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Open House



Vernonia's new water plant, shown here prior to completion, is now in full operation and will be open for public inspection on Friday, July 31, 1987, when the City of Vernonia hosts an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the open house. The water plant is located on N. Washington Street, approximately one block off of State Avenue between D and E Streets.

Research shows toxic wastes in Portland garbage

Carcinogens, heavy metals, herbicides, toxic gases and other elements dangerous to human and environmental health would be deposited in the proposed Bacona landfill if wastes in the St. Johns landfill are a prototype of Portland's garbage.

Ed Martisus, a registered nurse who resides in Vernonia, has spent more than a month and a half researching Special Waste Permits issued by the Metropolitan Services District, which regulates the St. Johns landfill. The permits detail the toxic, hazardous and infectious materials that MSD has approved for disposal at St. Johns - a supposed sanitary landfill.

Tons of asbestos have been disposed of at St. Johns, Martisus said, and the records

also show that MSD has issued permits approving disposal of more than 40 of the chemicals that contaminated the Love Canal.

Attached to each permit, he added, is a Material Safety Data Sheet which details acceptable disposal methods, and in many cases states "Do not allow to enter any body of water."

Martisus spoke about his research to the MSD Council on Thursday, July 23. Friday morning, July 24, when he returned to the Metro offices to resume his research he was informed that they would no longer allow him to "rummage around" in their files.

MSD employees would get the files, copy them, and re-file them, he was told, but since his requests were time consuming, he would have to wait until it fit their schedule.

"Up until I spoke to the Council," Martisus said, "I was practically one of the family. I used to go in, pull the files, take notes and copy what I wanted, then re-file everything. They even used to offer me coffee."

Provisions of Oregon's Public Records Law require Metro to provide the information Martisus is requesting, but they can legally block him from the files and provide the information at a much slower pace, he admitted.

"As a nurse, as someone who has provided care for people made ill by the substances Metro wants to put in a landfill on a watershed, I look at Metro as a threat to the public health," Martisus said.

"This isn't a sanitary landfill," he concluded, "it's a toxic waste dump."

Bylaw changes and rate strategy decided

Two amendments to the by-laws were approved by the West Oregon Electric Co-op of Directors at their July 21 meeting, for presentation to the annual meeting in October.

One amendment, to Article X, Section 4 is proposed to rectify a discrepancy in the times required for rate increases. The Bonneville Power Administration can implement a rate change within 60 days, while the Co-op must give five or six months notification. This, in effect, causes the utility to operate at a loss for three to four months after the increase.

The amendment will also provide greater flexibility in other rate changes such as the recently announced short-term discount rates related to periodic surplus power.

The second amendment proposed is to Article V, Sections 1, 2 and 3. This amendment is targeted to simplify the procedures for conducting meetings of the Board of Directors. If adopted, the procedures for conducting regular, special and emergency meetings would be streamlined, including a provision for conducting some emergency meetings via telephone or computer connection to expedite a needed response.

In other business the board recommended Option No. 2 of the rate increase proposals presented by consultant Rex Brown at the June meeting.

Proposed for residences in this option is an \$11 basic monthly charge, 5.2 cents/kwh for the first 1500 kwh and 4.9 cents/kwh thereafter.

Commercial rates recommended were \$12 basic monthly charge for single phase users and \$30 basic monthly charge for three phase. Energy charges would be 5.3 cents/kwh for the first 5000 kwh, 5.2 cents/kwh for the next 20,000 kwh and 4.3 cents/kwh over 25,000 kwh. Demand charges would be \$3.85 per kw.

Other rates were recommended for security, street and warning lights.

Miyasaki resigns, Hansen appointed

Councilmember Jan Miyasaki resigned his position, effective August 1, 1987, expressing frustration at trying to handle major problems for the city without adequate information or guidance.

Miyasaki was appointed in January to fill the remaining

The required rate hearing has been set for August 18, 1987 at 8:10 p.m. in the WOEC Board Room. The meeting is open to interested members.

A final solution to the matter of B.P.A.'s claim of \$303,321 for unmetered power in September 1986, was reached through negotiation, arriving at a settlement of \$74,095 payable in monthly installments.

two years of former councilmember Bill Hansen, who resigned citing business responsibilities that kept him out of town too frequently.

Hansen has now been appointed by Mayor Wally Vaughn to fill the remainder of Miyasaki's term.