



CITY COUNCIL March 6th, 2017
WORKSESSION 6:30 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.

MINUTES

Call to Order -- Mayor Leonetti

Mayor Leonetti called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Additions or Removal of Agenda Items

Councilor McNair made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wagner, motion carried.

New Business

- Vernonia Police Department Reserve Program

Chief Conner explained that the cost to hire a new reserve officer is roughly \$1200. This includes the background check, uniform, and ballistic vest. The program has been advertised for 8 months and after some initial vetting he is down to 2 candidates. Staff is looking into advertising in the local newspaper as well.

Chief Conner is looking into if a psych evaluation will be required or if a background check will suffice. The reason for this is the officer will not be on patrol alone. Councilor McNair would like to see the evaluations performed. Chief Conner explained that there are other agencies that waive the evaluation for reserves, then require it if they are getting hired as a regular officer. Ultimately, he will do whatever is required by the insurance company.

He added that the reserve officers will be covered under the department's insurance. The majority of training of the new reserve officers will be done by Sergeant Carnahan.

Consensus of Council is to move forward with the program.

Adjournment

Mayor Leonetti adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM.

These minutes were approved at the March 20th, 2017 City Council Meeting.