



CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
City Hall, 1001 Bridge St. Vernonia OR 97064



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.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Parrow

Mayor Parrow called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

2. Additions or Removal of Agenda Items

Additions to the Agenda

D. Reaffirmation of CDBG Application Approval

E. Approval and forestalling of Weed Avenue approval

Motion to approve Agenda with additions made by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor McNair. Motion carried.

3. Public Hearing – CDBG Application Public Notice

Mayor Parrow read the CDBG Application Public Hearing Notice in its entirety.

a. Call Hearing to Order

Mayor Parrow called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:01pm on September 8th, 2015.

b. Order of Hearing

Mayor Parrow read the Order of the Hearing.

c. Exparte

Mayor Parrow asked if any Councilor's had exparte to declare. All Councilors stated no.

d. Conflict of Interest

Mayor Parrow asked if any Councilor had a conflict of interest to declare. All Councilors stated no.

e. Testimony in Favor

Mayor Parrow asked if there was anyone in the audience whom wished to testify in favor of the application.

1. Casey Mitchell-This is a culmination of a long haul for this project, it will be a 2,000,000 ask in the application, a 10,000 sq. ft. building will be proposed, CASA will help the City in submitting this application upon Council approval.

2. Sally Harrison- The seniors have been waiting since 1996 is the beginning of the seniors programs need a new home, once we get the building we will be able to bring back the people and services that the seniors need to have. We have been sharing the same building down at the Legion Hall. The seniors have waited for the school, and health center to get their money, and the seniors and food bank are ready to move to a new facility.

3. Brett Costley- Program Coordinator Vernonia Health Center, we are looking forward to having the new services next to us, and they are in dire need of a new building. I have been volunteering for Vernonia Cares this summer those folks are in dire need of a new building, one that has been designed to house a food bank.

4. **Sandy Welch**-Exec. Director- Most definitely we need a new building, we need a spot, we are getting by, the door where we bring in freight is low and you have to duck under it, we appreciate the Council's support of this application as the need is great. I certainly hope the funds come our way.

5. **Rosie McCoy**- President of the Food Bank, it is not that we can't operate where we are but we need our own building we are putting money into repairs on someone else's building. We need our own building.

6. **Tobie Finzel**- I have worked through this process, thought through everything and having working on a business plan for the Senior Center, I am in favor.

7. **Erika Paleck**- Representing the Vernonia Health Center Board, I would like to voice our pleasure at the progress being made towards the Senior Center - Vernonia Cares joint project. Tons of time, thought, effort, money, and man power has been expended to reach this point as you all know. A lot of good people have invested huge chunks of their lives to create a vision for this public benefit of the future not just for Vernonia but for the Upper Nehalem Valley. They are crafting a new joint paradigm which should serve both organization well. We so appreciate their efforts and we look forward to the success of the CDBG Application. Every time we have a meeting at the Health Center and look over at the empty lot of the Rose Avenue, and say wouldn't it be nice.

f. Testimony in Opposition

Mayor Parrow asked if there was anyone in the audience whom wished to testify in opposition of the application. There was no oppositional testimony.

g. Neutral Testimony

Mayor Parrow asked if there was anyone in the audience whom wished to testify in the neutral position of the application. There was no neutral testimony.

h. Final Call for Testimony

Mayor Parrow made the final call for testimony. There was no other testimony.

i. Close the Hearing

Mayor Parrow closed the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

4. Councilor Committee Meeting Reports

Hult-None Seager-None Tierney-EMP discussed the fact that CERT Program has not gotten off the ground. There are a lot of people interested, we hope to do CERT training in the fall. We also are waiting for some of the work from County OEM looking at EMP plan changes and we can define it more specific to Vernonia. McNair-None Parrow- None

5. Topics from the Floor/Audience Participation

1. Larry Bernardi- Ridge Rider water leak, the bill was very high he believes there was a leak. Council directed staff to resolve the issue.

2. Scott Laird- Recommendation from Parks Committee to approve Ordinance 906, Scott Laird stated that the Parks Committee did not realize that the Council would be looking at this again tonight. However they did vote 3yeahs 1 abstain to recommend Council pass Ordinance 906 Prohibiting Tobacco Use in parks.

3. Rick Hobart-1185 Fir Street- Here for his permit for his carriage business, Council discussed use of the Vernonia Lake trail. Mr. Hobart stated that he has the right of way over any other vehicles, etc. Council approved the permit for a year from today's date.

4. Ben Fousek- GIS Consultant- Staff has been working on the water meter data, Munibilling system can help identify errors, it is not the easiest interface, the way we were

dealing with customer accounts, we were under reporting the consumption numbers, and we are now closing those gaps.

5. Jim Tierney- Good form to reaffirm the approval of the CDBG application. Reminded Council this is your project. It would be helpful to reaffirm the Council's intent to move forward with the project.

6. Mayor's Report

Recommendation letter from Parks Committee

Tim Anderson Committee Application

Heidi Matheney Committee Application

Mayor Parrow appointed Tim Anderson to the Parks Committee.

Mayor Parrow appointed Heidi Matheney to the Parks Committee.

