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CITY COUNCIL MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM  
City Hall, 1001 Bridge St. Vernonia OR 97064

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**Mission Statement**

The City of Vernonia pledges to be an ethical and responsive government using community collaboration to foster leadership and a vision for civic improvement while providing a safe, peaceful, economically viable community.

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**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance -- Mayor Parrow**

**2. Additions or Removal of Agenda Items**

Motion to approve Agenda was made by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed vacation of a portion of H Street  
Opened the public 7:03pm. Mayor Parrow read the rules of the public hearing.

Proponents: **Mac Mc Callum:** 487 Arkansas Ave. I'm here in support of this, I can make Steve Weller available on speaker phone if the Council has questions.

Opponents: None

Neutral: **Bruce McNair:** 225 C Street. Informational, is there timber on this easement, yes there is, this piece of property runs into the platted California Ave. In the past as a logger I have done work with ODOT, and it is unknown if the timber is the City's property. So for the vacation take the timber off of it, log it and the piece on California, the money could go in the Street fund.

Public Hearing Closed by Mayor Parrow at 7:17pm

Councilor Tierney asked who would cut the timber. Bruce McNair stated you need to establish the property lines, and potentially a load or two, also get the timber on California. Councilor Tierney is favorable to approving contingent on logging first. Close 7:23pm

Motion made Tierney on the condition that the timber that is on the platted vacation, is harvested or may be harvested. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried. Attempt to do it in 60 days. Check with Ruben of the validity of taking the trees.

**4. Mayor's Report**

Appointment of Sally Harrison to the Cemetery committee  
Councilor Tierney has a concern that Sally Harrison mentioned a perpetual care cemetery, Councilor Tierney wanted to clarify that point.

Appointment of Ilene Grady to the Cemetery committee

Appointment of Lila Harrison to the Cemetery committee

There was consensus of Council to appoint Sally Harrison, Ilene Grady, and Lila Harrison to the cemetery committee. Mayor Parrow appointed the three ladies to the cemetery committee.

**5. Councilor Committee Meeting Reports**

Hult-none Seager-none Tierney-none Parrow-none

## **6. Topics from the Floor/Audience Participation**

**Sally Harrison-Synergy** She had a conversation with the watershed council, buy the seeds from the watershed council plant them on City property and sell the flowers for Memorial Day, etc. Go out the people who have loved ones up at the cemetery.

**Steve Calhoun**- Resolution against OLNG, City Hall is the answer here not the problem, you all did a tremendous job, half of the organizations, he is always talking up Vernonia and how we work as a community. You stood up for yourselves and our community. Vernonia did something special and you people helped the process.

## **7. Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

A. Weekly Departmental Updates from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

B. Library Board Minutes from April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda for Acceptance by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

## **9. Consent Agenda for Approval**

A. City Council Minutes May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Motion was made to accept the City Council Minutes from May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by Councilor Hult. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

## **10. Unfinished Business**

A. Tobacco Free Parks

Councilor Tierney asked didn't this go to Parks, Parks has not looked at it at this time. Mayor Parrow asked if this is something the Council wants to pursue. Councilor Tierney is very interested in this going forward. There are a number of reasons that this is gaining momentum in the State. Littering, toxins in e-cigs, setting a norm children and others that are exposed to the fumes and vapors. She liked the healthy Vernonia statement; it promotes health to not have smoking in our Parks. Councilor Hult wanted to Councilor Seager concerns about enforcement. Mayor Parrow. Council would like staff to draft, and send to Parks for recommendation, and then bring it to Council for review and approval. Councilor Tierney will send the contact information for the Tobacco Prevention coordinator of Columbia County.

## **11. New Business**

A. City Councilor Application & Criteria

City Administrator presented an application, and questions for the interview process. Councilor Hult wants how did you learn about the vacancy and attendance requirement she wants that on the new form. Councilor Tierney likes the last three questions on the old application. She would be favor of adding; 3. 4. 6. and 7. Bottom two back in the form of questions and add lines. Eliminate the rating of City performance, eliminate what ideas do you have, add 3, and 4, bottom two in question form and add lines. With 6 and add 7. Council would like this in email form prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> date.

List of potential questions... Top ten and staff will have top 6 by end of the week.

B. Utility Billing Door Hanger

Council directed staff to return with an amendment to the Water Ordinance, stating that the door hanger that reminds customers of impending shut off (48 hours) be removed. A further discussion took place in which Council discussed the 30 day billing cycle. Councilor Jill Hult stated that the 30 day cycle the City is using is unlike other billing and she believes that

customers are not given enough time from when the bills are delivered to when they are due and ultimately shut off. Council discussed and the majority determined they would leave the billing cycle. Councilor Hult explained her position once more for the record and explained at minimum the paying period of the cycle should be 30 days. People are being shut off on the 30<sup>th</sup> day, I don't think that is right.

