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To assist the Community
Monday-Friday 8 AM – 5PM
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Next City Council Meeting Feb 2, 2016



Mayor: Virginia Carnes
City Council:
Ray Corwin, Bob Deno,
Raymond Doherty, Terry Womack
Jim Hinkle and Deacon Perkins

Congratulations Daniel Badal for graduating from the Police Academy!!

Glad your planting your roots here in Pilot Rock!!

City Of Pilot Rock

Next Council Meeting February 2, 2015

The following topics were discussed at the January 19, 2016, Council meeting:

1. Michael and Elsie Tester addressed Council with their request that the City help to maintain the driveway located on their property and in return they would allow neighbors to continue to use the drive in a safe and reasonably slow manner. An agreement will be drawn up and presented at the next Council meeting.
2. Council reluctantly accepted the resignation of our long time Librarian, Susan Hilliard. We still have her for 5 more months as her last day will be June 30, 2016.
3. Council agreed to lift the residency requirement for the Chief of Police position. See article below.
4. Council was informed that the City received a letter from DEQ regarding their review of the Wastewater Facility Plan. Staff intends to have Anderson Perry (engineers) present at the next Council meeting to cover the issues outlined in the letter.
5. Cpl. Lehnert's report expressed that he would like to set a date and time to meet with the members of the "Pilot Rock Community Watch" page found on social media, to discuss crime prevention methods and overall purpose of "community watch".

The following topics will be discussed at the next Council meeting on February 2nd at 7pm:

1. Council will go into executive session as the first order of business to consider a recommendation for Chief of Police.
2. Regular session should resume at approximately 7:30pm.
3. Citizen to address Council regarding sidewalk.
4. Public Use of Private Drive.
5. Anderson Perry to Confer with Council and Staff regarding DEQ concerns with the Wastewater Facility Plan.
6. Final approval of a Conditional Use Permit, allowing RV storage at Pilot Rock Hardware.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

Chief Police Residency Requirement Lifted

After a year of an unsuccessful search for a Police Chief that would live within the City limits, Council was asked at the December 14, 2015, work session, to consider lifting the residency preference. Council opted to continue the search and residency requirement for another 90 days. Although only 30 days in, Staff put the issue of residency before Council again, at the January 19th Council meeting. Council was asked to consider the following reasons to lift the residency preference:

1. We have been looking for a Chief for over a year.
2. Our postings on the various police sites are stale, we are receiving fewer and fewer applications.
3. We have one officer in the academy and we need to hire another. We cannot hire another officer until we have a Chief in place that can supervise and lead.
4. When our officer graduates from the academy, we are fortunate that Pendleton has agreed to do his field training. After that he will need and deserves supervision.
5. Many of the applicants that have applied for the Chief position either are not a good fit, or can't meet the required qualifications. Others have had concerns regarding finding adequate housing for themselves and their family within Pilot Rock.

See Chief 1A

10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COUNCIL MEETINGS....

1. First and foremost, Council and Staff want you there and **VALUE YOUR INPUT.**
2. They are held the **FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at 7pm in the Council Chambers on the corner of Main and Alder.
3. When you walk in, **SIGN IN and TAKE A SEAT.**

See 10 Things 1A



PRPD



Pilot Rock Police Dept.

