

Council told Jamboree pretty much problem free

The Vernonia City Council meeting of August 17 started with the swearing in of the new Vernonia Chief of Police, Frank Grace (see related story, page 1).

City Attorney Jeff Bennett gave council a presentation on their options for dealing with topics raised by citizens at council meetings. Council was reminded that personnel issues brought up by citizens would be most appropriately redirected to City Administrator Bob Young for handling.

Shirlee Daughtry spoke to council of her concerns about ongoing vandalism and littering at Hawkins Park and finished with the statement, "Somehow we have to get a handle on it." Council discussed some options but no decisions were reached.

Jamboree was deemed a

success from the police department's perspective, with only two adults arrested and only three police reports generated. This year, the police department force was supplemented by volunteers from the Columbia County Sheriff, Columbia City Police, Hillsboro Police, Multnomah County Sheriff, Oregon State Police, and St. Helens Police. These outside agencies donated a total of 108 hours to Jamboree enforcement.

Council accepted Kate Laird's resignation from the Vernonia Community Learning Center (VCLC) Committee. Council then asked city staff to schedule a workshop for them with the Committee to discuss operations of the learning center. City Administrator Young told council that DeAnna Pearl (Director of Vernonia Preven-

tion Coalition) and the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council now have offices in the VCLC and that space has been rented for ballet/dance classes there.

In other business, council;

- gave their consensus for the appointment of Sam Potter to the Public Works Committee,
- unanimously approved a disbursement of \$3,500 to Columbia County Rider. This is the amount that the city has given to the Rider in the past few years. This year, Rider had asked for \$5,000 to help with operations and expanded services.

The next meeting of the city council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. The meeting day is changed to Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7.

Two school construction options

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review the options and decide at a future meeting which method to use. Each method has advantages which need to be weighed.

In other business,

- new staff and student handbooks were presented,
- 2009-10 student fees were approved. New fees were put in place for middle school sports (\$20.00 per sport, per

School buses will soon be on the roads

Because not all school districts will wait until after Labor Day to get started, it is time to be ready for slightly slower traffic on regular school days.

child), a \$20.00 Outdoor meal fee was added and breakfast food service fee went from \$1.25 to \$1.30.

Upcoming events include dessert at the new school site (Spencer Park) at 1:00 p.m. on September 1, the first day of school on September 8, and the next board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 10 at the district office.

Remember to come to a complete stop when a school bus is stopped in your lane, or on two lane highways, also when it is coming toward you.

Chief says "stop by and say hello"

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community to stop by and say hello." Grace is usually in the police department on Mondays

and Tuesdays, though his schedule is flexible in order to meet the community's needs.

Community Calendar

VERNONIA

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., 410 North Street
Alcoholics Anonymous	Thursdays (Big Book Study)	7:00 p.m., 410 North Street
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue
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
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	2nd Wednesday	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	6:00 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	2nd Thursday	1:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	6:00 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, 3rd & 4th Tuesday	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	9:00 a.m., Main Fire Station
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-0869	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	7:30 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 Library Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
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	1:00 p.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	6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Tuesday	Times vary, 1054 Oregon St.
Mental Health Advisory Comm.	Quarterly	For Info call 503-397-7211
Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 505 N. Hwy. 30
Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	Quarterly	For Info call 503-397-7211

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.