

Councilor disrupts meeting as he loudly demands information

The Vernonia City Council meeting on January 18 featured a temper tantrum by Councilor Kevin Hudson before the agenda was even accepted. Hudson was red-faced and loud, with arms crossed over his chest, as he "demanded" that the K9 contract discussion be added to the agenda, either in open or executive session.

Mayor Josette Mitchell had to take Hudson to task twice for rudely interrupting her. Hudson was told that the K9 contract was a personnel issue and therefore inappropriate for discussion by council. Mitchell told Hudson, "No individual council member may request staff to do anything, it has to be the whole council." Other council members remained silent during the entire episode.

Hudson twice demanded, "I want to see the contract," before

being told by Interim City Administrator Bill Haack that, 1) the K9 lease contract was being extended to the end of February, that "We will have the full discussion of the parts we can discuss on February 7", and 2) that it's a personnel issue to which council is not privy, and 3) that, as a citizen, Hudson has the same right as anyone else to submit a public record request to the city.

Interim Police Chief Mike Conner offered to provide a copy of the collective bargaining agreement to Hudson. Mitchell asked Hudson, "Will that satisfy you?" Hudson said, "Yes," and, though obviously not satisfied, did settle down so the meeting could get underway.

Leonard Simmons spoke to council asking for help with the drainage of Bear Creek during

high water events, as the creek has been backing up into his and other neighborhood yards more this year than most. Haack offered to meet with Simmons, Maggie Peyton (from the Upper Nehalem Valley Watershed Council) and any interested neighbors to see what remedies can be found.

Council discussed council training by the League of Oregon Cities and agreed they would like to pursue the six hour session once city staff reviews the budget to see if funds are available for the training, which costs just over \$1,200. Haack agreed to work on scheduling this training as soon as possible, perhaps as early as February 12.

Another item on the agenda brought a request from Hudson for additional information. The item had to do with a site re-

view report by the city planner on a request from the Blue House Café for some remodeling. Hudson was told that staff reports are not subject to being overseen by council when Haack told him, "It's not your responsibility to do anything but your role is to accept the document your planner has prepared after approval by the Planning Commission."

In other business, council:

- Approved Sally Harrison's request to be appointed to the Economic Development and the Airport Committees;
- approved a liquor license request for All In Pub & Eatery (formerly The Lyon's Den);
- approved a temporary travel trailer being parked by the Christian Church;
- approved staff to sign a rate schedule and an amendment on Community Develop-

ment Block Grants and projects;

• approved Resolution 02-11 honoring fallen Police Chief Painter of Rainier.

The next meeting scheduled is a council work session, at City Hall, on February 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on goal setting and the hiring process for the next city administrator. The next regular council meeting will be February 7, starting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Action Ads

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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 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