

Council approves hiring process

The Vernonia City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 31, having to do with their City Administrator recruitment process.

The council voted unanimously to approve the interview process outlined. The process calls for interviews of administrator candidates on June 24 by three panels. The panels will be composed of:

- Council and mayor,
- city department heads, and
- a community panel made up of one person selected by each councilor and one by the mayor.

The council also approved travel expense stipends of no more than \$500 per applicant, payable upon submittal of receipts for "legitimate travel expenses."

Following that vote, council recessed to executive session (not open to the public) to discuss the "employment of an of-

ficer, employee, staff member or agent," and "to deliberate with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions."

After coming out of executive session, council gave Jennie Messmer, from the League of Oregon Cities, permission to go ahead with background checks on three candidates, prior to tours and receptions on June 23 and the interviews on June 24.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting is June 6, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

— CLARIFICATION —

In the May 19 article on Vernonia City Council meetings, Scott Laird clarified that his apology to the council and mayor was not for disseminating public information to members of the community. He said, "At no time did I apologize for that." Rather the apology was that,

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placed on hold pending the outcome of the DPSST investigation.

3) Kay was untruthful with the City of Vernonia by telling them he was a member of the Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA).

In November, Kay told the City of Vernonia that he was a member of OPCA. In his interview with King, Kay said he was a member of OPCA from 2004 to 2007. According to OPCA, Kay was never a member and did not even submit an applica-

tion for membership to them.

4) Kay knew, or should have known, when he retroactively sought and obtained 15 K9 certifications from the American Council on Criminal Justice Training (ACCJT), that those certifications did not meet the industry standard as being comparable to OPCA certification.

In his response, Kay asserted that ACCJT standards were equivalent to OPCA. Two K9 experts contacted by DPSST said, "No," the standards were not equivalent.

5) Kay misrepresented a K9 evaluation conducted to see if his dog met equivalent K9 expertise.

Kay asked the evaluator to omit unsatisfactory results of the evaluation.

6) Kay knew or should have known that by contaminating or otherwise compromising the re-



VPD Sergeant Mike Kay

sults of the K9 evaluation, the results would be not good.

Kay also said he "always wear latex gloves" while handling narcotics during the evaluation, the evaluator said that was not so.

7) Kay misrepresented King's suggestion that, because the validity of the 15 K9 certifications were in question, he may wish to seek a

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Community Calendar

VERNONIA			MIST-BIRKENFELD		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., 410 North Street	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Alcoholics Anonymous	Thursdays (Big Book Study)	7:00 p.m., 410 North Street	M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
American Legion Post #119	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue	M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m., Library	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081	T.O.P.S.	Mondays	9:00 a.m., Main Fire Station
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-0869	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
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 Tuesdays	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			
			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