

Pilot Rock Newsletter

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Next City Council Meeting Dec 1, 2015



November 25, 2015

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



Winterfest Christmas Bazaar

December 5, 2015



10:00 – 2:00 @ the Community Center

City Of Pilot Rock

Next Council Meeting December 1, 2015

The following topics were discussed at the November 17, 2015 Council meeting:

- Terry Womack was appointed to the vacant council seat.
- Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 569, an Ordinance banning marijuana related businesses in the City of Pilot Rock.
- Council approved the second reading and passed Ordinance No. 570, an Ordinance providing for special utility hook-on fees. When a private developer constructs a public utility mains for which benefiting property owners do not share in the cost, this ordinance will give the city authority to enter into an agreement with the developer and to collect reasonable fees from benefiting property owners when they develop the property, then reimburse the developer of the main.
- Council voted to hold a public work session on December 14, 2015 at 6PM in the Council Chambers, to review the strategy for recruiting a Police Chief.

See Topics/1A

WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

Terry Womack Appointed To Council - Voting Error Corrected

At the November 17, 2015, Council meeting, the Council was presented with an application from Terry Womack and another from Jackie Carey, citizens interested in filling the Councilor seat vacated by Kacie Moss. By a 2-3 vote, Council voted to appoint Terry Womack to the City Council. The votes were cast by ballot and although I did state that the vote was 2-3 in Mr. Womack's favor, I failed to disclose how each Council member voted. The EO called this an illegal vote and quoted only a portion of the Attorney General's manual... "Written ballots are not prohibited, but each ballot must identify the member voting and the vote must be announced. Secret ballots are prohibited". The EO failed to include the next sentence.... "A governing body's failure to record a vote is not, in and of itself, grounds for reversing a decision. Without a showing that the failure to record a vote was related to a manipulation of the vote, a court will presume that public officials lawfully have performed their duties." I did disclose to the EO how each Councilor voted and they did publish the information. Councilors Deno, Hinkle and Doherty voted in favor of Terry Womack and Councilors Perkins and Corwin voted in favor of Jackie Carey. It is rare to have several applicants applying for a vacant Council seat, so this type of vote does not come up often. I thought I was

See Womack/1A



PRPD



11/12/15	Dog, 852 SW Cedar St Citizen contact, 100 W Main St Citizen contact, 173 W Main St. Traffic stop, SW Birch/395 Traffic stop, W Main St/Alder Pl Citizen contact, 700 NW Cedar	11/15/15	Bar Check, 194 W Main St Arrest
11/13/18	Drug, 101 SE Cherry St MIP-Marijuana 434 E Main, Arrest Probable cause Business contact, 194 W Main St Traffic stop, S HWY 395/SW 6 th St Traffic stop MIP-Marijuana, 395 S/N Alder St Area Check, 534 SW Birch Pl	11/17/15	Fire, 700 NW Cedar
11/14/15	Traffic Stop, 295 SW 3 rd St Walk & Talk, PR High School, 101 SE Cherry St Bar Check, 194 W Main St Criminal Mischief, 118 W Main St	11/18/15	Citizen Contact, 194 W Main St Area Check, 534 SW Birch Pl Warrant Arrest, 534 McGowan Dr. Traffic Stop, 500 SW Birch St Traffic Stop, Alder Pl/W Main St Walk & Talk, PRHS, 101 SE Cherry St Prowler, 203 SE Elm St Bar Check, 194 W Main St Area Check, 534 SW Birch Pl Area Check, PR Cemetery
		11/19/15	Citizen Contact, 600 SW Birch St Traffic Stop, S Alder St/SW 3 rd St Disturbance, NE 2 nd St/NE Cherry St Bar Check, 194 W Main St Area Check, 534 SW Birch Pl Trespass, 652 SW Birch St
		11/20/15	

Please check that house numbers are visible for emergency services!!

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

Oregon State Police.

Emergency Dial 911
POLICE DEPT. - 541-443-1224
Leave a message or 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.

Mayor's Minute or Two..

Hope everyone is surviving the snow and cold temps. With the holidays fast approaching, there are several things that need mentioning, beginning with Thanksgiving Dinner at Archie's on Thanksgiving Day. Come and join the fun from 12:00-3:00 / please bring a monetary donation for the Pilot Rock Food Pantry.