1/13/2016	TSTOP	S HIGHWAY 395/NW ALDER DR	
1/13/2016	TSTOP	ALDER PL/W MAIN ST	
1/13/2016	TSTOP	S HIGHWAY 395/W MAIN ST	
1/13/2016	TRESPASS	NE 2ND ST	
1/14/2016	WCHK	S ALDER ST	
1/14/2016	CIT CONT	W MAIN ST	
1/14/2016	AREACK	R A KOCH RD	BIKE PIT
1/14/2016	WALK	R A KOCH RD	Pilot Rock Gun Club
1/14/2016	ASSIST	W MAIN ST	ARCHIES
1/14/2016	VEHCK	SW DELWOOD ST	
1/15/2016	CIVIL	SW 2ND ST	
1/15/2016	TSTOP	SW 4TH/HWY 395	
1/15/2016	AREACK	SW BIRCH PL	
1/15/2016	TSTOP	HWY 395/CEDAR	
1/15/2016	WALK	SE CHERRY ST	PILOT ROCK HIGH SCHOOL
1/15/2016	WALK	W MAIN ST	ARCHIES
1/15/2016	DOMESTIC	NE 4TH ST	
1/16/2016	DOG	NE DOUGLAS ST	
1/18/2016	DOG	NW ALDER DR	
1/18/2016	DOG	SW CEDAR ST	
1/18/2016	DOG	SE CHERRY ST	
1/18/2016	THEFT	SW 2ND ST	
1/19/2016	PROP	SW BIRCH ST	J&D'S MINI MART
1/19/2016	DRVC	SW CEDAR ST	SW CEDAR ST
1/19/2016	CIT CONT	ALDER PL	PILOT ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911
POLICE DEPT. 541-966-3651
FOR ALL POLICE MATTERS
PLEASE CALL
DISPATCH - 541-966-3651**

To better serve you, The Pilot Rock Police Department would like you to call Dispatch for non-emergency police business, not City Hall.

Oregon State Police

01/21/2016	SHOTS	MCGOWAN DR
01/24/2016	DOMESTIC	SE CHERRY ST

UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1/14/2016	INVST	NW DELWOOD ST	
1/14/2016	TSTOP	HIGHWAY 395 S/SW CEDAR ST	
1/21/2016	AREACK	ALDER PL	P R CITY HALL
1/22/2016	VRO	NW BIRCH ST	P R HARDWARE
1/22/2016	AREACK	ALDER PL	P R CITY HALL
01/23/2016	DIST	NE DOUGLAS ST	
01/23/2016	HARS	W MAIN ST	ARCHIES
01/27/2016	HARS	NW 3RD ST	
01/27/2016	DIST	W MAIN ST	
01/28/2016	SHOTS	NE DOUGLAS ST	

"Great job by the Pilot Rock School District's, staff and kids, for doing the right thing!"

Mayor's Minute or Two..

As I write this, it seems like Spring is arriving – perhaps too fast? You hate to see plants poking their heads out and then we freeze down again!

Special thanks to Mrs. Mills Greenhouse students for their willingness to reach out to the senior / disabled in our community they are awesome to help with Community Cleanup in May but, are also reaching out to be of help with small projects between now and then. If you have something to be done please call her @ the High School @ 541-443-2671, I'm not totally sure of what the guidelines are but please call and find out. Sometimes the smallest chores can seem monumental.

Congratulations to Packy Doherty on the success of their Grand Re-Opening. How nice to see so many rigs at the event.

I hope all who ordered Community Calendars are enjoying them. Putting this together is a big job and special thanks to Lela Thieme, Jeanette Hall, Jackie Carey, Sheila Buckley and all of those contributing pictures. It all looks wonderful! If you missed being contacted this year, watch for the ads for next year or call me. We'll keep a list for 2017!

The Fire Department is having their appreciation dinner this weekend and how very much they are appreciated. What would we do without their EMS and Fire skills and abilities? Thank you, to all the volunteers for their time and effort.

We are also so grateful to the Pendleton Police Dept., The Sheriff's office and State Police for all the help they have provided to the Community. Special Kudos to Chief Stewart Roberts, Lt. Bill Caldera and Ryan Lenhart who have provided the ultimate professional police presence. I am extremely hopeful that we will soon resolve our own police woes. All I can say at this point is that we are much closer to resolution. Getting to this point has been a lengthy process for many people and we are so grateful for their participation, time and effort, so often people criticize or pay no attention to what makes this a safe community. I have a sign which reads "No one knows what I do until I don't do it" How well that applies to all who help keep our community running smoothly.

