Pilot Rock Newsletter

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Next City Council Meeting Nov 17, 2015

November 13, 2015

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

Last Bike Races of the Season Nov 22nd

Gates Open @ 7:00 am, Practice from 9-10 am, Races Begin @ 10am, Gate fees $8.00

City Of Pilot Rock

Next Council Meeting November 17, 2015

The following topics were discussed at the November 3, 2015, Council meeting:

- A power point presentation opposing marijuana related business in Pilot Rock.
- Consideration of an ordinance to ban marijuana related businesses within the City limits.
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance allowing for special hook-on fees.
- Approved the transfer of funds from contingency to the legal line item in the general fund.
- Approved vacations for Teri Porter and Steve Draper.

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

- Appointment of a city councilor
- First reading of Ordinance No. 569 Banning marijuana related businesses within Pilot Rock.
- Second reading of Ordinance No. 570 allowing special hook-on fees.
- Review of the Police Chief Recruiting strategy.
- Extension of the American Tower lease.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

Termination of Pilot Rock Police Officer

Council met Tuesday night, November 10th, during a Special Meeting to consider the discipline or termination of Officer Thompson, under ORS 192.660.(b) Discipline of Public Officers and Employees. This Oregon statute allows the Officer to request the meeting to be held in an open hearing. Officer Thompson chose to keep it in executive session. **See Officer/1A**

OFFICER LEHNERT IS ON THE JOB

Cpl. Ryan Lehnert of the Pendleton Police Department has been working 40 hours a week in Pilot Rock. He is on the street patrolling, answering calls for service, visiting our schools and businesses, following up on all calls, tying up loose ends and supporting staff as we journey through this process of restoring strength to our police department. Officer Lehnert is a seasoned police officer with many years of experience under his belt and is working a schedule that includes both days and nights. He is a shining star and a pleasure to work with.

See On the Job/1A

Ordinance to Ban Marijuana Related Businesses

Council voted to move forward with an ordinance that would ban marijuana related businesses within the Pilot Rock city limits, during the November 3, 2015, Council meeting. Deacon Perkins made a power point presentation covering such issues as, community values, availability of staff and budget for regulation enforcement, and the social costs. He suggested that Council support the ban on marijuana related business, wait to see what happens in Washington, Colorado and other Oregon cities, then in a few years if Council wants to take another look at it they may choose to lift the ban at that time. **See Marijuana/1A**

PRPD

10/15/15	Citizen contact SW 3rd St.
	Citizen Contact SE Cherry St.
	Assault SE Cherry St.
	Trespass NE 2nd St.
10/16/15	Illegal Burn W Main St.
	Traffic Stop NE 3rd St./Elm
	Traffic stop SW Birch St./3rd
10/17/15	Criminal Mischief W Main St.
10/18/15	Traffic Stop NW Cedar St.
	Disturbance NW Cedar St.
	Traffic Stop HWY 395/SW Cedar St.
	Traffic stop W Main St.
10/19/15	Violation of Restraining order SW Cherry St.
	Dog Complaint NW Birch St.
10/20/15	Dog Complaint NW Birch St.
	Civil SW Cedar St.
	Dog Complaint SW Cedar St.
	Dog Complaint SW 2nd St.
	Welfare Check SW Cedar St.
10/21/15	Dog Complaint SW Cedar St.
10/22/15	Domestic NE Douglas St.
	Assault SW Birch Pl
10/22/15	Livestock HWY 395 S
10/24/15	Welfare check SE Elm St.
10/26/15	Juvenile Complaint NW Alder Dr.
10/30/15	Dog Complaint HWY 395 S
11/02/15	Business Contact W Main St.
	Business Contact W Main St.
11/03/15	Traffic stop W Main St./395
	Dog Complaint SW Birch St.
	Business Contact W Main St.
11/04/15	Citizen Contact SW 2nd St.
	Citizen Contact SW 3rd St.
	Livestock Mill RD.
	Citizen Contact SE Cherry St.
	Bar check W Main St.
11/05/15	Traffic Stop HWY 395/SW 6th St.
	Business Contact W Main St.
11/08/15	Harassment SW Cedar St.
11/10/15	School Function PRHS
	Traffic Stop NW Alder St.
	Traffic Stop SE 2nd St.
11/12/15	Dog Complaint SW Cedar St.
	Citizen Contact W Main St.

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

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

10/27/15	Public Works NE Douglas St.
	Civil Alder Pl.
11/07/15	Juvenile Complaint SE Cherry St.
11/11/15	Assault/Theft W Main St.

Oregon State Police

10/30/15	Welfare Check NW 3rd St.

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..

