

# Council Hears Semi-Final Pay Estimate On Sewer

The Vernonia City Council met in regular session Monday, November 5 with Mayor Sherman Fisher presiding, and councilmembers Ed Miller, Lucille Tomlin, Bud Atkins, and Dave Banta in attendance. Also present were attorney Allan Coon and city recorder Wm. Nelson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved then the mayor called for business from the floor.

Mike Thompson, engineer with Robert Myers, spoke first, presenting a semi-final pay estimate in the amount of \$18,265.50 to the council. He also stated that the five percent retainage fee was being withheld along with \$7000 until the paving is completed in the spring, and \$1000 for completion of the pump station.

Thompson also noted that the pump station was operative and that, barring any unforeseen incidents, the sewer were be ready for hookups within the next week or so.

Alice Menary then requested advice from the council on complaints from residents in the East Vernonia Sewer District

regarding repairs for property damage.

Committee reports were then heard with Lucille Tomlin as police commissioner reading the police report for the month of October. Mayor Fisher then read the monthly report by the Public Works Department.

Under communications was a letter from Jim Davies regarding the two hour parking restriction imposed at the last meeting.

There was also a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality enclosing an application form for operation of a landfill in Vernonia. This was followed with a letter from the Department of Housing and Urban Development requesting information on local housing code.

An agreement and letter was received from Whitley, Jacobson & Associates with Otto Stadel for work required for the reservoir controls.

A communication was received from District Attorney Robert A. Lucas regarding the cost of boarding prisoners in the county

jail at St. Helens. This was followed by a report from the Columbia County Grand Jury which recommended that the construction of a holding cell be looked into for the Vernonia area.

Under unfinished business, bids for fire equipment from Western States Fire Apparatus; Munnell & Sherrill; and Western Fire Equipment; were opened.

It was moved and seconded to accept the bid from Western Fire Equipment for four pairs of pants at \$21.05 each; four coats at \$34.77 each; four pair of boots at \$19.50 each and one smoke ejector at \$218.87. The motion carried.

A motion was made and carried to deposit \$55,000 in TD for the Sewer Bond Fund.

A meeting was then set for November 28 at 7:30 p.m. with Jack Whitley to discuss water plans.

It was decided by a vote of four to 0, to rescind the previous action taken on parking east of Rock Creek on Bridge Street since it was felt it was not necessary and that no safety factors seemed to be violated. However it was also decided to have the police department check for any parking problems east of Rock Creek on Bridge Street and report back to the council.

Jim Davies then appeared to state that he will clean up the debris on First Avenue during the next week.

After a somewhat lengthy discussion as to the pros and cons of fighting court action on the new city charter, it was decided by a vote of three years and two nays, that the suit be relinquished by default.

New business brought up the question of condemnation proceedings on a house owned by Tom Hill which is located on Capitol Hill. The matter was discussed and it was decided to have Chief of Police Jack Cunningham investigate and write a letter stating his recommendations.

Following a motion and approval to send 17 water meters in for repair, the bills were paid and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the city council will be Monday, November 19 at 8 p.m. in the city hall.

## League Of Oregon Cities Convention Set Nov. 11-13

Land use planning, revenue sharing, public transportation facilities and a variety of new state legislative actions affecting city government will be discussed by Oregon mayors, city councilmen, planning commission members and other city officials at the 48th annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities, November 11-13 in Portland. More than 1,500 persons are expected to attend.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be Mayor Pete Wilson of San Diego, California. Wilson, a former member of the California legislature and active in land use and shoreline protection legislative measures, will discuss "Land Use: The Crisis for Local Government" in his keynote address Monday morning, November 12.

Mayor Moon F. Landrieu of New Orleans, Louisiana, will deliver the banquet address. Mr. Landrieu, who is chairman of the Legislative Action Committee of U.S. Conference of Mayors, will discuss "The New Federalism: A Fading Vision?" in comments on federal revenue sharing and related proposals for federal government decentralization.

