

Pilot Rock Newsletter

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To assist the Community
Monday-Friday 8 AM – 5PM
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Next City Council Meeting May 3rd



April 29, 2016

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

Things to do this weekend *(See articles)*

Meet the Chief and Hot dog luncheon 12:00 noon, in the Council Chamber

Pilot Rock High School Greenhouse Fri & Sat 9-noon

PR 4H Woolly Wranglers Annual Fundraiser Can/Bottle Drive, Bake sale

City Of Pilot Rock

The following was discussed at the April 19, 2015,
Council Meeting:

1. A citizen addressed Council with concerns regarding the house at 253 W. Main that is in poor condition.
2. The same citizen stated that there are a pack of dogs (5 or 6) that run up and down SW Delwood every morning making messes on the side walk. Asked if something could be done.
3. Commissioner Elfering, was in attendance explaining that he is running for re-election and asked for our vote.
4. The new wage scale and format was presented to Council, after much discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Council approved the Hately Hook-On Fee Agreement.
6. Council approved setting up emails for Council, so that they would not have to use their personal emails to conduct city business.
7. Teri Porter gave Council a brief tutorial on how to read the monthly financial reports.

The following will be discussed at the next meeting
on May 3rd at 7pm in the Council Chambers:

1. Review and amendment to the Librarian job description.
2. New wage scale format, and adjustment to the Recorder / Treasurer position.
3. Updated Fee Schedule for City services.
4. Resolution to Receive State Revenue
5. Approval of this year's incremental increase to the Sewer rate, on our way to meet the \$40 amount required.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

Budget Committee Approves the Proposed Budget

The Budget Committee, which is comprised of your Councilors and six citizens, met again on Wednesday April 27th to go over the remaining funds budget. They reviewed all the numbers presented by the City department heads, for State Tax Street Fund, Sewer Fund, Water Fund, Lagoon Upgrade Fund, Water and Sewer Reserve Funds, Economic Development and Library Funds. All have their own individual budget which must identify revenues and allocate those revenues to expense line items. Aside from the Lagoon Upgrade fee, everything was pretty status quo. Nothing else really new and exciting.

See Budget 1A

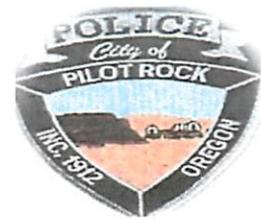
Meet Chief Caldera and His Wife Vicki

It was a long stretch for all of us, going without a Chief of Police, for over a year. The Police department was hanging by a thread there for a while. But you all hung in there with us, patient as we worked through the process of sorting out how to pull in the best Chief possible. And with the help of other agencies, staff and Council WE DID IT!!!! With virtually no Pilot Rock police officers the department was neglected and in need of a big face lift. Since Chief Caldera started earlier this month, working with our Maintenance dept, Steve, Tim, Adam and Jay (Jay was brought on board for a couple of weeks to help out),

See Chief 1A



PRPD



MVA	04/12/2016	NW CEDAR ST	DRVC	04/19/2016	NE DOUGLAS ST
ANIMAL	04/12/2016	NE CHERRY ST	CODE	04/20/2016	W MAIN ST
SUSP	04/13/2016	NW CEDAR ST	WRT	04/20/2016	SE CHERRY ST
EMS	04/13/2016	W MAIN ST	DRVC	04/20/2016	SW 2ND ST
INFO	04/13/2016	ALDER PL	CIVIL	04/20/2016	NE 4TH ST
HOUSE CH	04/14/2016	W MAIN ST	MVA	04/20/2016	SW BIRCH ST
ASSIST	04/14/2016	SW BIRCH PL	DOG	04/21/2016	N ALDER ST
TSTOP	04/15/2016	SW BIRCH ST/SW 5TH S	TRESPASS	04/21/2016	SW 10TH ST
INFO	04/16/2016	SW CEDAR ST	THEFT	04/22/2016	MCGOWAN DR
INFO	04/18/2016	SE ELM ST	THEFT	04/23/2016	SW BIRCH PL
DOG	04/19/2016	SW 10TH ST	BURG	04/24/2016	SW DELWOOD ST
WRT	04/19/2016	SW 2ND ST	DRUG	04/25/2016	NW BIRCH ST
DOG	04/19/2016	MCGOWAN DR	WCHK	04/25/2016	SW 3RD ST
			DOMESTIC	04/25/2016	SW CEDAR ST

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.

Are your house numbers
Visible from the street?

If not emergency services may not be able to find you if you need them.

Mayor's Minute or Two..

