



Tradin' Crows

August 2016 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:

- Bill Jones
- Fred England
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- John Schaeffer
- Cindy England
- Dean Stirm
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Rick Kempa
- Carolyn Riley

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

Public Works Director/City
Engineer: John Krawczyk

City Council Update ...

Mayor Pam VanArsdale called the July 2016 meeting to order by welcoming Youth Pastor Dominic Spencer with New Beginnings Church to deliver his first official public Invocation. Pastor Spencer will be a great addition to the other local Pastors that bless this City with their worship and direction.

Staff reports included updates on Rooster Crow, the financial report for the month of June 2016, the Planning Commission's Municipal Code update and a report from the Police Commission who is currently working with the Police Department trying to get a handle on the transient problem in town.

The City Council's July agenda included action on the following items:

- ✓ Ratifying a consensus of recommendations to the Policy Committee and Board of Directors of the League of Oregon Cities what would most benefit our City during the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session.

- ✓ Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Proposed Scope of Services with Civil West Engineering, Inc., providing engineering services for the Berglund Street Water System Improvement as addressed in the Five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

- ✓ Approved a request from the Rogue River Firefighters Association Local 3515 to hold the annual "Fill the Boot Drive" for Muscular Dystrophy that was held on Saturday, July 30th.

- ✓ The City Council served as a Contract Review Board to review two bids for the Street Improvement Pavement Overlays around town (you can find more information about the street improvement schedule on the City's website at www.cityofrogueriver.org.) This project is funded by the Loan the City acquired from the Oregon Department of Transportation and

has until December of this year to expense the funds.

- ✓ The Mayor will sign those documents once the Contractor accepts

the job and provides the City with all the required insurance and bond information.



- ✓ And, staff was authorized to purchase a new truck for the Public Works Department which was another item from the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan that was adopted during the annual budget process.

Items coming up before the City Council in August consist of a final review of a new Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications; a request from the Mural Society to hold an art faire on Depot Street to promote the next mural being painted on the side of Dave Thomas building next the City's parking lot; a request from the Rogue River Fire District to hang a banner over Depot Street promoting the annual "Health and Safety Carnival"; and, a request to hold the annual "Rogue River Half Marathon" event at John F. Fleming Memorial Park. Look for more information about these items and more over the next month. Agendas are posted at City Hall and the Post Office prior to all meetings.



MEMBER TO LOOK FOR CHILDREN WHILE THEY'RE WALKING BACK TO SCHOOL AND DRIVE CAREFUL IN THE AREAS WHERE CONSTRUCTION IS GOING ON!



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Mayor's Corner

I've been enjoying the weather, and though we're hitting over 100 today as I write this, the weather folks are saying that we're going to go back down to the high 80's/low 90's next week. I think that's a mighty fine forecast for the first week of August!


I spent last weekend at the annual Oregon Mayor's Association conference. There was a lot of discussion about disaster planning and some good ideas shared from the other cities who participated in last month's Cascadia Rising exercise. The conference was held on the coast, where they're not only concerned about the Cascadia earthquake but also the tsunami that the quake will cause. The scenarios were pretty sobering and I urge anyone that visits the coast to take a little time before their trip to research where the hazard zones are and know the evacuation routes. Also, no matter where you travel to, having a basic emergency kit in your car is as important as having a spare tire.

We've finally finished the bid process for the remainder of our street improvement projects so you can expect to see that work getting started soon. Third Street, Placer Street, and Nugget Drive are just a few of the streets that are going to see some major repair, so watch out for the construction crews and please be patient through any inconvenience these projects may cause. It's going to be worth it once it's all completed!

With summer here in full stride, I leave you this to ponder: "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

—John Lubbock, *The Use Of Life*

Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam

 Scheduled Meetings August 2016		
3rd	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
4th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
9th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
10th	10:00 am	Police Commission
	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
15th	10:00 am	Finance Committee
17th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
23rd	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
25th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
28th	6:00 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
30th	10:00 am	Finance Committee
First week in September		
1st	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
7th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee



Summer Paving Projects



Construction will begin in August on the final phase of street work under the voter approved street improvement bond and will include pavement overlays, crack sealing, chip sealing and seal coating. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. The construction is scheduled in the daytime starting at 7:00 am. **Drivers should anticipate local detours and delays. Please allow additional travel time and drive safely.**

Mail and trash service will continue. If your mailbox is inaccessible at the time of delivery, your mail may be held and delivered the following day. Southern Oregon Sanitation customers are requested to have your carts for both Garbage and Recycle out the night before. They will be servicing the construction area **first thing Wednesday mornings** which will affect that area and may effect pick up times for other areas of the city.

A list of streets scheduled for work is available on the City's web site under City Government/Proposals Bids and Notations: www.cityofrogueriver.org