Other guest speakers will include Congressman John Delbeck of Oregon's Fourth Congressional District and Donald P. Hodel, administrator of Bonneville Power Administration. They will address convention luncheons on Tuesday and Monday respectively.

Special workshops are scheduled at the convention on the Fasano Court decision and its implications for city councils and planning commissions, new state subdivision regulations, new state programs affecting railroad grade crossings within cities, new federal grant administrative procedures, and administrative procedures involved in distribution of federal revenue sharing checks.

Section meetings will be held for officials of large and small cities and for planning commission members, finance officers, mayors, city managers,

city attorneys, police chiefs, public works officials, municipal judges, building officials, parks and recreation officials and librarians.

Implementation of SB 100, the state land use planning bill, will be discussed by Robert Davis, executive assistant to the Governor, at the morning session on Monday, November 12. A companion session will feature discussion of the new highway bond issue and the proposed constitutional amendment authorizing highway funds to be spent for mass transit.

Setting community goals and implementing the goals will be the subject of general sessions on Tuesday morning, November 13. Speakers will discuss procedures for setting goals, financial measures for implementing them, and services and facilities needed for implementation of goals.

Election of officers to head the league for the coming year will be held at the annual league business meeting on Tuesday morning, November 13. Convention delegates will also act on resolutions at the business meeting.

The legislative interim committee on local government and transportation will hold a special hearing to discuss problems of cities on Tuesday afternoon, November 13.

Mayor Dewey W. West of Boardman is 1972-73 league president. Mayor D. Lorin Jacobs of Medford is league vice-president, and Robert S. Moore, city manager, Salem, is league treasurer. Other members of the league executive committee are: Lloyd E. Anderson, commissioner of public works, Portland; Cecil Barker, mayor, Corvallis; Paul D. Geuy, mayor, Florence; Gail L. Haakinson, mayor, Clatskanie; Francis J. Ivancie, commissioner of public safety, Portland; H.B. "Bard" Johnson, mayor, Baker; Eddie O. Knopp, mayor, Pendleton; Norman R. Scott, mayor, McMinnville; and Tom R. Williams, city councilman, Eugene.

## Road Reports To Be Issued

The winter road and weather report issued daily by the Highway Division throughout the winter season will begin on November 1, announced F.B. Klabo, administrator of highways and state highway engineer.

The reports will be gathered five times daily, Monday through Friday, and three times daily on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The Highway Division will initiate a teletype report at 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on weekdays. In addition to these reports, the State Police will gather road and weather information at approximately 5:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 9:15 p.m., seven days a week.

State Police will gather information from their patrols and from Highway Division section crews which will include the following mountain summit stations: Sunset Summit, Wilson River Summit, Government Camp, Santiam Pass, Willamette Pass, Green Springs, Siskiyou Summit, Meacham, Tollgate, and Ladd Canyon. In addition reports will be received from many other stations scattered about the state.

During normal working hours, road condition reports may be obtained from the Highway Division's Maintenance Section by dialing 378-6532.

## Homeowners Advised To Pay Tax On Time

Homeowners must pay their property taxes to county tax collectors within the time limits set by law in order to avoid interest on late payments, advises Charles H. Mack, director of the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Under the new homeowners' and renters' property tax refund program, homeowners apply directly to the Department of Revenue, after January 1, 1974, for a refund on property taxes due November 15, 1973.

"Refunds are based on the amount of the taxpayers' household incomes and property taxes not on when the tax liability is paid," Mack added.

Property tax refund claim forms will be part of the income tax packet which will be mailed to all Oregon residences about the first of January.

In an attempt to simplify property tax relief procedures, the 1973 legislature provided for all eligible homeowners and renters to receive property tax refunds only from the Department of Revenue.

This is a change from the 1971 homeowners' property tax relief program which provided for homeowners to apply for a tax credit which was subtracted from the total property tax payment due.

"Most homeowners failed to take advantage of this program, so the 1973 legislature attempted to simplify it by replacing the tax credit system with a direct refund," Mack said.

