



CITY COUNCIL July 17th, 2017

WORKSESSION

Time: Immediately Following Regular Meeting
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 work session to order at 8:00 pm

Additions or Removal of Agenda Items

New Business

- Open Space Parking Revisited

City Administrator Mitchell explained that Title 9 lacks parking regulations. Council's goal tonight is to decide how to regulate parking in our City. Council discussed the following locations and if they should be fee parking or free parking.

- The Old Pine Cone Lot (Off Washington Ave)

Councilor Wagner inquired as to if the lot was a pay to park lot, if it would be free parking for events. City Administrator Mitchell stated that parking at the lot would only be free if they had a parks sticker. Consensus of Council is for the lot to be a pay to park lot.

- The Old Health Center Lot (Off Grant Ave)

Staff's thought was that the lot would be pay to park unless you were a customer. This will help deter people from using the lot for full day parking. The people who currently park there, mainly Mini Mart employees, will be moving over to the old pine cone lot now that it is getting cleaned up. City Administrator Mitchell proposed making the lot vendor/customer parking only in the summer and pay to park in the off season. Council is in agreement with this suggestion.

- Vacant lot on Rose Avenue (In front of Health Center)

Staff would like further direction on how Council would like this lot to be regulated. Councilor Seager is in favor of the lot being No parking. City Administrator Mitchell explained that the lot will probably be used for staging during the senior center project. Councilor McNair suggested that if the contractor is going to use the lot for staging, they should pay to improve it with more gravel. City Administrator Mitchell stated that we would have to see what is normally done. Councilor Wagner stated that normally the contractor just uses what is available. Councilor McNair is concerned that by the lot being used for staging, it will be damaged. After brief discussion, Council consensus is to keep the lot no parking and look into whether it can be improved for staging.

Staff explained that the materials to post and cable the lot have already been purchased and signs will be purchased. The cost of the signs for the lots will come from the parks fund aside from the signage for the lot off Grant Ave (Old Health Center Lot) as it will come from the food cart revenue which is roughly \$120 this month.

- Old West Oregon Lot (on Adams Ave)

When a police officer finds a motor vehicle parked or standing unattended with the ignition key in the vehicle, the officer is authorized to remove the key from the vehicle and deliver the key to the person in charge of the police station.

o **EXEMPTION.**

The provisions of this chapter that regulate the parking, stopping, or standing of vehicles do not apply to:

(A) A vehicle of the city, county, state, or a public utility while necessarily in use for construction or repair work on a street;

(B) A vehicle owned by the United States while in use for the collection, transportation, or delivery of mail; and/or

(C) A vehicle of a disabled person who complies with the provisions of O.R.S. 811.610 through 811.630.

o **BICYCLE OPERATING RULES.**

(A) A person shall not leave a bicycle so as to obstruct any roadway, sidewalk, driveway or building entrance; and

(B) A person shall not ride on a sidewalk that is bordered by a bike path.

Council consensus is to include a regulation for pay to park lots as well (\$5-day use or a parks sticker). The designated parking areas will be an administrative decision as posted at the lots rather than included in the ordinance.

• **Selective Logging Discussion**

Councilor McNair presented a timber price list to Council (See File). He clarified that current cedar prices are \$1700-\$1500/board foot. If Council still wanted to explore selective logging at Airport Park, the market is favorable.

Mr. Laird explained that if Council took a tree from each cluster, it wouldn't be very noticeable. The Parks Committee had previously discussed using logging funds to purchase a new play structure for Anderson Park. Councilor McNair inquired about using the funds for a skate park. Councilor Wagner stated that one concern with the skate park proposal is allowable surfaces in the flood zone. Mrs. Mitchell added that the committee had also discussed a covered picnic area at Airport Park.

Councilor McNair explained that the goal would be to thin the trees, not clear them. Mrs. Mitchell explained that if the cost of the project doesn't go over the \$25,000 threshold, the City can direct hire a contractor on the small works roster. The only requirement is that we have to get bids from 3 contractors. Councilor McNair then explained how logging operations would happen at the park.

Consensus of Council is for staff to meet with the Parks Committee and Councilor McNair to discuss the project. They would then like them to report back to Council for a formal decision.

Adjournment

Mayor Leonetti adjourned the meeting at 9:39 PM.

These minutes were approved at the August 21st, 2017 City Council Meeting.


Stephanie Borst, City Recorder


Bruce McNair, Council President