



CITY COUNCIL MAY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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.

**Councilors in Attendance:** Mayor Leonetti, Councilor Hult, Councilor McNair, Councilor Seager and Councilor Wagner

**Staff in Attendance:** Sergeant Carnahan and City Recorder Borst

**Media Present:** Scott Laird, Vernonia Voice

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Leonetti**

Mayor Leonetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

City Recorder Borst requested that the Mayors report be first on the agenda in order to allow EMS personnel to leave if needed. Councilor Wagner made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested change. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hult.

Votes: Councilor Seager: Yes      Councilor Hult: Yes      Councilor Wagner: Yes  
      Councilor McNair: Yes      Mayor Leonetti: Yes

Motion carried.

**Presentations**

A. "Save the Grandstands" Group Update

Stacey Pelster and Rachel Organ, Intercultural Society of Vernonia, presented the slide show to Council (See File). Mayor Leonetti thanked the group for their effort on the project. Council then discussed the need to hold a work session to discuss the proposal. This will allow the City Attorney and staff to review the information. (Editor's Note: Council took no action until later in the meeting. See Items from Mayor and Councilors)

**Mayors Report**

B. EMS Week Proclamation

City Recorder Borst read the Proclamation for Mayor Leonetti.

**Councilor Committee Meeting Reports**

Councilor Hult attended the Airport Committee meeting where they gained a new member. At the meeting they looked at the budget and talked about upcoming projects. The committee also expressed interest in potential updates for Ordinance 880.

Mayor Leonetti attended the Cemetery Committee Meeting. He explained that the committee is prepared for the Memorial Day Festival.

**Topics from the Floor**

*Persons addressing the Council must state their name 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.*

John Brewer, Grant Avenue, would like to know if Council has had a chance to review the letters from parties interested in leasing adjacent buy out properties. City Recorder Borst explained that Staff was still collecting letters and that she believes it will be an administrative decision, not Councils.

Dale Allen, Arkansas Avenue, reminded Council of the history of Greenman Field. He thanked Council for listening to the group and stated that if the two groups work together, they could turn it into something great.

**Consent Agenda for Approval**

- C. City Council Meeting Minutes for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- D. Library Board Meeting Minutes for April 2018
- E. Airport Committee Meeting Minutes for January 2018

Councilor Hult made a motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wagner.

Votes: Councilor Seager: Yes      Councilor Hult: Yes      Councilor Wagner: Yes  
      Councilor McNair: Yes      Mayor Leonetti: Yes

Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

- F. Library Recommendation – Surplus Items

City Recorder Borst presented the report to Council.

Councilor McNair made a motion approving the items for surplus and for staff to prepare a resolution for adoption at the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wagner.

Votes: Councilor Seager: Yes      Councilor Hult: Yes      Councilor Wagner: Yes  
      Councilor McNair: Yes      Mayor Leonetti: Yes

Motion carried.

- G. Small City Allotment ODOT Paving Grant

City Recorder Borst presented the report to Council.

Councilor Seager made a motion to accept the small city allotment grant and to authorize the City Administrator to sign it. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wagner.

Votes: Councilor Seager: Yes      Councilor Hult: Yes      Councilor Wagner: Yes  
      Councilor McNair: Yes      Mayor Leonetti: Yes

Motion carried.

- H. City Council Letter of Support for CC Rider Grant

City Recorder Borst presented the report to Council.

Councilor Hult made a motion to approve the letter of support for Columbia County transfer and authorize City Council to sign it. The motion was seconded by Councilor Seager.

Votes: Councilor Seager: Yes      Councilor Hult: Yes      Councilor Wagner: Yes  
      Councilor McNair: Yes      Mayor Leonetti: Yes

Motion carried.

**Business from Departments**

Sergeant Carnahan explained that the new officer has started his AFTAP program (Field Training) in preparation for field training.

Mayor Leonetti comment on an incident he witnessed on highway 47 that may have included some road rage. Sergeant Carnahan stated that the department did not receive a call for the incident.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Correspondence**

### Items from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor McNair stated that he hopes to convince Mike, whom works at the cemetery, to stick around.

Mayor Leonetti encouraged Council to look over the Greenman Field Grandstand proposal carefully. He suggested the City Administrator and City Attorney look it over prior to the Council work session. Councilor Hult and Wagner stated that they have several questions for the group. Consensus of the group is for Council and staff to discuss prior to sending to city legal. When the City Administrator returns, Council would like staff to schedule a work session to discuss the proposal.

Janice McGuire thanked Council for hearing the proposal. She would like to be notified of the work session so she can attend. City Recorder Borst explained that anyone who wants to can be added to the agenda mailing list. Mrs. McGuire expressed concern that delays on council's decision may jeopardize the group meeting the timeline set by Council. Councilor McNair explained that when Council voted, there was no deadline for the demolition to be completed. He added that funds were not budgeted for the demolition either. City Recorder Borst clarified for the group that the deadline was set for June 4<sup>th</sup> in order to allow Council to budget funds, prior to budget adoption, if the group was unable to develop a plan.

### Action Item Summary

### Adjournment

Mayor Leonetti adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

These minutes were approved at the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2108 City Council Meeting.

  
Stephanie Borst, City Recorder

  
Mario Leonetti, Mayor