



CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 3, 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: City Recorder Borst and Police Chief Conner

Media in Attendance: Scott Laird, Vernonia Voice

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Leonetti

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

Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Councilor Hult made a motion to approve the agenda 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.

Councilor Committee Meeting Reports

Scott Laird explained that Richard Stein will be speaking from the floor.

Dale Webb explained that the Public Works Committee will be bringing two recommendations to the next meeting.

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.

Richard Stein would like to encourage Council to approve irrigation for Spencer Park. He fears the grounds will continue to deteriorate and become unusable without it. He had hoped that Ora Bolmeier would have been logged so the revenue could be used for the irrigation. He would like Council to approve logging Ora Bolmeier in the spring and for the funds to be used for irrigation. He suggests ear marking a portion of the funds for city match funds for the State Parks Grant application. He would like Council to decide the project is a priority. If Council is in favor of a proposal, Richard will see if he can reschedule the Parks Committee Meeting in order to get a recommendation for the next Council Meeting.

Councilor McNair explained Ora Bolmeier is being logged because of a safety issue. Significant income from the harvest should not be expected as the stand has a lot of defect in it. Mayor Leonetti explained that Council does not act on topics from the floor. He is not against reviewing a recommendation and suggests the next Council may be able to help find ways to get the irrigation. Councilor Hult declared a potential conflict of interest as her parent live next to Ora Bolmeier Park.

Consensus of Council is that if the Parks Committee decides to, they can make a recommendation at the next City Council Meeting.



Consent Agenda for Approval

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2018

B. City Council Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2018

City Recorder Borst explained that there was a grammar correction made.

Councilor Hult made a motion to approve the minutes listed above, with the correction. 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

A. Council Liaison Positions

Councilor McNair will serve as Council Liaison to the Cemetery Committee. Councilor Wagner will tentatively serve as Council Liaison to the Parks Committee.

Business from Departments

A. Police Department – Chief Conner

Officer Hansen is graduating from academy on Friday at 11am. She is scheduled to be back on the office on Monday.

B. City Administrator Report – J. Mitchell

Ordinances/Resolutions

A. Resolution 16-18: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernonia, Oregon, certifying the results of the November 6, 2018 General Election

Councilor McNair made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-18: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernonia, Oregon, certifying the results of the November 6, 2018 General Election. 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.

Correspondence

Items from Mayor and Councilors

Mayor Leonetti would like to congratulate the newly elected City Councilors and Mayor. He wishes them the best in their new positions.

Councilor Hult attended the City/County Dinner with Councilor Wagner in Rainier. She was impressed by the partnership the City of Rainier has with their school. They are a shining example of the what the City of Vernonia could work towards. The retiring Mayor of Columbia City was in attendance as well. She has been a Councilor or Mayor for 36 years which is the longest in Oregon.

Mayor Leonetti explained that Community Action came to visit his business They have a warming center for the homeless when the temperature is below freezing. They provide bus tickets to get to their location in St Helens. Councilor Wagner added that this is a vital service to the community that is run by volunteers. She encourages people to volunteer that are available.

Councilor Wagner commented on the importance of the city’s relationship with the school. She stated that she is



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a School Board Member and would like to see the relationship strengthen. Councilor McNair has discussed this with Brett Costley whom was previously on the board. They discussed wanting to improve the relationship between the two entities. He stated the same could be done with West Oregon Electric. He explained that this is something the new Council could work on.

Councilor Wagner stated that she will not be here at the next Council meeting. She would like to thank Councilor Hult, Councilor Seager, and Mayor Leonetti for everything they have done over the years.

Action Item Summary

Adjournment

Mayor Leonetti adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm

These minutes were approved at the December 17th, 2018 City Council Meeting.



Stephanie Borst, City Recorder



Mario Leonetti, Mayor