

Officers express concern about possible conflict with contracts



Norm Brown received an award for life saving efforts during the Dec. 3, 2007 flood. Life saving awards also went to Ben Davis, Dean Smith and Wayne Vaughn.

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 nance setting up the committee was unanimously approved. The new Economic Development Committee will be made up of Bud Dow, Dana Roach, Tim Bero, Evan Doyle, Mike Pihl, plus Randy Parrow as council liaison, and a liaison from the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Sally Harrison appointed Josette Mitchell, who had applied for the position, to the Budget Committee. At the February 7 meeting, Harrison had received an application to the budget committee from George Tice. Harrison asked for clarification of the number of members specified in that committee's ordinance to see if there is another opening.

Sergeant Mike Kay and then Officer Mike Connor spoke to council regarding a letter that was in the council packet from Howard (and signed by Howard and Mayor Harrison) regarding overtime or compensation time being cut off. Both Kay and Connor indicated that the handling outlined in the letter would be in conflict with their contracts (both regular and union). Harrison responded that she

thought, even though she signed it, that the letter was to be discussed with council before being implemented. Council did not discuss the issue, nor was there an indication of future handling of the issue.

In other business, council;
 • unanimously approved a new phone system for the Vernonia Community Learning Center that will cost \$197 per month and allow for up to 48 phones. If the system works well, it may be used for all city applications.

• heard that the city's 20 acres has a sale pending with a retainer in place. The sale price was \$450,000.

• unanimously approved an

— CORRECTION —

On page 4 of the January 3 issue, a third administrative position at Vernonia City Hall was mentioned. Interim City Administrator Aldie Howard has clarified that the position discussed was a job title change only, not a third position. Only two administrative positions are now in place.

The Independent regrets the error and any inconvenience caused.

agreement with the county that will allow them to pay the approximately \$267,000 cost of debris disposal.

• approved the temporary siting of a storage container at Spencer Park by the Boosters.

• heard Harrison read an article from the Rural Development Initiative newsletter praising

ing Scott Laird.

• approved both readings of an emergency ordinance that will allow FEMA to site temporary manufactured housing at the privately owned site behind the Library.

• heard from Chief Mat Workman that Sgt. Mike Kay was holding a CERT (Communi-

nity Emergency Response Team) class with 31 new participants and has 28 already for another class.

The next meeting will be the public hearing on flood ordinances at 5:00 p.m. on February 7 at the Vernonia Community Church, followed by a city council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

The Rainbow Ends with a Pot O' Gold

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Where:

Westport Church at 49246 Hwy 30, Westport

When:

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 Social 2:00 pm, Meeting at 3:30 pm
 (no charge to attend the meeting)

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