I'm hoping all are enjoying the spring weather! The Lilacs are beautiful, the horse chestnut tree is in full bloom and the Cottonwood trees are releasing their "gifts" which are playing havoc with those who struggle with allergies. This to shall pass :O)

Please join the Coty council and staff in welcoming our new police Chief Bill Caldera on Saturday, April 30 from Noon until 2pm in council chambers. Refreshments will be served and we're hoping for a great turnout! Many of you may know Bill already, but please stop in for a hot dog and other goodies! A special thank you to the budget committee for their hours of hard work, communities run much more smoothly when volunteers step up to the plate and accept that responsibility. Thank you for your time and effort.

The community day's committee is also up and running. Please put the weekend of August 19-21 on your calendars. Many new additions are on the schedule we have lots of room for volunteers on this committee also. It takes a lot to pull this event off, so your interest would be greatly appreciated!

I hope to visit with many of you on Saturday at Bill's meet and greet. Bring your friends, neighbors and family! Yards of the month will resume in June and will run through October. Time to spruce up our yards. Remember the Senior/disabled cleanup on Wed, May 4th and Community cleanup on Sat May 7th. We need some volunteers for Saturday. Please give me a call if you can help!

Happy Spring!

Virginia Carnes,

Mayor



Come check out what's new at the Library

From a single plank...
Infinite possibilities.

KEVA
planks

KEVA was asked to build the Shock Castle for a Dinosaur's 2 Anniversary Exhibit.
"Every child is an artist. The challenge is to remain an artist, once they grow up."
- Pablo Picasso

KEVA Gallery of Art
See beautiful KEVA structures at science centers and art museums worldwide.

World Record Tower
National Building Museum, Wash. DC
No glue, just gravity.
316.8 inches - 3,125 Blocks

KEVA Education Products
1000 Maple KEVA Planks in 1000 Pack
1000 Pack is Technical Drawing Challenge Grid
100 Maple KEVA Planks and 2 Heavy Duty Connectors
KEVA Connectors
KEVA Connectors are available in 1000 Pack and 100 Pack.

Premium Maple KEVA planks are made in the USA.
Manufactured and distributed by MindWare.

See our full line of products at KEVAplanks.com

Pilot Rock High School Greenhouse

Remember the Greenhouse for all of your
spring/summer flower needs!

**The Greenhouse will have a GREAT
selection of petunias, hanging baskets,
vegetables, & more**

Greenhouse OPENS: May 4



Hours: Mon-Thur 2:30-3:30 pm & Fri & Sat 9-noon

**Pilot Rock 4-H Woolly Wranglers
Annual Fundraiser Can/Bottle Drive**

Bake Sale while supplies last.

April 29 – 10 am – 6 pm

April 30 – 10 am - 4 pm

**Drop off cans/bottles at trailer located at PR Market
or call and we will come pick up.**

541-443-4120 Logan & Sara Weinke

541-379-5116 Mady Moffit



PILOT ROCK HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, April 29th – JHTK – District at Umatilla @ 12:00

Saturday, April 30th – VSB home against Heppner @ 11:00, HSTK at Condon @ 11:00, VB home against Stanfield @ 12:00

Monday, May 2nd – VSB at Mac-Hi @ 4:00, JVSB home against Pendleton @ 4:30

Tuesday, May 3rd – VB at Union @ 4:00, VSB home against Union @ 4:00

Wednesday, May 4th – Community Clean-Up in the afternoon

Thursday, May 5th – Watershed Field Day, HS Movie Night @ 7:30

Friday, May 6th – HSTK at Baker City @ 10:00, VB home against Union @ 11:00, VSB at Union @ 11:00

Saturday, May 7th – JVBB/JVSB home against Grant Union @ 12:00

Monday, May 9th – District Golf @ PCC, JVSB at Pendleton @ 3:00

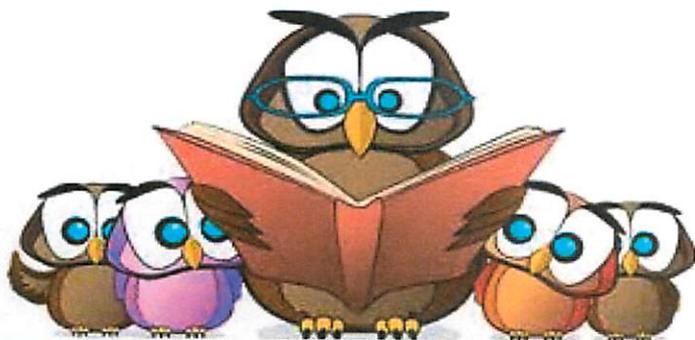
Tuesday, May 10th – District Golf @ PCC, VB home against Grant Union @ 4:00, VSB home against Irrigon @ 4:00

Thursday, May 12th – Play Production

Friday, May 13th – HSTK – District at Athena @ 10:00, Play Production

Saturday, May 14th – VB at Grant Union @ 11:00, VSB at Irrigon @ 11:00, Play Production

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



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



Budget

As I have previously reported we must increase the Sewer Rates to meet requirements that would allow us take advantage of a \$1.4 million grant that would go toward our \$5.2 million (DEQ required) lagoon upgrade. The State agency offering the grant requires that citizens pay an average rate of \$40, for sewer that citizens in other cities, of similar size and median income, are paying. Our rates have been kept very low, so we have some making up to do and that is why, unfortunately the sewer rate will increase over the next couple of years. We are hopeful that over time we can save quite a bit of money and pay off the 40 year lagoon loan much earlier.