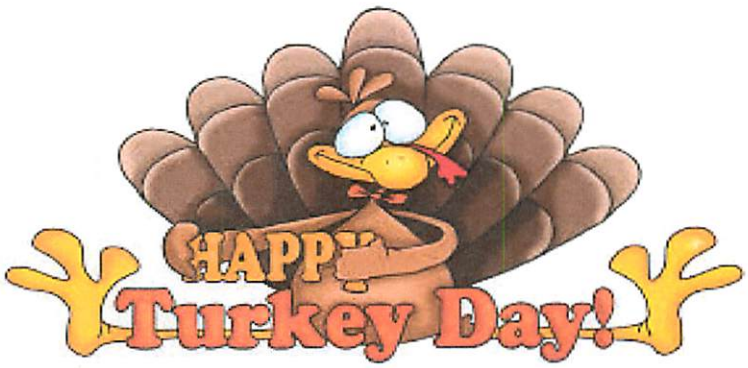
As Thanksgiving fast approaches we as a community have so very much to be grateful for in our lives. I hope you saw the flag display on both sides of 395 and downtown, put up for Veteran's Day. Thank you Glen Snively for the wonderful display. You are appreciated! I also hope you had the opportunity to attend one or more of the ceremonies honoring our veteran's either at our high school or the Pendleton Convention Center. They were awesome, and on many occasions brought a tear to the eye.

Thanksgiving also brings thanks to the many who offer support, advice and understanding to our community during difficult times. We owe a huge debt to many people. As you sit down to Thanksgiving dinner, say a small prayer for all of those men and women who keep us safe and protected on many fronts. Things are not always what they appear to be on the surface. I would also like to include our City Council in that prayer. They devote many, many hours, doing their best for the citizens of this community. Thanks also to Pastor Harley Jeffers for his many prayers which open each Council meeting. A very special thanks to the City staff for the untold hours of keeping things moving in a sound manner, your water running, and yes, your toilets flushing. A word of thanks and appreciation go a long way when they shoulder the brunt of people who often don't understand the circumstances surrounding a situation

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and if you are not up to cooking, come on down to Archie's and support the Food Pantry as well as enjoying a great turkey dinner!

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 Remnant
222 SW 3rd
Winter Hours
Wed. – Fri. 1-6pm
Saturday 10-5 pm
Watch for November Sales

Rocket Readers
Book club meets
Thursday November 19th at 6 pm
At the Pilot Rock Library

Thank you

To the Pilot Rock citizen who directed a door to door Peddler to report to City Hall for a license, Turns out after a back ground check a permit could not be issued.

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

Pilot Rock School District

Friday, November 13th – SCHOOL IN SESSION, 9th graders to O.M.S.I.
Saturday, November 14th – JHBB at Umatilla @ 8:00
Tuesday, November 17th – JHBB at Helix @ 5:00
Wednesday, November 18th – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 in the Library
Thursday, November 19th – JHBB at Heppner @ 5:00, Theater Production of "Frankenstein". The doors open at 6:30 with the play starting at 7:00
Friday, November 20th – Theater Production of "Frankenstein". The doors open @ 6:30 with the play starting at 7:00
Saturday, November 21st – JHBB at Weston @ 8:00, Theater Production of "Frankenstein". The doors open at 6:30 with the play starting at 7:00
Tuesday, November 24th – Tri-City Hockey Game
Wednesday, November 25th – NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Thursday, November 26th – NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Friday, November 27th – NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Holiday Bazaar

Stitch 'N' Chatter Quilters will have a Holiday Bazaar on November 21st from 10-4 pm at the Ukiah Presbyterian Church. Quilts and other handmade items will be for sale. Get an early start on Christmas shopping.

Winter At The Library

The days are growing shorter. Daylight Saving Time has come to an end. Outdoor activity opportunities are limited. Your local library can help fill the long cold days and dark evenings.

Your local public library has an abundance of resources available.

Of course, your library has a wide range of books – fiction and nonfiction, books for adults, young adult, children – and magazines.

If you find yourself traveling or anticipate being delayed, download e-books and audio books to your e-reader using Library2Go.

Need a movie to watch. All 12 public libraries have DVD collections, with a few libraries having Blu-Ray collections.

So, you want to resurrect that 1964 Ford Mustang in the garage instead of curling up with a good book or watch a video. Your library can help with that too. *EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center* is available to all Umatilla County library card holders, in good standing. *Auto Repair Reference Center* has information about accessories, brakes, drive trains, engines, HVAC, along with other repair information, service bulletins and recall notes for most current models, plus many models back to the 1950s.

Are you spending your winter planning for your summer vacation in Europe or Asia? The library has resources to help you, as well. In addition to travel books and DVDs, you can learn some basic language skills for your destination by using *Mango Languages* online. Whether it's Italian or Greek in Europe or Japanese or Korean in Asia, Mango offers more than 70 languages from around the world to choose from. While learning your new language, *Mango* will include some basic cultural skills to prepare you for your visit.

Throughout the year each of the libraries offer special programs. Check with your public library to see what programs, such as Santa visits, they are offering this winter.

Have you been exploring your family's past? The public library can help find your roots with HeritageQuest and Ancestry Library Edition.

HeritageQuest is an online source for researching your family's history, the history of a local region, and genealogy research. It provides access to U.S. census records, books, periodicals, Revolutionary War service records, and Freedman's Bank deposit or records. It also can lead you to resources on how- to-do genealogy research. HeritageQuest is available both in the library and at home.

Ancestry Library Edition is from the Ancestry.Com people. It offers many of the same features as ancestry.com, though not all. Please note that Ancestry Library Edition is only available in your local library.

