



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING  
City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR 97064**

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**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Sally Harrison called the January 4, 2010 meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Council Present:** Sally Harrison, Brett Costley, Cindy Ball, Randy Parrow and Kevin Hudson

**Staff Present:** Bob Young, City Administrator; Frank Grace, Chief of Police; Bob Ruhl, Public Works Director; Joann Glass, Admin. & Financial Services Manager/City Recorder

**Press:** Rebecca McGaugh, The Independent LLC; Scott Laird, Vernonia's Voice

**2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda**

Add: to #4 (H). Economic Development and Strategic Plan  
Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (i)

Randy Parrow moved to accept the agenda with the additions. The motion was seconded and passed.

**3. Mayor Report**

The Mayor along with Bob Young, Ken Cox, Bill Haack and others attended a meeting with Representative Cortney Thompson from Senator Murkley's office to talk about the funding for the school project.

**4. Councilor/Committee Reports and Minutes**

- A. Public Works Committee – Kevin Hudson - No new report
- B. VCLC Committee – Randy Parrow – No new report
- C. Library Board – Randy Parrow – No Quorum
- D. Emergency Management Committee – Cindy Ball & Chief Grace

The Committee is continuing to work on Revisions

- E. Parks Committee – Brett Costley – No new report
- F. Airport Committee – Sally Harrison - No meeting the month of January
- G. Economic Development Committee – Sally Harrison – No new report
- H. Economic Development and Strategic Plan

Proposal and Contract for an Economic Development and Strategic Plan

Bob Young presented to the Council that by taking the time now to plan for the desired future, the community can begin to help to ensure its long term survival and begin to create the jobs and local economy necessary to be self sustaining. The goal is the development of a dynamic but realistic economic development and strategic plan with strong support within the community ready for immediate implementation.

Bob Ruhl reported that this would help to give direction to the Committees on how to bring back to Council their expectations and goals in a format that is accepted by the Council. Engenium Solutions, Inc., has been requested to guide the Council, staff,

committees and business leaders to develop an economic development and strategic plan. The cost is not to exceed \$6,900.

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

*Persons addressing the council must state their name and address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the entire City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action requested until they are fully informed on the matter.*

Sam Potter, questioned the Council on vehicles parked on the street with no current tags and the use of land by churches for storage to park boats and cars.

Chief Grace responded that all vehicles must be tagged current.

Kevin Hudson questioned if this was a nuisance issue

Chief Grace will do a follow up on the request.

Council asked if it was time to look at the Nuisance Ordinance

## **6. Consent Agenda**

A. City Council Minutes – December 21, 2009

B. Cash Disbursements – December 31, 2009

Brett Costley moved to accept the consent agenda as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

**7. Unfinished Business** – There was no Unfinished Business at this meeting

## **8. Business from Departments**

A. Police – Chief Frank Grace

Chief Grace gave an overview of his Monthly Blotter Report reminding everyone that there are New Oregon Traffic and Criminal Laws: Increased Penalty for Operating Motorcycle without Endorsement; All Terrain Vehicle Safety Restraint Requirements; Driving while using a Cell Phone; License Suspension for Minor Failure to Appear; Fine Increase for Furnishing Alcohol and Providing Alcohol to Underage Person Law Change and the Move Over Law for all Vehicles with Flashing Lights.

B. Public Works – Bob Ruhl, Public Works Director

Bob Ruhl, presented to Council a Public Works update from 12-4-09 to 1-4-10 reminding Council that the Weather and the Holidays were major concerns for the Public Works Department.

C. City Administrator

Bob Young let Council know that he is having Jim Johnson do a review on staffing and work flow in the administration office.

**9. Ordinances/Resolutions** – There were no Ordinances/Resolutions to present at this meeting.

## **10. Items from Mayor, Councilors, and City Administrator**

Kevin Hudson reported that he had a great Holiday season

Randy Parrow reported that on Thursday there would be a Basketball tournament

Cindy Ball reported that she had a quiet Holiday

Brett Costley reported that he would be absent the next meeting because he would be out of the country which was work related.

Sally Harrison reported she had a quiet Christmas with family and friends

## **11. Recess to Executive Session as per ORS 192.660 (2) (i)**

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**After a five minute recess to allow the audience time to leave -**

Mayor Harrison called the Executive Session 192.660 (2) (i) to order at 7:40 pm

- (i) To review and evaluate the performance of a staff member.

**12. Return to Open Session for Final Action**

Council returned to Open Session with No Final Action

**Adjournment:** The January 4, 2010 City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

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Sally Harrison, Mayor

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Joann M Glass, City Recorder

City Council approved the January 4, 2010 minutes on January 19, 2010