Also on the agenda for December is the Christmas Bazaar at the Community Center December 5th 10:00 – 2:00, followed by the Light parade and Chili feed @ 5:00. Entrants in the Light Parade line up at the Fire Station.

I would also like to thank Jim Personett for his years of service to Meals on Wheels, you are greatly appreciated. Tony Johnson is now the new deliverer for meals on wheels.

Here's to wishing you a great Thanksgiving weekend. If you are going to be on the road, please travel safe!

Respectfully,

Virginia Carnes

Mayor



Community Calendar

It's community calendar time again! We are offering advertising space in the calendar for \$30 (non-members)/\$15 (members) again this year. The space is roughly 3"x5".

If you are interested in an ad this year, please let me know or call Virginia Carnes at 443-5832. We can bill membership at the same time for 2016.

Thank you for your support. Lela Thiema , President Pilot Rock Chamber of Commerce, <http://www.cityofpilotrock.org/chamber>, PO Box 765, Pilot Rock, Oregon 97868, 541-443-2127

The Pilot Rock JR HG leadership class is having a diaper drive for Pendleton Pioneer Relief Nursery, thru December 22nd. PPRN Mission: "To prevent child abuse and neglect by early intervention that focuses on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents and preserving families."

Donations of Size Large Diapers or Pull Ups can be dropped off at Pilot Rock high school or please call for pick up. 541.443.2671 Thank you. PRJHL.

*Thanksgiving Dinner
@ Archies on Main
12:00-3:00 Thanksgiving day
Please make monetary donation
For Pilot Rock Food Bank*



PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

All Community Members Welcome

Get great produce for

FREE !!!!

When: 2-2:30 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

OREGON DRIVER'S PERMIT PRACTICE TESTS AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR LIBRARY

The Pilot Rock Public Library, in partnership with the Oregon State Library, now offers practice Oregon Driver's Permit tests online. The practice tests are available through the Library's website (<http://pilotrockpubliclibrary.weebly.com/>) by clicking on the online resources tab.

The website provides five different permit practice tests. The tests are designed to help prepare test takers for the Oregon DMV Permit Test. In addition to the practice questions for the Oregon Driver's Permit, other tests review fines and limits, signs and situations, and sign recognition. The site also includes a limited number of practice tests in Spanish.

If you have trouble finding the link on the Library's website, contact Susan Hillard at the Library (541-443-3285). She will be able to assist you in finding *the link*.



Merry Christmas



You are invited to attend a

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 9th, 2015

11:30-1:30 pm

At the

Pilot Rock Community Center

70 or older and spouses – NO CHARGE

Under 70 \$4.00

Share the Warmth!!!

Please Donate

Gloves and Warm Hats
for Pilot Rock Kids!

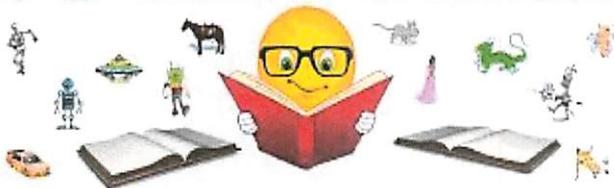
You can Donate @
The Coffee Station #1
and Archie's
thru December



Congratulations!!

To our Football and Volleyball teams for making the OSAA All-State Academic teams for the highest team grade point average (GPA). For the 2A schools the football team placed 5th with a team GPA of 3.16, and the volleyball team placed 7th with a team GPA of 3.72. Great job in the classroom with the academics!!

STORY TIME



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

Pilot Rock School District

Thursday, December 3rd – Josten's will be here to talk to the seniors and sophomores, JHBB home against Heppner @ 5:00

Friday, December 4th – VB&GBB at Wheeler for Tournament

Saturday, December 5th – JHBB home @ 8:00, VB&GBB at Wheeler for Tournament

Tuesday, December 8th – VB&GBB & JVB at Nixyaawii @ 3:00

Thursday, December 10th – Josten's will be here

Friday, December 11th – VB&GBB at Enterprise Tournament

Saturday, December 12th – VB&GBB at Enterprise Tournament, JHBB at Stanfield @ 8:00

If you're looking for Christmas ideas, we still have Yearbooks available to purchase for your students. They cost \$40.00.

