehalem HWY South
- March 24, 2019 Cited for Violation of the Posted Speed 40/20 mph near Rose Avenue
- March 26, 2019 Cited for Driving While Suspended near Nehalem HWY South
- March 28, 2019 Cited for Driving While Suspended near Bridge Street
- March 29, 2019 Cited for Driving While Suspended near Jefferson Avenue
- March 30, 2019 Cited for Driving While Suspended, Expired Registration, and No Insurance near Weed Avenue

**Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 3/19/2019 through 3/31/2019 VPD had 248 calls for service.**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://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

### 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 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