

Vernonia City News...

At the October 5, 2020 City Council Meeting:

Borst Named OAMR Director – Vernonia City Recorder Stephanie Borst has been named Region I Director of the Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR). (See story below.)

Walnut Tree at Spencer Park – The City received an evaluation from New Day Arborist on the condition of the large walnut tree at Spencer Park near Bridge Street. A large limb recently fell from the tree. The arborist suggested all limbs be reduced and some removed in order to prolong the life of the tree and reduce danger. Council asked the City Administrator to get bids for the work and bring those back to the Council for a decision about how to move forward.

Council Discusses Cemetery – City staff member Ben Fousek provided a written report on several cemetery issues. Cemetery caretaker Tom DeMent

has moved on to another job opportunity; the City will leave the job unfilled until spring.

The new columbarium and urn garden have been installed, with some landscaping remaining to fully complete the project. Both additions to the cemetery provide options for families wishing to inter cremated remains, including several cost levels. There is also a memory wall where families can have a name to be remembered engraved.

Council Approves Liquor License – Council voted 4-0 (Councilor Webb was absent from the meeting) to approve a liquor license application from La Cabana Mexican Restaurant. La Cabana was required to reapply for their license after being closed due to repairs following a fire.

Council Discusses Changes to COVID Meeting Guidance – City Recorder Stephanie Borst informed the Council that the Oregon Health Authority has

revised guidance for local government meetings, which makes them exempt from maximum gathering capacity limits when conducting government business. After discussing the issue, Council agreed to continue meeting virtually.

Waiver of Remonstrance – A request for a waiver of remonstrance from Brandon Rubesh and Fabienne Tournet allowing them to forgo constructing sidewalks at the time of their home construction on Louisiana Avenue was approved unanimously. There is currently no street or

sidewalk infrastructure at the construction site. The agreement would require the applicants to participate in future improvements when they happen.

Council Approves Revised Master Fee Schedule – Council voted 3-1 (Councilor Allen voted “No”) to approve Resolution 2020-12, adopting a new and revised Master Fee Schedule. The revised fees include increases at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery and adds several planning fees.

Vernonia City Recorder Appointed as OAMR Region I Director

The Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR) recently appointed Vernonia City Recorder Stephanie Borst as the OAMR Region I Director. Ms. Borst will receive the oath of office to serve the 2020-2022 term at an OAMR Board Meeting on November 13, 2020.

Ms. Borst has been an active member of OAMR since 2016. She has served on the Conference Committee (2016-present), Education Committee (2019-present), Special Projects & Fun-

draising Committee (2019-present), and the Mentoring Committee (2016-present). She received her Certified (CMC) designation in 2019 from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Ms. Borst has been with the City of Vernonia since 2016.

OAMR is a professional organization dedicated to promoting governmental relationships and providing educational and training opportunities for over 200 Oregon city recorders statewide.

Police Blotter October 1-12, 2020

Reports Taken/Arrests

- October 4, 2020 Report of a Hit and Run near Rose Avenue
- October 5, 2020 Report of a Non Injury Motor Vehicle Accident near Bridge Street
- October 7, 2020 Arrest for Violating Conditions of Release II, Escape III, Resisting Arrest, and Driving While Suspended near Bridge Street

Citation/Other

- October 9, 2020 Citation issued for Operating a Vehicle Outside of Restrictions near Nehalem HWY North

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 10/01/2020 through 10/12/2020 VPD had 77 calls for service.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION and CITY COUNCIL

Proposed Zoning Code Amendment in the City of Vernonia, File No. PA 19-01

When: Planning Commission - October 29, 2020 at 7:00 pm

City Council - November 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Where: • Planning Commission will be in person in the Council Chambers, City of Vernonia, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR

• City Council will be online only. Instructions on how to attend the meeting are posted with the meeting agenda the Wednesday before the meeting.

Why: The City proposes a Zoning Code Text Change to revise Chapters 9-01 of Title 9 to address Downtown Parking Standards. (File # PA 19-01).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vernonia City Council, will conduct a public hearing on a request by the City of Vernonia to amend the Zoning Code as it relates to Chapters 9-01 and 9-11 of Title 9 to address parking in the Downtown Zone.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the Vernonia Planning Commission on Thursday, October 29, 2020, in the Council Chambers of Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon at or after 7:00 pm, and tentatively before the City Council on November 2, 2020 online only. Both will be public hearings at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Zone Code Amendment will be heard.

A staff report will be available to the public at City Hall one week before the hearings, and may be copied for a nominal fee. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the board based on that issue. Public testimony is welcome, and written statements will also be received before the hearing.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing to Stephanie Borst at 503-429-5291 ext. 105, TTY 1- 800-735-2900 or at City Hall, 1001 Bride Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

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Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

Please check the City's website for details on upcoming City Council Meetings scheduled for 7:00 pm:
Monday, October 19, 2020
Monday, November 2, 2020
www.vernonia-or.gov

City Closures are scheduled for:
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Veterans Day Holiday

Dates and times subject to change

The Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday
January - October
October 24
and the 1st and 3rd Saturday
November - December
November 7 & 21
December 5 & 19

There may be limits on oversized items (mattresses, couches, etc.) and the number of vehicles in the yard at one time.

Dates are subject to change