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Next City Council Meeting Feb 16, 2016

February 12, 2016

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

Please Check that your House Numbers Are Visible For Emergency Services

City Of Pilot Rock

Next Council Meeting February 16, 2015

The following topics were discussed at the February 2, 2016, Council meeting:

1. A citizen addressed Council concerning rainwater runoff from the bridge and road that is creating flooding in her front yard.
2. Property Owners on SW 2nd will not allow public use of the drive on their property. See article.
3. Brad Baird and Jadon Herron of Anderson Perry gave update on Waste Water Facility Plan. See article.
4. Council went into executive session to consider a recommendation for Pilot Rock Chief of Police. Upon return they voted to offer the position to Lt. Caldera of the Pendleton PD. See article.

The following topics will be discussed at the next Council meeting on February 16th at 7pm:

1. Brad Baird of Anderson Perry will be back and along with Staff will fill in Council on what was learned at the One Stop and DEQ meeting. A new option may be presented.
2. Teri Porter will present the Budget Calendar for approval.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

YES IT'S TRUE WE HAVE A CHIEF!!!!

Well, just about. After meeting in executive session on February 2, 2016, Council returned to regular session and announced their motion to offer the Pilot Rock Chief of Police position to Lt. Caldera of Pendleton. Chief Caldera will not start until April 1, 2016, (he promises me this is not an April fool's joke).

See Chief 1A

Public Drive on Private Property: Follow Up (see article in January 15, 2016).

The longtime use of the drive that runs alongside the creek between the back alley and SW 2nd, must come to an end. The drive is located on private property. Initially the new property owners were open to allow the continued use, but with urging by Council for them to check with their insurance company, they have found that they have liability risks should some injure themselves and also, their rates would increase if they allowed the public to use the drive.

See Public 1A

Lagoon Upgrade: DEQ Review Letter Sparks More Questions and Debate

As previously reported the wastewater treatment facility otherwise known as the Lagoons, must be upgraded. A requirement set forth in a March 2014 warning letter from DEQ, after a couple of high coliform hits in a downstream monitoring well.

See Lagoon 1A

PRPD

WCHK	01/27/2016	S ALDER ST	OSP
JUVC	01/27/2016	SE CHERRY ST	UCSO
HARS	01/27/2016	NW 3RD ST	UCSO
DIST	01/27/2016	W MAIN ST	UCSO
SHOTS	01/28/2016	NE DOUGLAS ST	OSP
MENTAL	01/29/2016	NW 3RD ST	OSP
SUICIDAL	01/29/2016	SW 3RD ST	UCSO
911	01/29/2016	SE DOUGLAS ST	UCSO
HARS	01/30/2016	SE CHERRY ST	PR
DOMESTIC	01/31/2016	SW 4TH PL	UCSO
ALARM	02/01/2016	SW DELWOOD ST	OSP
HOUSE CH	02/01/2016	SW BIRCH PL	PR
DOMESTIC	02/01/2016	N ALDER ST	PR
HARS	02/01/2016	SW 6TH ST	PR
DHS	02/01/2016	SE ELM ST	PR
CIVIL	02/01/2016	N ALDER ST	PR
ASLT	02/02/2016	HIGHWAY 395 S	UCSO
CIVIL	02/02/2016	SW CEDAR ST	PR
CIT ASST	02/02/2016	S ALDER ST	PR
CVL	02/03/2016	N ALDER ST	PR
ASSIST	02/03/2016	SE CHERRY ST	PR
CIT CONT	02/04/2016	W MAIN ST/NW BIRCH ST	PR
TSTOP	02/04/2016	NE ELM ST/NE 3RD ST	PR
TSTOP	02/04/2016	SE CHERRY ST	PR
SUSP	02/04/2016	SW 3RD ST	PR
TSTOP	02/04/2016	SW 4TH PL/SW BIRCH ST	PR
SHOTS	02/05/2016	NE CHERRY ST	UCSO
DOG	02/09/2016	SW CEDAR ST/SW 9TH ST	PR
WCHK	02/09/2016	SW BIRCH ST	PR
DOG	02/09/2016	SW BIRCH ST	PR
CIVIL	02/10/2016	N ALDER ST	PR
OPEN	02/10/2016	NE CHERRY ST	PR
WCHK	02/10/2016	W MAIN ST	PR
CIT CONT	02/10/2016	SE CHERRY ST/WAGNER RD	PR
VEHCK	02/10/2016	WAGNER RD/SE CHERRY ST	PR
OPEN	02/10/2016	NE CHERRY ST	PR

UCSO –UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
OSP- OREGON STATE POLICE
PR- PILOT ROCK POLICE

CIT CONT-CITIZEN CONTACT
OPEN-OPEN DOOR
SUSP-SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE
SHOTS-SHOTS FIRED CALL
CVL-CIVIL COMPLAINT
HARS-HARASSMENT
ASLT-ASSAULT

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.

