

Council accepts another changed budget, plans street name change

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pointed James Baraibar to the Planning Commission. Cindy Ball, Helen Hudson, Jim Tierney, George Tice and Carl Halsey were appointed to the newly ordained Public Works Committee, and Kate Laird, Josette Mitchell and Burt Tschache are the initial members of the revamped Vernonia Community Learning Center Committee (VCLC). The city will advertise for two more members for the VCLC Committee.

Kline handed out information on an amendment to Resolution 12-07, making changes to the previously approved budget. Kline said the changes were needed because of better forecasting information, errors and classification problems in the existing budget. During discussion, Kline said to council, "I'm not trying to confuse you." Councilor Randy Parrow responded, "We're getting used to being confused." Council unanimously approved the changes.

Utility bills using the city's new accounting software are expected to go out in August, according to Kline.

An engineering firm from Portland will be engaged by the city to perform a comprehensive look at Vernonia's sewer, water, and stormwater systems and make recommendations on where to go from here.

Harrison told council that she will have the city start the process of changing the name of Park Drive to Shirlee's Way in honor of Shirlee Daughtry.

In other business, council;

- rescheduled the public hearing for the Reimbursement District along Mist Drive to August 20, at 7:00 p.m.,

- approved new city fees for administration of Reimbursement Districts, at \$500 or cost, whichever is greater,

- gave approval for the Buckhorn Restaurant to have an "off-premise" alcohol license.

The next council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20 in Vernonia City Hall.

ODFW seeks candidates for Fish Enhancement Board vacancies

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking qualified candidates to fill three open positions on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program Board.

Available positions include one sportfishing representative, one seafood processing representative and one troll fishing representative. For the troll fishing position, the applicant must hold a current Oregon troll fishing license. All R&E Board applicants must live in Oregon.

The Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1989 and is funded by a surcharge on sport and commercial fishing licenses and commercial poundage fees. The program is overseen by a seven-member citizen board made up of three sport fishing representatives, three representatives from the troll, gillnet and seafood processing industries and one public-at-large representative. The Board re-

views grant proposals from various organizations and agencies and recommends funding for fish restoration and enhancement projects throughout the state.

Board members, who are appointed to four-year terms by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, meet three or four times each year in various communities throughout the state to review project funding applications, hear public testimony, act as liaisons between the program and the public and to conduct other program business. Board members are volunteers; however, Board-related business expenses are reimbursed.

The application deadline is August 28. Final appointments will be made by fall 2007.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program coordinator Laura Tesler at 503-947-6259 or by e-mail at laura.tesler@state.or.us.

Reward of \$1500 for information on killing of Osprey

A juvenile Osprey was shot July 27, and found near E St. and State Ave. in Vernonia, the same day.

The young bird was taken to the Audubon Society with a shattered wing. Unfortunately, the bird could not be saved, due to the severity of the damage, and was euthanized the

next day.

According to Bob Sallinger of the Audubon Society, "An Osprey does no harm, so in this case it's malicious, wanton destruction of wildlife."

Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, Ospreys (and most other birds, native or not) are protected. The penal-

ties for shooting, or otherwise harming them, are six months in jail and up to a \$15,000 fine.

There is a reward of \$1,500 being offered for information that leads to an arrest in this case. If you have information on this shooting, call Bob Sallinger at 503-292-9501, ext. 122.



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