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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
Study Session 6:00 pm/Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR 97064

Study Session – 6:00 pm DAD’s Recycling, Roger Lindsley

Rodger Lindsley presented an information-only report to Council and citizens as an update on DAD’s Recycling Center’s relocation to Mist Drive. He described the construction that is underway and their goal of reaching the deadlines per City council and Planning Commission actions. He explained that the Dewebbers are applying for a Non Profit Corporation 501 (c) 3 status in the future and are in need of prospective members of the incorporating Board of Directors and he encouraged anyone that would like to help to please let him know directly. Roger also shared that the owner of the property at the new location on Mist Drive has given the Dewebbers a great deal for the first six months and then will increase the rent at intervals as the business increases cash flow. Roger explained that he has encouraged the Dewebbers to be good neighbors and to keep the site presentable and junk free as a core business practice. Roger reemphasized that the Dewebbers idea is to mirror the highly successful CART’M recycling center at Manzanita . Roger closed his discussion that he and the Dewebbers are fully knowledgeable that they need to vacate their present site by October 31, 2010 and the Conditional Use for the new site expires December 30, 2010.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – President Randy Parrow called the September 20, 2010 meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Present: Randy Parrow, Cindy Ball, and Catherine Helmer. Kevin Hudson was excused absent and Mayor Sally Harrison was excused absent.

Staff Present: Bill Haack, Interim City Administrator; Sgt. Mike Kay; Joann Glass, Admin and Financial Services Manager/City Recorder

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

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Mayor Report Add: Letter from Salmon Festival for Road Closure – Park Drive
Catherine Helmer moved to accept the agenda with the additions. The motion was seconded and passed.

Presentation: The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia – Marilyn Nicks

Marilyn Nicks, event coordinator, shared with the Council a progress report on “The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia” to have all the businesses from the blinking light to NAPA decorating Vernonia starting November 26th. There will be many activities for everyone to participate to make this a success. The next meeting is set for October 12th at the VCLC at 7:00 pm everyone is welcome.

Council gave consensus to go forward with, “The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia”

3. Mayor Report

Randy Parrow read a letter from Josette Mitchell, Salmon Festival Co-Chair 2010, requesting that Park Drive be closed from 8 pm on Friday October 1st until noon on Sunday, October 3rd to accommodate the festivities associated with the 8th annual Vernonia Salmon Festival.

The Council gave a consensus to close Park Drive for the Vernonia Salmon Festival.

4. Councilor/Committee Reports and Minutes

A. Public Works Committee – Kevin Hudson

B. VCLC Committee – Randy Parrow

C. Library Board – Randy Parrow

D. Cemetery Committee – Cindy Ball

The meeting was cancelled due to no quorum

E. Emergency Management – Cindy Ball

Bill Haack let the Council know that Chief Conner and he will be meeting with Derek White, on October 7th to receive an update on where Vernonia is with Emergency Management.

F. Airport Committee – Sally Harrison

G. Economic Development Committee – Sally Harrison

Sharon Bernal let the Council know that Ben Fousek brought a map and showed the zoning and process in rezoning.

H. Parks Committee – Catherine Helmer

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.

Willow Burch saw paddle boats on the back of truck over the weekend from the garage sale and wanted to know the proper channels for selling them.

Scott Laird, Parks Committee, explained that the paddle boats were declared surplus a long time ago and that the logistic of using them at the lake was not practicable without docks and the fact that they got stuck in the lily pads.

Bill Haack explained that they were sold as they were previously declared surplus with a little or no tangible value.

6. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is a policy of the governing body to approve, in one motion, routine and/or noncontroversial items, which can be determined prior to the meeting.

A. City Council Minutes, Sept. 7, 2010

B. Funds Verification

Catherine Helmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Unfinished Business

None for this meeting

8. New Business

None for this meeting

Business from Departments

A. Police – Interim Chief Michael Conner

- a) City Council Police Updates – September 20, 2010
- b) Dog as a public nuisance

B. City Administrator – Interim Bill Haack

Mr. Haack explained:

- a) That one of the discussions that he and Chief Conner will be having will be the level of service and the budget process that will be starting the first part of January.
- b) The Wastewater Project with Brown and Caldwell will be a finished product to present to DEQ in about 1 – 2 months.
- c) On Tuesday, the 28th at the Public Works Committee meeting Brown and Caldwell, Jeff Harrington, City Engineer, will be discussing the RFP for a rate study.
- d) Carole Connell, City Planner, did a great job at heading up a kick off meeting for the TSP and bringing together CH2M Hill to explain the process.

10. Ordinances/Resolutions

A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 868, An Ordinance of the City of Vernonia, Oregon Amending the Plan and Zone Map for Tax Lots 200, 300 and 4000, Map T4N R4W Section 4AD, re-zoning said parcels Institutional Public (IP) for the purpose of relocating the Vernonia Public School Complex to the site.

Catherine Helmer moved, “To approve Ordinance 868.”

Vote: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent, Kevin Hudson and Sally Harrison; Nays 0; Abstain 0

B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 869, An Ordinance of the City of Vernonia, Oregon Annexing Tax Lots 100, 300, 400, Map T4N R4W Section 4, and re-zoning said parcels Institutional Public (IP) for the purpose of re-locating the Vernonia Public School Complex to the site.

Cindy Ball moved, “To approve Ordinance 869.”

Vote: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent, Kevin Hudson and Sally Harrison; Nays 0; Abstain 0

C. Resolution No. 32-10, A Resolution Supporting Assisted Housing Programs

Cindy Ball moved, “To approve Resolution No. 32-10.” The motion was seconded and passed.

11. Correspondence

A. Thank You Letter/Certificate of Appreciation for partnering with the U. S. Census Bureau

12. Items from Mayor, Councilors, and City Administrator

Catherine Helmer – Reported that there will be a Parks Meeting Wednesday. She will be attending a City/County Dinner hosted by the City of Columbia City on September 30, 2010. For the Spirit of Christmas she will be doing a bake off.

Cindy Ball recommended that everyone fill out the Social Capital Survey that Heather Lewis, Volunteer Coordinator is formalizing to help agencies and organizations with volunteer opportunities. She was pleased to see the new Resource book from Community Action Team. Saturday is the SOLV Clean-Up Day and Intel will be coming to Vernonia to help clean up the river ways.

Bill Haack reminded everyone that Thursday through Saturday he would be attending the LOC Conference in Eugene. Sean Pickner is almost done with setting up the GIS system and getting it back on line which will help to get the downtown planning moving forward.

Randy Parrow had two questions for everyone and asked for audience participation.

How many days of the week start with a T?

How many seconds in a year?

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

There was no executive session

13. Return to Open Session for Final Action

Adjournment: The September 20, 2010 City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Signed this 4th day of October 2010

Sally Harrison, Mayor

Attest: _____
Joann M Glass, City Recorder

The Minutes for September 20, 2010 were approved by City Council October 4, 2010