Please be sure your house numbers are visible for emergency services.

Mayor's Minute or Two..

It's beginning to look a lot like Spring isn't it? I just want my plants to keep their heads down for a couple of more months, but I don't think they are listening! Even my pond is coming to life.

Just a reminder for you to nominate your man or woman as first citizens. The banquet is being held on April 2nd @ 7pm @ the community center. It's so nice to see the community come together in such a positive environment.

Another date to keep in mind is cleanup day on Wednesday May 4th for our seniors and disabled. Our high school kids will be out and about helping where needed from 12:30-3:00pm. Please take advantage of their youth and energy!

Basketball tournaments will soon be upon us. Good luck, Rockets!

Special thanks to the many community members who took the time to attend the Council workshop on the lagoons. For those who weren't able to attend, please know it isn't the cities choice to replace or repair the current lagoon, DEQ is the driving factor behind this action and we basically have no option but to comply. And yes, it will raise sewer rates. That's just a fact of life. The Council has many excellent people working with them to assure the very best possible outcome.

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
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Pilot Rock School District

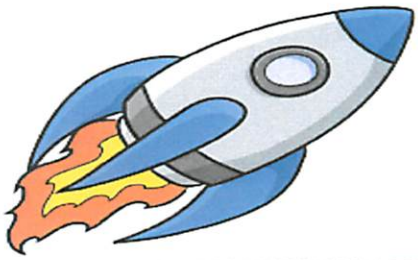
Tuesday, February 16th – ASVAB for all Juniors at 8:00 in the Library, JHG home against Helix @ 5:00

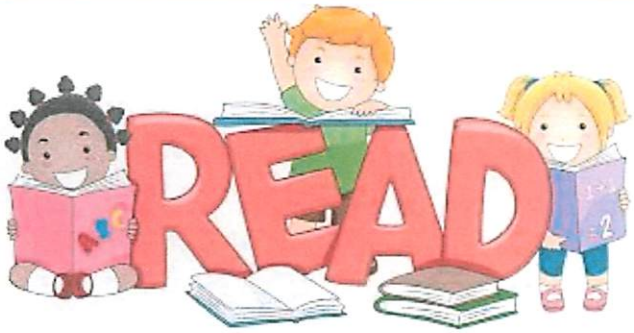
Wednesday, February 17th – School Board Meeting @ 7:00

Friday, February 19th – District Basketball Tournament at Convention Center

Saturday, February 20th – District Basketball Tournament at Convention Center

Monday, February 22nd – Thursday, February 25th – National FFA Week

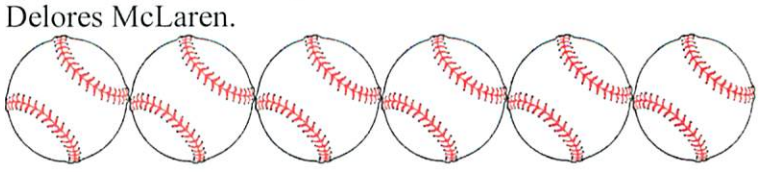




Storytime At the Pilot Rock Library Fridays @ 11:30 Everyone is Welcome !

Pilot Rock Little League

Little League signups: Feb 10th and 24th 6-7 Pm
Tryouts: March 8th 6pm, softball; March 9th 6pm, baseball PR elementary school
Looking for volunteers to umpire little league games. No experience necessary, except love of the game and helping kids.
If you are interested in coaching, or assisting with coaching call:
Delores, President 541-379-2287
Pilot Rock little league and community would like to congratulate Joan Harrison for District 3 little league volunteer of 2015. Joan spearheaded the state softball tournament held in 2015. We appreciate her valuable time she put forth for kids. She was honored recently at the state conference held at Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville, OR. Be sure to congratulate her on the great honor, and her desire for greatness of the kids. Her advice is to volunteer, and be part of all children's success.
Delores McLaren.



Money Smart

Making your money go further!

