

Council interviews attorney applicants without required public notice

Vernonia City Council members put in a long day on October 18, starting at 4:30 p.m. with a special meeting of the council, held without proper public notice as required by ORS 192.640(3). The purpose of the meeting was to interview two candidates for city attorney.

Alexandra E. Sosnkowski, P.C. and the firm Berry, Elsner & Hammond, LLP, both responded to the city's request for proposals. The council agreed with Interim City Administrator Bill Haack who said that either applicant could handle the city's legal needs. The council decided to consider the information from the interviews before making a final decision at the November 1 council meeting.

The council went straight from those interviews into the regular council meeting at 7:00

p.m., starting with a study session on the monitoring of Community Development Block Grant, Project D08017. At the end of that session, council agreed (with Councilor Cindy Ball voting nay) to forward the response letter prepared by Community Action Team to the Infrastructure Finance Authority. See article on page 1 for further details.

Interim City Administrator Bill Haack presented a comprehensive, three page list of items identified during the past few months as needing changes. The list included City Council Transition regarding potential changes in council as a result of the election; updating the employee handbook, upcoming labor negotiations, a city staff compensation assessment, annual work plan, staff evaluation plan (including the need for po-

sition descriptions); the next budget process, and a schedule of special sessions to address each area.

Interim Police Chief Mike Conner's report to council on department activity included that there had been 181 calls for service in September.

Council approved two new resolutions, 34-10 and 35-10. Resolution 34-10 designates council's intent to permit recreational use of all areas generally regarded as outdoor recreational areas (such as city parks). This helps protect the city against liability in the event someone is injured in the parks. Resolution 35-10 declared the police department's 2002 Ford Crown Vic (the red car) surplus so it can be sold. This vehicle was originally given to the city.

In other business, council;

- approved a request from the Vernonia Community Learning Center (VCLC) committee to allow use of the VCLC, free of charge, twice a month by St. Helens Child Welfare Program for family visit sessions.

- approved a Funds Verification Request for \$5,385.00 for flood gates at the pump station, to be reimbursed by FEMA at a later date.

- gave consensus for a concept plan for new hangars at the airport to be brought to council for consideration at a future date.

Council finished the evening by adjourning at 9:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

CLARIFICATION

In the Vernonia Council article on page 4 of the October 7 issue, information was unclear regarding motions recommended by the Public Works Committee and approved by the council.

There were two motions. One directed, "the pro-tem City Administrator to work with DEQ, the city engineer and Brown & Caldwell to adapt the existing Brown & Caldwell conceptual design report to meet DEQ pre-engineering requirements so the City can issue an RFP or RFQ for the design process." The second motion directed, "the pro-tem City Administrator to request that DEQ allow the City to use loan funds for the purpose of hiring a project manager who will be accountable to the City and will focus on the wastewater project and get it ready for funding by spring of 2011."

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., Library
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
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Kiwanis Club	2nd & 4th Wednesday	6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong
Municipal Airport Committee	1t Wednesday	6:30 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 Garden Club	2nd Tuesday	1:30 p.m., Vernonia Library
Vernonia Grange	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	3rd Thursday	6:30 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	10:00 a.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	Friday	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesday	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	Sunday, Wednesday	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
Everybody's Hometown Band	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., BHS Music Room
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.	Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.

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

Board of Commissioners	Wednesday	10:00 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Columbia Comm Mental Health	1st Tuesday	5"30 p.m., 58646 McNulty Way
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