Vernonia council says, "No fee for school sewer/water hookups"

Councilors Bruce McNair and Donna Webb were enough to

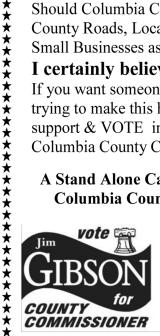
Mayor Josette Mitchell, and make a quorum for the April 16 Vernonia City Council meeting. Councilors Randy Parrow and

******** Should Columbia County have Public Safety, County Roads, Local Jobs & Less Restrictions on Small Businesses as Higher Priorities?

I certainly believe so!

If you want someone that will listen and work hard trying to make this happen I would ask for your support & VOTE in the upcoming election for Columbia County Commissioner, position #3.

A Stand Alone Candidate for the Citizens of Columbia County, Your voice in action!



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* INTEGRITY

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Government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Mondays

2nd Tuesday

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Tuesdays

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4th Wednesday

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Scout Cabin

4th Wednesday

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Paid for by Jim Gibson for County Commissioner ********** Kim Tierney had given notice of their inability to be at this meet-

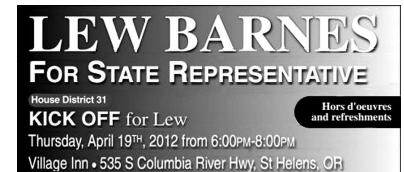
The council unanimously approved a motion waiving the water and sewer hookup fees for the school district. These fees had not been included in discussions with the school district before the project began and it would require an engineer to determine the correct amount to charge.

City Administrator Bill Haack received approval from council to contract with Tetra Tech to update the city's Master Capital Plan and assess the System Development Charge (SDC) fee schedule. Tetra Tech did the original work on these in 1999 and it is recommended that they be updated every 4-10 years. Since it has been longer than that, Haack estimated that starting over with another company could cost \$150,000, but having Tetra Tech update these items is estimated at \$10,000.

Council also authorized Haack to request a six month extension on a DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application. If it is not extended, the application time frame will run out before the city has received final plans for the upgrades they may need these additional funds to complete.

Police Chief Michael Conner presented a request from Bill Sword to change part of the one-way road around Anderson Park into a two-way street from Jefferson Ave. to the bridge over to the Sword place. Conner suggested that this would better facilitate Sword being able to move big equipment off and onto his property. Council had no problem with occasional use of that road for heavy equipment (with appropriate flagging), but balked at a change that would allow regu-

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Community Calendar

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VERNONIA

Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous American Legion Post #119 **Booster Club** Boy Scout Troop 201 Boy Scout Troop 860 Cemetery Beautification Comm. **CERT** Chamber of Commerce Community Coalition Cub Scout Pack 201 Emerg. Preparedness Comm. Friends of the Library Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2 Izaak Walton League Kiwanis Club Lions Club Municipal Airport Committee Pioneer Museum **Public Works Committee**

Vernonia Transfer Station

WOEC Directors

Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.

Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters

1t Wednesday Upr Nehalem Watershed Council For date call 429-0869 4th Tuesday Vernonia Cares Directors Vernonia City Council 1st & 3rd Mondays Vernonia Community PTA 2nd Wednesday Vernonia Garden Club 2nd Tuesday Vernonia Grange 3rd Monday Vernonia Health Center 3rd Thursday Vernonia Comm. Learning Center 1st Wednesday Vernonia Parks Committee 3rd Wednesday Vernonia Planning Comm. 1st & 3rd Thursdays Vernonia Ridge Riders Last Thursday Vernonia RFPD Board 2nd Tuesday Vernonia School Board 2nd Thursday Vernonia Sr. Center Board 2nd Friday

6:30 p.m., 410 North Street Thursdays (Big Book Study) 7:00 p.m., 410 North Street 7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue 7:00 p.m., WGS Library 7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin 7:00 p.m., LDS Church 6:30 p.m., Library For Info Call 503-429-3018 For Info Call 503-429-6081 12:30 p.m. School District Ofc. For Info Call 503-429-4250 6:30 p.m., WOEC 7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library For Info Call 503-819-0143 For location call 503-429-7193 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong 6:30 p.m., City Hall For Info Call 503-429-3713 7:00 p.m., Vernonia Grange 7:00 p.m., City Hall

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For Info call 503-429-1414

7:00 p.m., City Hall

10:00 a.m., Senior Center 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Behind VHS 7:00 p.m., Fire Station 7:00 p.m., Fire Station 7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg. 2nd Tuesday M-BRFPD Board Workshop 4th Tuesday 1st & 2nd Thursdays M-B Ambulance Drill 1st & 2nd Wednesdays M-B Fire Drill M-B Helping Circle 2nd Monday M-B SAR Drill 3rd Wednesday M-B Volunteer Assoc. 1st Tuesday Natal Grange 2nd Wednesday T.O.P.S. Mondays

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous American Legion Post #90 Banks City Council Banks Fire District #13 Banks Library Commission Banks Planning Commission Banks School Board Banks Youth Group Chamber of Commerce CPO 14 Everybody's Hometown Band Friends of the Library Lions Club Sunset Park Assoc. T.O.P.S.

Friday Wednesday 2nd Tuesday 2nd Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd Tuesday Last Tuesday 2nd Monday Sunday, Wednesday 1st Thursday 3rd Monday Tuesdays 2nd Tuesday 1st & 3rd Mondays 3rd Wednesday Wednesday

7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station 7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall 9:00 a.m., Main Fire Station

7:30 p.m., Methodist Church 7:30 p.m., Methodist Church 7:00 p.m., Main Street Post 7:30 p.m., City Hall 7:00 p.m., Station 13 7:00 p.m., City Library 7:00 p.m., City Hall 7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library 7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg. 12:30 p.m., Fire District Office 7:00 p.m., City Library 7:00 p.m., BHS Music Room 7:00 p.m., City Library 7:00 p.m., Brown Derby 8:00 p.m., Gun Club 7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.

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

Board of Commissioners Citizens for Senior Justice Columbia 9-1-1 Board Columbia Comm Mental Health Columbia Soil & Water District County Fair Board County Parks Commission Mental Health Advisory Comm. Comm. on Children & Families Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.

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10:00 a.m., Courthouse 7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church 9:00 a.m., 9-1-1 meeting room 5"30 p.m., 58646 McNulty Way 7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg. 4:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St. For Info call 503-397-7211 5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 505 N. Hwy. 30 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.