POINSETTIAS for SALE!!

Grown By:
*Pilot Rock High School
Greenhouse*

At the Greenhouse:
Mon-Thur 2:30-3:30

Or call High School:
(541) 443-2671



Topics

- Council approved the extension of the American Tower lease. The extension comes with a \$10,000 signing bonus and improved terms over the original lease. The lease is now extended until 2066.
- Council approved a written request from A&V for an extension until end of December to complete required repairs and upgrades on the old Masonite property.
- Council was presented with a determination regarding the \$300 monthly payments to the Koch family. It is determined that the minutes and motions made by previous Council seem clear that their intent was to pay \$300 a month to the Koch family for the easement as long as the city has a lease with US Cellular. The payments have been brought into question because there is no document lease or easement that states the purpose of the \$300, only minutes and motions. Also the easement comes at a \$128,000 cost to the citizens, by the time the lease expires in 2028. Council would still like to negotiate a lump sum settlement with the Koch family or other options that may clear up the problem, but have not been successful in bringing the Koch family to the table. Council had a few more question for our attorney's regarding the lease with the cell company.

The following Topics will be discussed at the December 1, 2015, Council meeting:

- Approval to purchase a new server.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 569.

Womack

following how it had been done in the past, but I was in error as I should have stated who voted for who. I apologize for my poor handling of the vote, but I assure you that the vote was not manipulated and it was a legal vote.

As for Mr. Womack's history and why Council voted as they did... I try not to write about things I know nothing about. And although on November 18, 2015, the EO printed an article regarding Mr. Womack's history, I hesitate to comment on it because the EO is not always completely factual and transparent. It should be noted that the application asks general questions about service to the community and knowledge of its needs. It does not ask questions regarding the applicants' background. This may be something that we can change in the future, so that Council has more history and information on which to base their decision when appointing a Councilor.

City Councilors are voted in for a 4 year term during an election year. If a Councilor resigns their position before the end of their term, Council by a majority vote, may appoint a citizen to fill the vacancy. The interested candidate must live within the City limits for at least one year. Other than a reduced utility bill there is no other compensation. The current open position was posted for nearly the entire month of October in the usual places (Windows of City Hall and Council Chambers, the Post Office bulletin board) as well as in the October 15th newsletter. We received two applications.

Since the start of the year Council has met at least 23 times whether for regular Council meetings, budget meeting, work session, or special meeting to discuss the concerns of the city. They are faced with important issues such as, hiring of a Chief of Police, a 3-4 million dollar lagoon upgrade, marijuana sales within pilot rock and much more. They do not take these issues lightly. Many of them are actively involved in your community either coaching sports, active in their church, volunteering with the Bike Pit, Chamber, or fire department. Most of them are from Pilot Rock and raised their families here as well. They are retired educators, school bus drivers, business owners and managers. They give up countless hours of their time, away from their families to serve on Council. While I may not always agree with Council. I respect the process and appreciate their time, dedication and loyalty to this community.

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

Public Meeting to Discuss the Pilot Rock Police Department

Date: December 14, 2015

Time: 6PM in Council Chambers

Subject: Pilot Rock Police Department

Council will hold a work session open to the public, to review the wants and needs of the community as it relates to the Pilot Rock Police Department. Public comment is welcome and encouraged.

A few item up for consideration are:

1. What can we do to make the Pilot Rock Police Chief position more attractive?
2. Competitive wages for the Chief position.
3. The current requirement that the Chief and officers must live within the Pilot Rock School district.
4. Size of the police department. Is a 3 man department enough or too much?
5. Where and how to advertise.
6. Do we want to contract with other agencies such as the Sheriff's dept. and Pendleton PD to take over all police duties?

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT COMMUNITY CENTER



FROM 10 - 2:00PM

DECEMBER 5, 2015

WINTERFEST

PILOT ROCK PROUDLY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY LIGHT PARADE
AND CHILDS @ 5:00PM
IN THE
CHAMBERS