## Christmas Planning Meet Held Tuesday

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday, November 6 at the West Oregon Electric building to discuss plans for decorating during the Christmas season.

Due to the power shortage, it was felt more decorations than have been used in past years, would be needed to make up for the lack of traditional Christmas lighting.

It was decided that Greg Port, would handle street decorations while Louise Hamnett would be in charge of the Santa Claus who will be installed in the Lloyd Quinn building this year, to greet children.

Appearing at the meeting was Lions Club member Ted Forbes who is chairman of the window decorating contest this year. Following discussion it was decided that the chamber would possibly give a revolving trophy in addition to the plaques to be awarded for first, second and third place winners of the Lions contest. Those wishing to enter the contest should contact any Lion's club member, Ted Forbes or Gordon Smith at Vernonia Sentry Market.

Forbes also said that it is tentatively planned for the Christmas play at the grade school to be given December 20 but there would be no Santa this year. Instead the jolly bearded gentleman would appear at a special time in the afternoon for the youngsters to speak with.

It was also decided that the steam engine (the Shay) would be the center of decorating with a larger tree to be trimmed by the Girl Scouts with the aid of school children. Several possibilities as to lighting were mentioned, among them the use of lanterns or gas lights.

It is also planned to have street caroling with Don Jackson in charge of the group. Several church groups will also be joining in the caroling. The high school choir will sing in the First Christian Church prior to Christmas again this year.

The Study Club will once more be in charge of food baskets and the Lions, also will be giving their gift baskets as in past years.

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session Monday, November 12 at 8 p.m. in the West Oregon Electric Building.

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## Vernonia High School Holds Cross Country State Bound

The Pacific University School of Optometry has conducted a vision screening clinic for elementary students for grades K-3. Many eye problems were discovered and parents will be notified of the problems.

The clinic was jointly sponsored by the Vernonia Lions and the Vernonia Education Association and funded jointly by each.

Students will have their hearing tested on November 6 and 7. This testing is done through the Hearing Conservation Service of the Oregon State Health Division. Parents will be notified of any irregularities.

Elementary Student pictures were taken Thursday, November 1. These pictures and the pre-school pictures will be ready before Christmas mailing time. The complete elementary package including a class picture will sell for \$4.50 as will the preschool pictures. Partial packages will cost \$3.50.

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## VHS Loggers End Season Play With 7-6 Victory

The Vernonia Football Loggers used a strong defense on a cold and windy night in Portland to even their season record at four wins and four losses. The Loggers used a pass interception and an extra point kick to defeat the Portland Christian team 7 to 6 in a hard fought ball game.

The first long gainer was a 29-yard pass from Ellison to Halsey. The second good play was a 14-yard pick-up to the PC 37-yard line. Steve Johnston was the ball carrier and a great crackback block was dished out by Dick Brunsman. The rest of the quarter was spent with each team getting in some good defense.

Vernonia had the Portland Christian team in a hole to start the second quarter and kept them bottled up most of the time. Offensively the hosts were working from their own 20-yard line when they tried a pass in the flat area and Dick Brunsman picked it off at about the 22-yard line. From there he shook off a couple of tacklers and went in standing up for the score. Senior Mike Johnston then came on to kick what proved to be the winning point as he split the up rights for the PAT and a Vernonia 7 to 0 lead with 8:41 left in the first half.

The rest of the half saw more of the same good hardnosed defense with the up men for Vernonia doing an outstanding job. Scott Ellis, Dick Brunsman, Kris Crowston, Dan McLean were the main stoppers for the Loggers as they pretty well controlled the line of scrimmage. McLean finished the night with two fumble recoveries and back-to-back possessions by the host team.

Later in the game Don Knight made his presence felt in the center of the Logger line as the sophomore caught the hard hitting fever and rocked a couple of ball carriers.

There wasn't much to say about the third quarter or early going into the fourth period except that each team was doing well on defense and neither team could get any sort of sustained drive going. Each team did have an occasional good offensive play.

Later in the game the Portland team went to the air; missed one long pass even though the receiver was wide open; then came back to the same pattern on the very next play to break it for a TD.

