

Vernonia City News...

At the July 19, 2021 City Council Meeting:

Citizen of the Month – Mayor Rick Hobart presented the Citizen of the Month award to the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Department, Kim Tierney, Donna Webb, and Cici Bell for all of their efforts in securing COVID-19 vaccinations for Vernonia and the surrounding areas.

Topics From the Floor – Judith Short asked Council for a variance to the Planning Commission rules, so she can serve on the Commission. She recently moved to Vernonia and lives eight miles outside City limits, rather than the five mile maximum stated in current rules. She has experience serving on the Hills-

boro Planning Commission.

Peyton Appointed to Parks Committee – Based on a recommendation from the Parks Committee and approval from the rest of Council, Mayor Rick Hobart appointed Maggie Peyton to the Parks Committee.

Council Schedules Work Sessions – Council scheduled a work session to discuss Council Priorities for July 26, and a work session to discuss Downtown Trees on August 23 at 6:30 pm.

At the August 2, 2021 City Council Meeting:

Normand Takes Oath of Office – New City Councilor Donald Normand took the Oath of Office and then joined the

rest of the Council to take part in the meeting; Normand was appointed by the Council to fill the empty seat left vacant when former Councilor Lorna Poetter resigned.

Council Moves Forward With Stump Carving Project – Mayor Rick Hobart brought forward a proposal to have the remaining tree stump at Spencer Park carved with a boy fishing. Hobart said the cost would be \$900. Council voted unanimously to approve the project us-

ing funds from the parks budget and also accept donations from the community.

Council Schedules Special Meetings – Council scheduled a special Executive Session to hold an Evaluation for the City Administrator on August 9 at 6:30 pm. They scheduled a workshop to discuss City Project Priorities for August 18 at 6:30 pm. They scheduled a workshop to discuss ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding on September 13 at 6:30 pm.

Normand to Fill Council Seat

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their second choice based on her vision for the community, her perspective as a woman on a Council already filled with four men, and her ability to be a representative of a changing community. The panel's third choice was Donald Normand based on his previous experience in City Government. The panel agreed

that Charles Kibben would also do fine and could learn the position if selected.

The members of the City Council agreed during their deliberations that it was a difficult choice, with four good candidates to choose from. The Council discussed each candidate's strengths and weaknesses, but appeared deliberately unwilling to consider Wagner for the position. During an initial polling Councilor Allen said he would select Normand, Councilor Webb selected Ash, Councilor Williams chose Kibben, and Mayor Hobart said he was not ready to make a selection. After further discussion, Mayor Hobart said, based on his regular attendance at Council meetings, he would choose Normand, although it was later pointed out that Normand has not attended any Council meetings since spring 2020 when they began being held virtually, while Wagner has attended every meeting since she lost her seat on the Council in January.

Council then voted 3-1 to appoint Normand, with Webb voting for Ash.

Normand took the Oath of Office at the August 2 City Council meeting and joined the rest of the Council.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Summer Readers!

Time to turn in your reading logs! Return your reading logs now through August 14 to enter prize drawings and earn a free book!

Friends of the Vernonia Public Library Book Sale

Cabin in Vernonia, 901 Park Drive
Friday, August 6, 12 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, August 7, 10 am - 7 pm
Sunday, August 8, 9 am - 1 pm (Bag Sale)

Penny's Puppets

Tuesday, August 10, 6 pm
Hawkins Park
Animals Got Talent! An original musical puppet play. Penny's animals will sing, dance, and show off their talents, the audience gets to pick their favorite acts!

Ice Cream Party!

Thursday, August 12, 11 am
Celebrate with us as we finish Summer Reading! Ice cream, toppings, and activities in the library courtyard. For preschool and elementary age children and families.

Summer Outdoor Storytimes

Wednesdays in August, 10:30 am
Library Courtyard
Stories, movement activities, and

crafts designed for children up through age 6. Themes vary each week, including: Pirates, Fairies, Circus, Bugs, Ocean, Dinosaurs, and more!

Writers' Group

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6 - 7:30 pm
For adult and teen writers with all levels of experience. Writing prompts, opportunity to share current work for feedback, and information on local opportunities for writers

Save the Date: An Evening with Author Jane Kirkpatrick

Friday, September 10, 6 pm
Vernonia Public Library

Upcoming Closures

Saturday, August 7
for the Jamboree festival

Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm
Tues & Thurs 12 pm - 7 pm
Sat 12 pm - 5 pm
Closed Sundays

Phone: (503) 429-1818

E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov

Online Catalog:

<https://vernonia.biblionix.com/catalog/>

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, August 16, 2021

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

www.vernonia-or.gov

City Closures are scheduled for:

Noon, Friday, August 6, 2021

Jamboree

Monday, September 6, 2021

Labor Day

Dates and times subject to change

Volunteer with the City, We Have Open Committee and Planning Commission Positions!

Volunteers are needed to serve on various City Committees. Participating on a City Committee is a rewarding experience, providing an opportunity to learn and share your skills. It also enables volunteers to become involved in their local government.

VERNONIA PLANNING COMMISSION

The Vernonia Planning Commission recommends to the City Council changes to Vernonia's Land Use and Development Code regulating the future growth and development of the City; and hears a wide range of land use applications including property partitions, variances, new residential, commercial and industrial construction, subdivisions, and zone changes.

Meeting Day and Time: 1st and 3rd

Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 1 vacant seat for a citizen within 5 miles of the city

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 4th Tuesday of the month, As Available

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 2 vacant seats for in-town residents

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers
Open Positions: 3 vacant seats for in-town residents

PARKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 1 vacant seat. Seat may be filled by someone who does not live in Vernonia City Limits

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers
Open Positions: 4 vacant seats for in-town residents

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS

General duties and responsibilities of committees include:

- Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council.
- Promote the general welfare and economic benefit of the City and its citizens.
- Participate in studies, and prepare reports and recommendations on their own or at the request of the City Council.

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete a City Committee Application (www.vernonia-or.gov/) and return to City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064, Fax to (503) 429-4232 or email to sborst@vernonia-or.gov. Any questions please call the City Recorder at (503) 429-5291 ext. 105.

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