As a library cardholder at your library, you have access to materials in other libraries through interlibrary loans (ILL). The Sage Library System, a consortium of most of the public libraries in Eastern Oregon, including UCSLD, offers access to over a million titles from throughout Eastern Oregon.

You have two ways to explore the Sage holdings. First, at the library you can use the electronic card catalog. Secondly, you can examine holdings from home, by using your library's website. (All 12 library websites are on page 4 of this newsletter.) Requested ILL materials are usually delivered to your library within a week for pick-up.

Accessing any of these resources is easy. All you need is a library card in good standing. Of course, for the on-line resources you will need access to the internet.

Interested in any of these services and unsure how to access them contact your local library. The staff will be happy to get you started.

UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
Strengthening our community libraries

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

PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

All Community Members Welcome

Get great produce for

FREE !!!!

When: 2-2:30 pm on the <u>First</u> Tuesday of

Every month (Weather Permitting)

Where: Pilot Rock Pavilion

Produce brought to you by

CAPECO

and

Oregon Food Bank

Any Questions

Call 541-276-5073

Fall 2015 at the Pendleton Center for the Arts

Youth Offerings

PAPER PRESENTS (AGES 8-12)

SATURDAYS, 12:00 – 2:00 PM, DECEMBER 5 AND DECEMBER 12 (2 SESSIONS)

ERICA EDWARDS/KIM CHAVEZ, INSTRUCTORS

$30 MEMBERS / $35 NON-MEMBERS + $5 MATERIALS

Here's the chance to make handmade presents for the holidays! Kim and Erica will lead kids through paper-making and paper-marbling; two fun, hands-on processes that result in guaranteed gorgeous art pieces. They can be given as-is, or just fold in half and you have a holiday card!

Adult Offerings

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 three upbeat evenings of socializing and crafting lead by one of our talented instructors. Wine and beer will be available by donation, and making something cool to take home is absolutely free!

NOV. 18: **Mini-Diorama Ornaments**

diorama in a teacup, much cuter than a tempest, led by Natalie Sanusi

DEC. 9: **Cubomania Collage**

totally surreal holiday cards, led by Lori Sams

See the full schedule at www.pendletonarts.org

Officer

Materials discussed in executive session are confidential and only available to those in attendance. Council and Staff are bound not to disclose what was discussed during the closed session. Prior to making any type of decision the City seeks the advice of Legal Counsel and professionals that may help in the process. After careful consideration of all the facts, Council moved to terminate Officer Thompson's employment. Given the diminished state of our police department this decision was not an easy one to make. City Council continues to make decisions based on what is in the best interest of this community.

On the Job

Once it became evident that we may lose our only certified officer, Chief Roberts (of Pendleton) set to figuring out how he could aid us in maintaining a police presence in our community. He juggled his schedules and while I know it is a sacrifice for Pendleton, Chief freed up Officer Lehnert and placed him in Pilot Rock. Chief also spoke with the sheriff's department and state police and asked them for their continued assistance. I have noticed sheriff's deputy's rolling through our streets as well as few more sightings of state police. This is in addition to their response to emergency calls when Officer Lehnert is not on. We can not express enough gratitude to these agencies for all their support.

All of this support helps us to continue our search for a Chief that is the right fit for our community. Our most recent candidate withdrew his application as he was offered an unsolicited position with his previous employer. We are anxious to fill this position. Working without a Chief has put a lot of work and stress on City Hall, it is no easy task. What is important is that we find the right person for the job so we soldier on. Council will be asked to take a look at the recruitment strategy at next Tuesday's Council meeting, to see if there is anything more we can do to attract the right candidate.

In the meantime Officer Badal is doing well at the academy. He calls or emails with weekly reports and tells me it is no cake walk but he has a B average and is striving to bring that up even higher. Badal will graduate in February then will have to go through the field training portion of his education as a police officer. If we do not have a Chief by then, we will have to appeal to Pendleton to take Officer Badal under their wing and give him the benefit of the kind of training a department like Pendleton can offer.

Marijuana

Council has held several work session, as well as a public hearing to hear all argument both in favor and opposed to the ban. While the November 3rd meeting was not a public hearing, Council granted permission to a couple of citizens who wanted to speak in favor of allowing marijuana related businesses in the city limits. The main argument being that the State legalized marijuana after a majority vote. These citizens believes in a majority rule and do not feel that the state should allow cities to tweek what was voted on by the majority.

House Bill 3400 allows for local governments in counties whose residents were strongly opposed to legal pot, now have the right to ban retail operations. 62.7% of Pilot Rock residents who voted, were opposed to legalizing marijuana. Not having a police department that is up to staff and ready to take on any issues that such a business may present was a major consideration as well as the fact that while the state may have legalized marijuana the federal government has not. But what really tipped the scale was the majority vote of Pilot Rock citizens opposed to legal marijuana.

The ordinance banning marijuana related businesses, does just that. It does not ban the legal use of marijuana. Council will be presented with the Ordinance at the November 17, 2015, meeting, they may approve the 1st reading of the ordinance. The ordinance will be read a second time during the December 2nd Council meeting, if approved the Ordinance will be in effect immediately.

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