The Royals decided to try for the tie game and then go for the win in overtime play. They have the best kicker in the league but it was not to be this night as he was wide of the mark and the Loggers were still on top by a 7 to 6 score at the final gun.

This marked the last game for the season for Coach Melvin Nice's VHS Logger football team.

## Christmas Program Set for December 20

The annual Grade School Christmas program has been set for December 20. Committees have begun to meet to make changes in the program.

The committees are Administrative Co-ordinator, Ted Forbes; Production Manager, Jim Johns; Scenery, Mike Taylor, Chuck Fenner; Drama, Rosemary Weidman, Lucille Green; Music, Don Jackson; Programs, Sunny Huntman, Colleen O'Neil; Advertisement, Marcy Sanderman, Carmencita Vigil.

Santa Claus will be coming to town for all children and although he will not come during the Christmas Program at the grade school, he will be available both to all school children and preschoolers. The School officials, Chamber of Commerce and Lions and Jaycee clubs will work out the details to be made public soon.

## Columbia Alcohol Council Meets Nov. 9

The Columbia Alcohol Council will meet Friday November 9, at the St. Helens Golf Course starting with a no-host luncheon, beginning at 12 noon.

Representatives from the Oregon Alcohol Health Association (O.A.H.A.) from Portland will be guest speakers.

Discussion will be on Industrial Alcohol programs. All interested employers are welcome to attend.

The Councils annual meeting will be held in December.

### NOTICE

All Vernonia schools will be closed Monday, November 12, in honor of Veteran's Day.

## 1973 Housing Conference Is Slated Nov. 8

The 1973 Governor's Housing Conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, at the Portland Hilton. The annual conference is sponsored by the State Housing Division and the Oregon Home Builders Association.

Governor Tom McCall will open the conference by discussing new state housing programs, the energy crisis, and the need for housing rehabilitation. L.B. Day, recently appointed to the Land Conservation and Development Commission, will discuss land use planning and its effect on the housing industry. Director of DEQ, Diarmuid O'Scannlain, will analyze the impact of environmental regulations on housing.

Keynoting the conference are two very influential decision makers from Washington, D.C. Assistant FHA Commissioner Daniel Kearney and Carl A.S. Coan, Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate, will discuss new federal housing programs, the future of FHA, housing allowances, and mortgage financing.

The afternoon session will consist of three concurrent workshop sessions. A workshop on Housing Finance will hear discussions on the new state lower income housing finance program, expansion of the state veterans' home loans, homeowner and renter property tax refunds, and future trends in interest rates. A Real Estate workshop will analyze the State Land Development Consumer Protection Act, Fasano procedures, and the new Statewide Building Code. A Housing Consumer workshop will analyze the landlord-tenant law, state housing discrimination act, the new ten-year home warranty program and the consumer protection program of the State Builders Board.

The 1973 Governor's Housing Conference is approved for seven hours real estate educational credit. The fee for luncheon, banquet, coffee and registration materials is \$19. People may register at the door at 8:30 a.m. on November 8. The program agenda and preregistration materials are available at the following office:

Government and Housing 1973  
 565 Capitol Street N.E.  
 Salem, Oregon 97310  
 (503) 378-4858

## Groups Will Meet Tuesday, Nov. 13

The Human Resource Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13 at the Public Welfare Office.

There will also be a meeting of the board of HELP, Inc. from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the St. Helens Golf Course, Tuesday, November 13.

## Goodwill Truck Duo

A Goodwill truck will be in the Vernonia area to pick up repairable items Wednesday, November 28. For more information call Goodwill representative, Mrs. Cora Lange, 429-3421.



THE EMERGENCY Medical Technician class learned about the different types of wounds such as abrasions, lacerations and contusions, Thursday evening. Following the classroom lecture, practical application of the lesson was put into effect with various types of bandaging used for the different types of wounds that might be sustained in an accident. This was the eighth meeting of the EMT class under the direction of Dr. T. M. Hobart.