So often we forget the people who are responsible for a smooth running organization. If our water is running, our toilets flush, someone responds to a fire or an EMS call, no attention is paid to what it took to get to that point.

Looking forward to an amazing February!!

Virginia Carnes,

Mayor

Do you know of someone, or you may be that person, who needs yard work or other chores done around the home but are not physically able to do these tasks?? If so students in the Pilot Rock High School Green-Key class will come to your home and help you out as part of the class's emphasis on community service. Students are available Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 3:15 pm. Appointments can be made by calling the high school at 443-2671. Tasks can be one or more days in length and must be doable by high school students with an emphasis on community service. Call the high school and we will help you out!



PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

All Community Members Welcome
Get great produce for
FREE!!!!

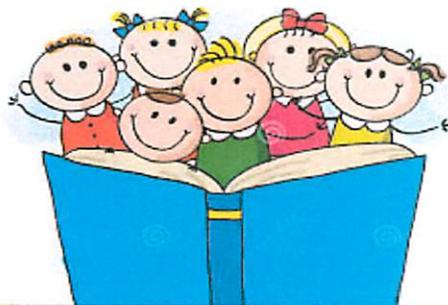
When: 2:30-3:00 pm on the
First Tuesday of
Every month (Weather Permitting)
Where: Pilot Rock Pavilion
Produce brought to you by
CAPECO & Oregon Food Bank

Any Questions, Call 541-276-5073
Call 541-276-5073

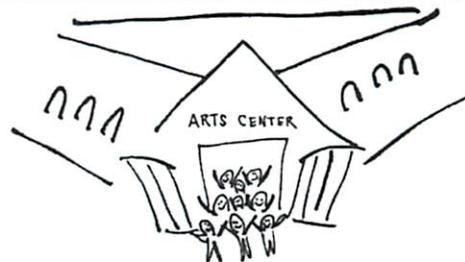


Pilot Rock School District

Friday, January 29th – JV/VB&G home against Stanfield @ 3:00
Saturday, January 30th – JHG at Weston @ 9:00, JV/VB&G home against Culver – JVG @ 1:00 in JH Gym, JVB @ 1:00 in HS Gym, VG @ 2:30, VB @ 4:00
Monday, February 1st – JVB home against Heppner @ 5:00
Thursday, February 4th – JHG home against Heppner @ 5:00
Friday, February 5th – JV/VB&G at Irrigon @ 3:00
Saturday, February 6th – JHG home at 8:00, JV/VB&G home against Weston McEwen @ 1:00. The Homecoming Court will be announced and it's also Senior Night
Monday, February 8th – National Honor Society Induction and 1st Semester Honor Roll @ 7:00 in the JH Gym
Friday, February 12th – JV/VB&G at Heppner @ 3:00
Saturday, February 13th – JHG at Stanfield @ 8:00



Storytime
At the Pilot Rock
Library
Fridays @ 11:30
Everyone is
Welcome !



A COUPLE OF FREE & EASY WAYS FOR ADULTS TO GET CREATIVE AT THE ARTS CENTER:

ARTS CENTER HAPPY HOUR – a FREE drop-in class!
6:00 – 7:00 PM ON THE DATES LISTED BELOW
Hang out with friends, meet new people, have a drink, and, most importantly, **MAKE ART!** You're invited to the Arts Center for an upbeat evening of socializing and crafting led by one of our talented instructors. Wine and beer will be available by donation, and making something cool to take home is absolutely free!

FEB. 10: Revitalized Jewelry
make your own broken jewelry or single earrings into something new,
led by Jean Reiher
MARCH 9: Happy Little Trees
easy landscape painting, led by Barb Ross, aka Nika Blasser, and our
AV guy Ian Shadle

SPIN-IN – a FREE drop-in monthly event!
Spinners, knitters, weavers, felters, fiber enthusiasts and folks who are
just fiber-curious ...
drop in between Noon & 4:00 pm,
every First Saturday.

