



Tradin' Crows

December 2014 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed for Lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

- Cliff Combs
- Vacant
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Earl Shamblin
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- John Schaeffer
- Don Daugherty
- JoAnne Mead
- Shirley O'Gara
- Don Collins
- Bill Jones
- Evan Goeglein

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

Public Works Director/City Engineer: John Krawczyk



City Council Update



The November Council meeting began with an Invocation delivered by Pastor Steven Keeton with the Calvary Chapel and the Mayor initiating the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Council began the meeting by holding a public hearing to hear citizens views about the governments' performance regarding the completion of the Water Master Plan Update Project funded with Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Oregon Business Development Department. This is a requirement of the City to be reimbursed for the project. The City Council did not hear or receive and written comments from the public.

The City Council also took action on the following item:

- ◇ Authorized the Mayor to sign a retainer agreement with Steven E. Rich, Attorney at Law to serve as legal counsel and advisor to the City officials and authorized agents
- ◇ Authorized the Mayor to sign a memorandum agreement with the State of Oregon, Building Codes Division relating to the Delegated Building Inspection Program
- ◇ Appointed Sherill Boots and Kathleen Faye to the Tree City Committee
- ◇ Authorized a Pledge to the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce to be a Platinum Level Sponsor to the free Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Mayor Pam VanArsdale read a Proclamation declaring the City of Rogue River a "Partner of the Rogue Valley Food System Network" in an effort to strengthen our community's food system.

The next and last City Council meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 due to the Christmas Holiday. The Mayor and City Council welcome your attendance at all public meetings held by the City Council and Planning Commission. All meetings are open to the public with exception to Executive Sessions. If you have any questions about a meeting or functions of the City please stop in at City Hall and staff will be happy to help you.



Happy Holiday's from Mayor Pam, the City Council, the many volunteers and staff members that help make Rogue River run and prosper so successfully!



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**Scheduled Events
December 2014**



- 3rd 9:00am Sign Review Board
- 10:00am Safety Committee
- 4th 9:30am Personnel Committee
- 10:00am City Council Workshop
- 9th 10:00am Planning Commission Workshop
- 10th 6:30pm Tree City Committee
- 15th 2:30pm Finance Committee
- 17th 9:00am Sign Review Board
- 18th 10:00am City Council Workshop
- 7:00pm City Council Meeting
- 23rd 10:00am Planning Commission Meeting
- 25th CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS
- 30th 2:30pm Finance Committee

Season's Greetings!

Get out your thinking caps, sharpen your pencils, and come join us for a series of community meetings to update our Strategic Plan. A Strategic Plan is a collective vision of our residents as to what they'd like to see their community become a decade or more in the future, identifying what our citizens most value about Rogue River, and determining courses of action to preserve and enhance those values. I think that we still have the same basic values and visions for our town that we had back in 1996, but let's get together and make sure that's the case. When our Strategic Plan was developed back then, it was a huge undertaking that was made possible through grant money and many volunteers that contributed hundreds of hours. I don't believe an update will require such an intensive effort as the original Plan did, and since I haven't been able to find any grant monies to assist us, I'm going to be relying on volunteers and the community to help with the work. I would like to get the business owners, young people, seniors, and the folks that live outside the city limits but shop, work and take part in community activities to come and participate. We'll start getting flyers, surveys, and more information about meeting times and places out to everyone after the new year.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday seasons

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself...

~Norman Wesley Brooks
(U.S. design engineer, 1923-2002)
"Let Every Day Be Christmas," 1976

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



**Rogue River Community Center's
Christmas Project Partners**

are collecting items with the help from local businesses for Christmas baskets to add a little extra Christmas cheer for some of our local families. Donation barrels are located at many businesses around town. City Hall has a barrel and more information if you are interested in giving!



Rogue River's Annual Tree Lighting



Where: Downtown Plaza

When: Saturday, December 6th

Dinner: 4:30 pm in the Live Oak Grange
Serving Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Tree Lighting: 6:00 pm

Please join the Chamber of Commerce, Live Oak Grange and City in this annual event of lighting up the Downtown Plaza and the "Tree of Hope" while visiting and celebrating with your neighbors, family and friends.