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start

Money Smart for Adults is an instructor led curriculum that cover basic financial topics in 5 sessions! These topics include discovering where your money is going, establishing a relationship with banks or credit unions, repairing and maintaining good credit, making a financial plan tailored to your family's needs, avoiding scams and financial traps, as well as tips on making your money go further! Come join us from 5:00pm to 7:30pm starting March 3rd at the Pilot Rock Elementary School, free child care is provided! RSVP by February 26th.

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Public Speaking Winners

Congratulations to our public speaking winners from Mrs. Kings U.S. history class! For the past nine years that Pilot Rock has entered the competition, we have had winners! This year is no exception! 3rd place in district, VFW Pendleton Let 'er Buck Post #922, goes to Fancy Russell who has earned a $200 scholarship! Honorable mentions are Abby Rigby, Siobhan Holman, Sara Weinke, Rhyanne Oates, and Jonas Jakob. Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the **Veterans of Foreign Wars'** (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, almost 40,000 high school students compete for more than $2 million in scholarships.

In Mrs. King's junior high class/division, 2nd in district goes to Ellie Rigby for a $300 scholarship, and 3rd in district goes to Riley Waggoner for a $200 scholarship. Honorable mentions are Joleah Jeffers, Brooke-Lynne Basye and Rylee Bray. Each year more than 125,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW Patriots Pen which encourages examination of American history and their own experiences expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

Thank you to the parents for working with your children/students to reach this achievement. Students, we are all proud of you for your hard work! Go Rockets! Mrs. King

Pilot Rock High School Greenhouse

Blooming Primroses Now Available
At the PRHS Greenhouse
Mon.-Thur. 2:30-3:30
***Or* call the high school to arrange for a pickup time**
(541) 443-2671

4-inch pots

City Hall Services

Notary Fee	$5 per notary
Fax	$3 first page
	$1 each add.
Receive Fax	.25 per page
Copies	
Black & White	.25
Color	.50
Lamination	.50
Police Report	$10.00
Copy of CD	$5
Dog License	$5 unaltered
	$3 altered

Chief

In the meantime we are working on an employment contract and conducting the background check. Caldera has been in law enforcement since 1979, the past 29 years with Pendleton. He has been lieutenant for the last 6 years where he has been charged with ensuring that Pendleton Police maintains their accreditation. He tells us that he was interested in the position when it first came open over a year ago, but family ties made it difficult for him to consider giving up his home and moving this way. After a year of an unsuccessful search, Council agreed to lift the residency preference, which gave Caldera the go ahead and throw his hat in the ring. Although he will reside in Pendleton he is no stranger to our community. His wife Vicky, formally Pedro, is from Pilot Rock and still has family in town. It's funny as I talk to folks in town about our new Chief, I often hear that folks are somehow related to him or Vicky. Even though Chief Caldera will not start until April he has already started popping up in Pilot Rock. He has attended several Council meetings or work sessions, taken several tours of the town and even attended Officer Badal's graduation from the Police Academy. Being able to call Caldera Chief of Pilot Rock is a real plus for our community we look forward to working with him.

Public

With that information there was a mutual agreement to discontinue the use of the drive by the public and allow the property owners to block off the drive and use it however they see fit within the guidelines of City ordinances. They say they will put up "No Trespassing" signs to help folks who are in the habit of using the drive understand that it is no long permissible. So those who have been using the drive, be aware if you continue to do so you will be trespassing on private property. We ask that you be considerate of the property owner's rights. Thank you.

Lagoon

The original warning letter stated that the "City must submit a facilities plan to identify and select options to upgrade the sewage treatment lagoons to prevent further degradation to the groundwater." The City contacted Anderson Perry Engineers to develop the required plan. After many meetings and work session Council settled on 4 options (outlined in July 24, 2015, newsletter) that were included in the plan and submitted to DEQ for review. The City received a review letter from DEQ dated December 30, 2015, indicating that now they are requiring the Primary Lagoon be lined, which will add another $1 million or more to each of the already costly options. The letter also states that given the lagoons proximity to Birch Creek no seepage is allowed. Brad Baird and Jadon Herron of Anderson Perry were present at the February 2, 2016, Council meeting address these issues with Council. Folks are urged to read the minutes from this meeting, as I typed them up in great detail. Council decided to arrange a meeting with DEQ to work out these issues and changes in criteria. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 16th results of which will be discussed at the Council meeting that evening.

We have been enjoying larger crowds at the Council meetings and hope that folks will continue to attend. The meeting of the 16th will be an important one with a lot of information and hopefully some decisions made. You can read the minutes online at www.cityofpilotrock.org. or stop by City hall and we will print you a copy.

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