

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

The Vernonia City Council welcomes and encourages participation by citizens at all our meetings, with the exception of Executive Sessions which, by state law, are closed to the public. To allow Council to deal with business on the agenda in a timely fashion, we ask that anyone wishing to address the Council follow these simple guidelines:

Persons addressing the Council must state their name and address for the record, including whether or not they are a resident of the City of Vernonia. 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.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS

Anyone wishing to speak regarding an item on the agenda may do so when Council addresses that item. If you wish to address an item on the Consent Agenda, please raise your hand after the list of Consent Agenda items is read. For other items on the agenda, discussion typically begins with a staff report, followed by questions from Council. If you would like to comment on a particular item, please raise your hand after the Council question period on that item.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

We also allow the opportunity for citizens to speak to the Council on matters not on this evening's agenda on items of a brief nature. Each speaker will be allotted a total of 5 minutes, or a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. At the 3-minute mark, a warning bell will sound at which point the Mayor will remind the speaker there are only 2 minutes left. All testimony given shall be new and shall not have been previously presented to Council.

If a matter presented to Council is of a complex nature, the Mayor or a majority of Council may:

1. Postpone the public comments to later in the agenda after completion of the Council's business agenda, or
2. Schedule the matter for continued discussion at a future Council meeting.

The Mayor and City Council may or may not respond to audience comments after the audience participation portion of the meeting has been closed.

Thank you for attending our meeting. Please come again.