Now that the Budget Committee has approved the proposed budget, it will be presented in a Public Hearing during a regular Council meeting on May 17, 2016, at 7pm. I will be publishing a summary in the EO Next week and it is also available on the City website and at City Hall.

Chief

he is giving the police department an overhaul. It needed to be made more secure so that it met government required standards. While being short on police staff was not really good for the community, we were able to save quite a bit of money. Chief Caldera is using some of that savings to do needed upgrades to computer equipment, also to help meet security requirements.

Chief is also very interested in bringing the department up to full staff. Officer Badal should be done with his field training (which he is doing in Pendleton) and back on Pilot Rock streets by early June. Chief is also hot on the trail of a third qualified officer. The patrolman position has been posted for about a month and closes on Saturday (30th). We have received 7-8 applications so far, Chief will start the vetting process next week and is hopeful that there is a good fit for our community in the batch.

As you may be aware an ordinance was passed back in 2010 which provided for a \$6 monthly Public Safety Surcharge, intended to create revenue to pay for a third officer. Over the years as the department shrunk we decreased the surcharge to \$3. I am pleased to report that although the department is expected to be back up to 3 officers this next fiscal year (starts July 1), the surcharge will only go up to \$3.50. We are applying quite a bit of the savings I talked about earlier to our police department which has allowed us to keep the rate down this coming year.

Taking the responsibility of Chief seriously, Chief Caldera has been on-call 24/7, doing all he physically can to take care of the law enforcement needs of our Pilot Rock residents. He comes off as a soft spoken kinda serious guy, but not only is he a professional he is good hearted, honest, a good listener and has a good sense humor. You are all invited to come and meet him on Saturday (the 30th) from noon to two pm. I know he and his wife Vicki would love to meet you. We are serving lunch and refreshments. See you there!!!

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 questions in the payment box and if appropriate we will answer them in the newsletter.

Teri Porter, City Recorder

Community Clean Up Schedule

Wednesday, May 4th 12:30 to 3 pm for Seniors and Disabled,
Call City hall to get on the list 541-443-2811
Not later than 5pm on 05/03/2016

Community Clean Up Saturday May 7th, 2016

8am-5pm or until the containers are full
Volunteers needed to help at disposal sites Saturday
Sponsored by the City of Pilot Rock,
Pilot Rock School District and
Pilot Rock Sanitation

Additional Info call Virginia Carnes @ 541-443-5832
P.S. We don't do Windows :O)

From the Chief's Desk

For those of you that don't yet know me I am William (Bill) Caldera. On April 1st, 2016 I took over as Chief of Police. I come to Pilot Rock after spending 29 years with the Pendleton Police Department. Prior to my employment with the City of Pendleton I was a deputy sheriff for the Morrow County Sheriff's Department for 4 years. I am married to Vickie (Pedro) Caldera, as most of you know she was raised in Pilot Rock. I have three grown children, Brad, Lacey and Lindsey and I have one grandchild that is 1 month old. Yes, I am a proud grandpa!

During my short time patrolling the city I have met a number of people. It has been brought to my attention on more than one occasion that one of biggest issues (besides the loose dogs) facing Pilot Rock are attractive nuisance violations to include overgrown weeds and/or grass, which is covered under Ordinance No. 8.10.210. City Ordinance No. 8.10.14 covers junk. Junk is described as inoperable motor vehicles, old motor vehicle parts, abandoned motor vehicles, old machinery, old machinery parts, old appliances or appliance parts, old iron or other metal, glass, paper, lumber, insulation, cardboard, wood or other waste or discarded material.

For those citizens that are in violation of the aforementioned ordinances I would encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming community clean-up days scheduled for May 4th and May 7th. May 4th will be dedicated to helping the senior citizens of our community and May 7th will be a community wide clean-up for all citizens. These two events will be at no cost.

For those of you that are in need of cleaning up your property I would encourage you to take part in these free opportunities. Any properties still found in violation of city ordinance after May 7th, will be subject to enforcement action being taken. I would prefer not to go down that road, so I sincerely encourage your participation and cooperation.

In conclusion, I look forward to being your police chief. I appreciate all of the kind words and encouragement I have received since coming to town. If you have any questions or concerns I have an open door policy, so please feel free to come see me or give me a call. The best way to get in touch with me is through our 24-hour dispatch at (541) 966-3651

Respectfully,



William J. Caldera, Chief of Police