

Vernonia City Council told that Burch, Nicks recall has started

Vernonia City Council held an Executive Session (closed to the public) for purposes of labor negotiations on July 5, but made no announcements and took no action after returning to the regular meeting.

At the July 18 meeting, Sharon Bernal, chief petitioner for the recall efforts on Councilors Willow Burch and Marilyn Nicks, told council that the recall as been filed, the signatures verified and the ballots were in the mail July 18, with the election ending at 8:00 p.m. on August 4. Councilor Randy Parrow had already announced that, if the recall is successful on both councilors, he and Mayor Josette Mitchell will have three five-person citizen panels, set up by lottery of those interested, to interview the candidates for city council and recommend their choice for the three open council positions. The city will open the ap-

plication process for councilor candidates for a two week period after the election is complete.

Council had asked Dad's Recycling owners, Sandy and Alan Deweber, to come before council and update their progress on the planning commission requirements for the business on Mist Dr. Their time to complete improvements at the site was up June 30 and not all the work had been completed. Council heard that the Dewebers need to bring a few more recycling containers on site, put a few more boards in the fence, and put in 33 more loads of gravel. Placement of the gravel has been delayed due to weather and gravel availability.

Council agreed to allow an additional 30 days to complete the fence and containers, and 90 days to get nine loads of gravel in place. The Dewebers

expect to be able to get three loads of gravel per month. At the end of 90 days, from July 18, the Dewebers are asked to return and update council on their progress and plans to complete the road graveling with the other 24 loads of gravel.

Council discussed what to do with just over \$3080.00 in the K-9 Donation funds, now that the city has no K-9 pro-

gram. All donors had been contacted for their input on the matter and most said they would prefer to see the funds benefit the community. After discussion and review of donor's suggestions, council gave consensus to donate \$500 to the Clatskanie K-9 program, \$500 to the Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association and the rest to the Vernonia Boosters (without specifying

a use for the funds).

City Council approved Resolution 18-11, which designates the new empty lot next to Shay Park to be attached as an addition to Shay Park. They also approved Resolution 19-11, which permits easement leases to allow the use of open space lots (caused by demolition of flood damaged houses). The leases will be approved for **See Council on page 20**

Fire season in effect as of July 11

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and open debris burning are shutdown throughout Columbia County until significant fall pattern rains develop.

As we enter fire season, fire officials want to alert all landowners to check areas where burning has been conducted recently, especially any heavy accumulations of piled woody debris. These old burn

areas are known to hold hot spots that can come to life under warm and windy conditions.

For information regarding current public and industrial regulations in effect on our local forests, contact the Columbia City office, Oregon Department of Forestry at 503-397-2636.

— CORRECTION —

In earlier issues, City Councilor Marilyn Nicks was said to have not answered the question by Joe Kim as to whether she met with other councilors outside to make decisions. Nicks says she answered, "No," to that question. Also, she was reading from Ordinance 854, not the city administrator contract as stated.

The Independent apologizes for these errors.

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 Tuesday	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 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	7:00 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 Plan. 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.