

Council meeting included proclamations, citizen comments, more

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representing Metro West Ambulance and local EMS personnel, presented Harrison with a plaque recognizing the city's support of EMS services.



Officer Jeff Dalrymple

Vernonia's newest Police Officer, Jeff Dalrymple, was sworn in. Dalrymple's most recent job was as a reserve officer in Milwaukie, though he has helped

out in Vernonia at several Jamborees in recent years.

Council responses to Topics from the Floor are usually included in the next council meeting, not at the time the topic is brought up. Topics from the Floor included;

- Scott Laird telling council that the Bicycle Skills Park project just received the news the project had received a \$5,000 grant from Bikes Belong of Boulder, Colorado.

- Pamela Cohen telling the council that she understood that one option for use of effluent from the sewer upgrade was to put it in Vernonia Lake (see more information in her Letter to the Editor in this issue). Mayor Sally Harrison told Cohen that, "You have gotten a lot of misinformation," and, "After going to one Public Works (PW) meeting, you are way behind on this." Harrison went on to encourage Cohen, saying

that being a member of the PW committee would be very helpful to her.

Clark McGaugh asked council which of them agreed or disagreed with the letter he received from City Administrator M.R. "Dick" Kline and asked that they let him know by next council meeting (information from the letter was included in the May 3 Opinion in The Independent). He went on to express concern about the hiring process that was used to hire Kline, specifically that no other applicants were considered and that the standard full background check had been cancelled by Mayor Harrison.

No action was taken on a conditional use request to Columbia County for a dog rescue facility on Airport Road. Parks Committee had recommended the city object to the use because of potential problems at adjacent Airport Park. Council

did not make a recommendation to the county because of contradictory information. They will seek accurate information.

City Administrator Kline told council he knows the Learning Center has been a source of contention and that when he got here last July the city had not collected a penny of the \$500,000 grant to build the Learning Center. Kline said that the city has received \$492,000 and hopes to close the grant this year. Kline went on to say, "Jesse (Jones) is responsible for that. Jesse is about a \$550,000 achievement in my book."

In other business;

- Harrison distributed checks from the proceeds of the Mayor's Ball, held December 31, 2006, with \$1,000 to the Vernonia Community Learning Center for a scholarship fund, \$500 to Hands on Art, and \$500 to the Lions Club skateboard

park project.

- Council unanimously approved the second reading, by title only, of ordinances establishing new committees for the Vernonia Public Library and the Vernonia Airport.

- Council unanimously approved the first reading, by title only, of ordinances establishing new committees for the cemetery, public works, and the Vernonia Community Learning Center.

- Mayor Harrison read a letter from 2006 Jamboree Queen Sahrina Smith. Smith was seeking donations to help her as she enters the National American Miss Oregon Teen Pageant. Harrison said there were no city funds available for this, but that anyone wishing to donate could contact Shirlee Daughtry.

The next regular council meeting will be May 21, at City Hall, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Community Calendar

MAY 2007							JUNE 2007							JULY 2007						
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VERNONIA

Al-Anon	Fridays	7:00 p.m. Grange Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays & Thursdays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-4250
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2		For Info Call 503-819-0143
Hands On Art Committee	1st & 3rd Thursdays	4:00 p.m., City Hall
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant
Municipal Airport Committee	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Narcotics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-3713
Public Works Committee	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Cares Directors		For Info call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Community PTA	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m., WGS Library
Vernonia Grange	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Learning Center	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VLC
Vernonia Parks Committee	3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride	3rd Thursday	1:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia Transfer Station	2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Behind VHS
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office
CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Brown Derby
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.