



Tradin' Crow

May 2016 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 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

Council/Staff 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
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Dean Stirm
- Cindy England
- Rick Kempa
- Carolyn Riley

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

Public Works Director/City Engineer: John Krawczyk

City Council Update

The April 2016 Regular Council Meeting was opened with an Invocation from Pastor Matt Curtis from Rogue Valley Community Church, followed by the Mayor leading the Pledge of Allegiance and then onto committee reports and the agenda for the night. Items on the agenda included:

- X Adopting an Ordinance amending the Rogue River Municipal Code, Chapter 17.85 regulating signs in the City limits
- X Adopting a Resolution approving a Referral to the Electors of the City the question of imposing a Three Percent Tax on the Sale of Marijuana items by a Marijuana Retailer
- X Authorized the Mayor to sign a quote with Hunter Communications to provide voice, data, equipment rental and service for 36-months
- X Approved the appointment of Carolyn Riley as an Alternate to the Planning Commission
- X Approved the appointment of Helga Bush to the Tree City Committee
- X Approved a request from the Miss Rogue River Scholarship Pageant to be a Sponsor and donate \$500 towards a scholarship
- X Approved a request from the Rogue

River Chamber of Commerce to be a Premier Sponsor for the Rooster Crow Weekend for \$325

- X Approved a request from the Rogue River Kiwanis to place a full page color ad in the Rooster Crow Booklet for \$285
- X The Mayor read a Proclamation declaring May 5, 2016 as the National Day of Prayer; May 1-7, 2016 as Municipal Clerks Week; and May 15, 2016 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15-21, 2016 as Police Week
- X The Council also approved to add an additional item to the agenda adopting a Resolution to apply for a small planning grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for developing a park master plan for the Rooster Crow Park and delegating authority to sign the application

The next City Council Meeting is Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and the Mayor and City Council always looks forward to your attendance.

**BE A PART OF WHAT IS HAPPENING
IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was initiated to honor the soldiers for the Union and Confederate armies who died during the American Civil War.

Celebrations honoring Civil War heroes started the year after the war ended. The establishment of a public holiday was meant to unify the celebration as a national day of remembrance instead of a holiday celebrated separately by the Union and





Confederate states. By the late 19th century, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday.

Join the Mayor, City Council and Staff in observing Memorial Day by remembering those that have given their lives to protect us and protect our freedom.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
ROGUE RIVER**
You just turned 104 years old!

May 2016

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June 2016

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Scheduled Meetings

May 2016

4th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
5th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
10th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Meeting
	10:30 am	Planning Commission Workshop
11th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
16th	10:00 am	Finance Committee
18th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
19th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
24th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
25th	10:00 am	Police Commission
26th	6:00 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
27th	10:00 am	Finance Committee
30th		Closed in observation of Memorial Day

First week in June

1st	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
2nd	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop



“Awake America”

**was the Theme for the 2016
National Day of Prayer:**

**Isaiah 58:1a was the Scripture for this
year: “Shout it aloud, do not hold back.
Raise your voice like a trumpet.**

NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER

Thank you to our Pastors for organizing
the Mayors Prayer Breakfast
on Thursday, May 5, 2016 @ 7:00 a.m.
at the Rogue River Community Center

MAYOR’S CORNER

Well here it is, May already! Summer is fast approaching and I’ve hardly given a thought to my garden yet. This might be the year that I rely more on the labors of my favorite farmers out at Easy Valley Farm than my own vegetable patch. It used to be that if you wanted good, organically grown produce, you had to grow it yourself, but nowadays, there are so many wonderful small farms in the valley. Wouldn’t it be fun if someone organized our own grower’s market again here in town?

Besides Mother’s Day and Memorial Day to observe this month, I’d like everyone to know that May 15th is National Peace Officer’s Memorial Day. It was first proclaimed by President John F Kennedy to honor those whose lives were lost in the line of duty. A joint act of Congress also set aside the calendar week that the 15th fell in as Police Week so that we could honor all of the men and women serving in law enforcement. We are very fortunate to have an excellent police department here in Rogue River, so if you have a chance, thank them for their dedicated service to our community! Our newest member of the force, Nathan Staller, will be graduating from the Academy on the 13th of May and Councilor Spencer and I will be going up to Salem to attend his graduation. Please try to set aside some time this coming Memorial Weekend to join us at Woodville Cemetery on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 a.m. to remember our nation’s fallen soldiers and those they’ve left behind.

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



SPRING CLEAN-UP

The City along with Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) will be conducting their annual **Spring Clean-up** on **Friday, May 20, 2016**. This is a free service provided by the City and SOS to encourage city resident's to clean their property and garages prior to the Rooster Crow weekend. We have included a small flyer with the requirements and restrictions for pick-up. Remember, the City only stops by once per address to pick up starting at 7:00 am. We suggest you have your items out the evening before.

***You may even find some of
your re-useable items
missing by morning!***

