

EDITORIAL

Re-zoning denial "large step" in right direction

Monday night's city council meeting witnessed an event that has become increasingly rare these last several months: a decision.

Not only a decision, mind you, but a constructive, well thought out decision that honestly took into account the people's voice.

When our new city council took the vote that denied C.E. Miller's petition for re-zoning our commercial district they also took a large step towards confirming the validity of the vote that placed them in office last November.

Through no apparent fault of their own, and certainly without malicious intent, our last council could not seem

to reach a consensus on anything except repeated votes to table an issue until a more convenient time in the future. Preferably the far distant future, at that. Hopefully, Monday night's display means we can expect more action on issues of local concern during the remainder of the various

council members' terms.

Although the list of immediate problems begging for solution continues to grow; an expanded economical base, sewer line repair, untreated sewage running into the Nehalem River, dog control, unreadable stop signs and a general

PUBLIC FORUM

Why aren't school board minutes published?

To the Editor:

As a school board member I have been asked by several citizens of our community why our local newspaper doesn't print the minutes of the school board meetings.

The minutes of the school board meetings are sent to the paper after every meeting. I have talked to the people at the paper twice without any answer why they won't print them. The people of our community pay for their schools through their taxes and should know how their money is spent. Also it gives us, the school board, a chance to have our side of a problem heard when there are letters to the editor in the paper over a school problem.

Our schools are the heart of our community. They not only employ the largest number of people in our community but are also a large part of our social life.

Our community has always backed their schools whether it was passing a school budget or supporting a team competing for athletic or scholastic honors and I think that's fantastic. You have the right to know what's happening in your schools.

This community needs a newspaper and I urge everyone to support ours, but at the same time we need a newspaper that will support us. It should be a two way street.

Carolyn Keasey
Chairperson, School Board
Vernonia School District

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Budget Committee for the City of Vernonia will hold a budget meeting on March 5th, 1981 at 7:30 pm at the City Library.

Seniors say 'Thanks' for Valentine dinner

Dear Mr. Farrell,

We thank you, the cooks and her helpers and all the wonderful students for our lovely Valentine dinner.

We had very good service and the dinner, as always, was so very delicious.

We feel very lucky to live in a town like Vernonia where someone takes the time and effort to show the seniors so much love and consideration.

Thanks to all of you and so very happy for your love.

Happy Valentine

John and Ida Kudrna

CITY COUNCIL

Re-zoning denied

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LCDC urged the city council to look carefully before taking any action that would fundamentally change the parameters of this plan. In addition, the state transportation department mentioned concerns over the effects of increased road traffic and road usage on the highway surface itself.

Following public testimony from both sides Councilperson Marge Dunay moved for denial of Miller's request. After being seconded, the motion to deny was approved.

Claiming his opponents had not properly filled out their petition to have his proposal denied, Miller threatened to go to LCDC to re-petition, apparently in the belief that they can overrule the city council.

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decline in city funds; at least we needn't worry about one man's self-aggrandizing scheme to rework years of planning and growth any longer. We hope.

MEETING NOTICE

The Columbia ESD Board will meet in special session on Wednesday, February 25, 1981, 7:30 pm at the Columbia Education Service District Office, 1290 Deer Island Road, St. Helens, Oregon.

Fishhawk Lake annexation hearings set

NOTE: Section 26 was inadvertently identified as Section 27. Section 27 is

not included in the proposed annexation.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners, under the provisions of ORS 198.850 intends to hold a public hearing on the 25th day of February, 1981 at the hour of 2 pm in the Columbia County Extension meeting room, main floor, Columbia County Courthouse, St. Helens, Oregon regarding Order No. 4-81, declaring its intent to proceed with the annexation to the district of

Fishhawk Lake Estates-Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Annexation. The new boundaries as proposed by the district are to include Division 1 of Fishhawk Lake Estates which lies within Clatsop County, described as: T6N,R6W, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 27. The area is shown on the vicinity map below; the area proposed to be included is that area contained within the heavy black line:



At this hearing, public testimony will be received concerning the proposed annexation.

Robert M. Hunt
Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners

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