7. Consent Agenda for Acceptance

A. Library Board Minutes of June 2, 2015

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda for acceptance by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda for Approval

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for August 17th, 2015

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda for Approval by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Council Tablet Purchase

Council was updated on the purchase of the Surface tablets. This will be the last paper packet Council meeting.

B. Horse Drawn Carriage Permit-Rick Hobart

Councilor Tierney asked where Mr. Hobart would be traveling, he will be traveling the roads and streets of Vernonia. He will also be going around the Mill Pond, he gets over when he sees someone.

Motion was made to authorize the attached Horse Drawn Carriage by Councilor McNair. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hult. Motion carried.

C. ODOT Parking Ties –WOEC

Motion was made for City Council to select option one by Councilor McNair. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

D. Reaffirmation of CDBG Application Approval

Motion was made to reaffirm the City Council's intent to apply for the 2015 CDBG grant application for the Senior Center and Food Bank project by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

E. Approval and forestalling of Weed Avenue approval

Motion was made for City Council to move forward with the CDBG application without requiring the immediate build out of the Weed Avenue improvements, with the intent to work with sponsors to find the funds to complete the Weed Avenue required improvements at a later date by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager Motion carried.

9. New Business

A. Pacific NW Works Recognition request

Motion was made to approve staff request to purchase gift card to show Mr. Matt Harris the City appreciates his hard work as part of Pacific NW Works by Councilor McNair. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

B. Wauna Dealer Application

Motion was made to approve the request from WAUNA Credit Union to participate in the Auto Works Program offering customers' auto vehicle purchase program by Councilor Hult. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

10. Business from Departments

A. Police Department – Officer Matt Brady

No report as Chief Conner was on vacation. New hire is currently going through psych testing.

11. Ordinances/Resolutions

Ordinance 906 – Tobacco Free Parks

Councilor Tierney, summarized what had happened at the last meeting; three people spoke in favor, two spoke in opposition. Chief has found that youth were finding cigarette butts and smoking used cigarettes. Tobacco is part of her work and the area she supervises, by setting policy and trying to limit places people smoke, 80% of the population doesn't smoke and the 20% of smokers 80% of them want to stop smoking.

Brett Costley as a citizen who is sensitive to smoke and has children, we usually go to the park, but have to avoid certain areas where smoking is happening.

Mayor Parrow has a question, there is a statement of the gentleman who enjoys walking around the lake and smoking his pipe how many people are affected by that. What harm is there in that, how will it affect other people, restricting smoking that much more I don't see that restricting smoking that much more is the right thing to do.

Councilor Tierney stated it does affect people that aren't small children too, people with asthma, sensitivities, are we creating a norm.

Councilor McNair stated this is a very broad ordinance, not only parks, natural areas, instead of limiting it to a certain amount.

Councilor Hult I'm actually not 100% against this, I don't find it necessary to smoke in a park, I think we have a fine line to regulate people's behavior, it is in our society, can't do some things in specific areas, I think maybe this is broad but don't have a problem with this ordinance.

Mayor Parrow stated he would entertain a motion. No motion was made. Ordinance 906-denied.

12. Correspondence

A. Letter from Nick Galaday

Staff to answer the letter from Nick Galaday stating that City Council is working through the determination of the fate of the downtown trees.

B. Col. Co. Department of Emergency Management's FY2015 Annual Report for the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission

C. Public Hearing of FERC at Vernonia Schools Sept. 22nd /Related Documents

Council has been requested to attend the Public Hearing Sept. 22nd regarding the LNG Pipeline at Vernonia School. The issue has not died, FERC stating there is no impact

13. Items from Mayor, Councilors, City Administrator

Hult – Will try and attend the CCET meeting. Seager-NONE

Tierney-Corey Hill experienced a sewer backup on Sunday, two PW staff were out addressing it, very impressed with James and Jeff to do the job efficiently.

McNair- Looks like the trees at the school will come down this weekend, logging is progressing. Thursday afternoon, sewer FCS numbers, Sept. 21st recommendation will come. Seager absent on October 5th, McNair will be absent also October 5th.

14. Action Items Summary – Assistant to the City Administrator

Staff to answer the letter from Nick Galaday working through the determination of the trees. Staff to address Ridge Rider situation adjust bill and communicate with Board regarding the usage and cost associated.

15. Recess to Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2)(a)

Council recessed to Executive Session.

16. Return to Open Session / Final Action

Council returned to Open Session at 8:53pm, Motion was made to offer the job of City Administrator to Candidate #1 by Councilor McNair. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

September 14th, Council work session, Council would like the acreage requirements, 4-H requirements, and land requirements for other jurisdictions.

Minutes/ City Recorder. Council asked staff to contract the City Recorder temporary need for meetings September 14th, 2015, September 21st, October 5th, and October 12th to Nic Welch,

October 12th - Council will have a work session with Staff to discuss organizational structure and posting for position of City Recorder. Job Description for City Recorder, CA, GIS, PW Foreman, PW Director will be brought to work session for discussion.

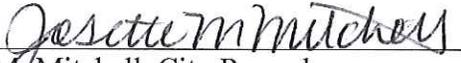
Adjournment

Mayor Parrow adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm

Minutes approved at Special City Council Meeting, September 14th, 2015.



Randall J. Parrow, Mayor

Attest: 
Josette M. Mitchell, City Recorder

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