Pendleton Center for the Arts - pendletonarts.org
214 N Main (541) 278-9201

Chief

6. By requiring the Chief to live in Pilot Rock, we are eliminating many qualified candidates.
7. Currently it is acceptable for the Chief to live within the Pilot Rock School District, which goes as far as Vinson. Which is as far if not further than Pendleton.
8. The City of Pilot Rock has relied on the good graces of other agencies such as Pendleton, the Sheriff's Dept. and Oregon State Police long enough.
9. We have come under criticism, some insinuating that we are getting a free ride, or taking advantage of another agency at their tax payers' expense.
10. Even though we have Cpl. Lehnert and the other agencies providing police coverage, social media sites have countless comments from our citizens, concerned about police coverage in Pilot Rock.
11. Staff has taken on extra tasks that would normally be handled by the Police Dept.
12. We know that there are interested qualified potential candidates that own their homes in Pendleton, unwilling to move and up root their families, they have not thrown their hat in the ring.
13. For the past 10 years, at least, we have not had a Police dept. whose officers have all lived in Pilot Rock, which would make you question... is it an unreasonable expectation?
14. There is no written policy that requires our officers to live within Pilot Rock, it is only a preference that has been written into individual employment contracts.

Not wanting to act hastily, Council gave the request careful consideration. Bottom line is our community has been without a Chief of Police long enough, we have given it a full year and been through many applications and interviews with little results. If we want better results something had to change. By a vote of 5-1, Council moved to lift the residency preference, with Councilor Hinkle being the only hold out vote.

Since word got out that the residency preference was lifted we have received several applications. One in particular has prompted the interview board to address Council in executive session, this coming Tuesday, with a recommendation for Pilot Rock Chief of Police.

10 Things

4. Take an **AGENDA PACKET** located near the sign in sheet. The packet has all the information that is provided to Council for whatever topics are on the agenda. I should also mention that packets are available in City Hall by the Friday before a Council meeting, so you can stop by and pick one up then, if you want to read up on the topics ahead of time.
5. If you desire **YOU CAN BE HEARD** at any Council meeting. Simply enter the topic you would like to discuss, next to your signature on the sign in sheet and I will be sure that Mayor Carnes recognizes you during the "Appearance of Interested Citizens" portion of the agenda. You will come to the front table and have 3 minutes to explain your concern to Council. If more time and attention is needed Council may ask to have it put on the next agenda as an action item.
6. **COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS IN OPEN SESSION** the issues that are affecting the city. The current hot topics are the Required Wastewater Facility Upgrade, The Recruitment of a Chief of Police and Law Enforcement within our Community, Replacement of the Stairs to the School, Zoning Amendments and a lot of other topics that affect each and every one of our citizens.
7. You will also hear from the **DEPARTMENT HEADS** (Steve Draper, Public Works Director, Myself and Chief of Police when we get one.) they will fill you in on what they have been up to either through the Department Head Report that is in the Packet or adding to their report during the meeting.
8. Once a month the Packets include **FINANCIAL REPORTS** that will let you know how your tax dollars are being spent.
9. Although Council and Staff would like to hear from you, you are not required to speak. You can just sit a **LISTEN**. If you have any questions you are welcome to come by City Hall, I will be happy to fill you in the best I can.
10. Council meetings are very **INFORMATIVE** and can even be entertaining.

It is my intention to include articles such as these in each newsletter to keep our citizens informed. I will make every effort to include all sides and present as much of the facts as possible. If you have questions please stop by City Hall and Steve Draper or I will be happy to answer them to the best of our ability. You are also invited to drop question in the payment box and if appropriate we will answer them in the newsletter.

Teri Porter, City Recorder

NEW DRIVER NEEDED FOR
MEALS ON WHEELS

PLEASE CALL VIRGINIA

@ 541-443-5832

OR

541-969-6033