Motion made to change the door hanger section of the Water ordinance and bring it back to Council by Councilor Seager. Motion seconded by Councilor Hult. Motion carried.

#### C. ISOutsource Backup Infrastructure Upgrade

City Administrator explained the potential back-up risks, Councilor Tierney asked if we go with option 3 a backup in the cloud, ongoing costs. The ongoing costs aren't in the proposal, where would it come out of the budget. City Administrator doesn't know where it would come out of the budget, and doesn't know if there are ongoing costs. Councilor Tierney wondered if homeland security dollars or Columbia county emergency management? Where in budget? Ongoing costs? If we pay for option two now and what is the difference. Staff will bring answers back to Council at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

#### D. City Engineer Contract Amendment #2

Motion was made to approve the contract extension with OTAK and authorize the City Administrator to sign it, by Councilor Seager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

#### E. Council Letter of Support CC Rider

Motion was made to approve and sign the Letter of Support for CC Rider by Councilor Seager. Motion was seconded by Tierney. Motion carried.

#### F. Consent of MOU between VSC & Blue House Café

Jack Harvey President Vernonia Senior Center, explained that the seniors would like to enter into a MOU with the Blue House Café' for use of the Courtyard. Since the senior lease the entire property the senior are obliged to inform the Council of such agreements. Councilor Hult stated she is glad this is happening, and it has been a long time coming. Councilor Tierney asked about the bike rack in the front Courtyard, and the seniors addressed the question, stating they do not want the bike rack in the Courtyard.

Motion was made to approve the letter from Council and the use of an MOU between Senior Center and Blue House Café by Councilor Hult. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

### 12. Business from Departments

A. Police Department – Chief Michael Conner

B. City Administrator – Gian Paolo Mammone

A. City Administrator Report

WWTP: Update that bid package it out.

Spencer Park: New posts are going in, fence will come down June 10<sup>th</sup>

Resignation: Barbara Ward, Airport Park host, Larry Snethen

### 13. Ordinances/Resolutions

A. Ordinance 904- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VERNONIA VACATING A PORTION OF H STREET BETWEEN EAST AVENUE AND CALIFORNIA AVENUE

Due to the discussion and questions related the Council tabled this Ordinance adoption to the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Council meeting.

B. Resolution 07-15 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF VERNONIA'S CONCERNS AND OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED OREGON LNG PROJECT LIQUID NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Motion was made to adopt Resolution 07-15 by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager 5 ayes. Send a copy to the Governor's Office, US Senator Wyden, Merkley, State Senator Johnson, State Representative Witt, and the Columbia County Commissioners.

**14. Correspondence**

St. Helens City County Dinner: Hult and GianPaolo yes

**15. Items from Mayor, Councilors, City Administrator**

**Hult**– Councilor will attend CCET meeting upcoming **Seager**- Approached by a citizen regarding the section of Maple between WOEC and Wilcox and Flegel. Chief thinks maybe a traffic control element. Staff more research, bring back solutions. Staff to bring back the ODOT determination. Council would like to see some action, on the crosswalk situation. **Tierney**: would be interested in putting the appropriate trees back in the empty spots. Council consensus was for staff to bring back an attractive alternative to the downtown tree situation.

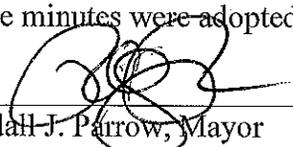
**16. Action Items Summary – City Administrator**

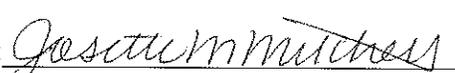
- Timber in right of way, staff to look into the attempt to do it in 60 days. Check with Ruben of the validity of taking the trees.
- Regarding Tobacco free parks: Council would like staff to draft, and send to Parks for recommendation, and then bring it to Council for review and approval.
- City Councilor Application changes: Council would like this in email form prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> date.
- Council directed staff to return with an amendment to the Water Ordinance, stating that the door hanger that reminds customers of impending shut off (48 hours) be removed.
- Regarding options from ISOsource: Staff will bring answers back to Council at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.
- Regarding Resolution against OLNG: City staff to send a copy to the Governor's Office, US Senator Wyden, Merkley, State Senator Johnson, State Representative Witt, and the Columbia County Commissioners.
- Regarding Maple Street and Hwy at corner of Rose and Bridge intersection: Staff more research, bring back solutions. Staff to bring back the ODOT determination. Council would like to see some action, on the crosswalk situation.

**Adjournment**

9:27pm

These minutes were adopted at the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 regular meeting of the Vernonia City Council.

  
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Randall J. Parrow, Mayor

Attest:   
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Josette M. Mitchell, City Recorder

Date signed: 6-3-15

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