



Tradin' Crows

August 2017 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:

- Vacant
- Fred England
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- Cindy England
- Dean Stirn
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Rick Kempa
- Carolyn Riley

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Chris Snyder

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update ...

In the absence of Mayor Pam VanArsdale who was attending the Mayor's Conference, City Councilor Mark Poling served his position as Mayor Pro-tem. He opened the Council meeting asking a member of staff to deliver the Invocation, then continued with the Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Minutes and then onto Committee Reports.

After the committee reports were given, members of the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce, Rogue River Kiwanis and the City Council and its citizens presented City Councilor Shelli Spencer with a plaque of appreciation for her outstanding performance of coordinating the 46th Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest weekend event.

The City Council dealt with the following agenda items during their July meeting:

- They approved a request from JD's Sports Pub, LLC, for an OLCC application for Temporary Use of an Annual License on behalf of the Rogue River Greenway to serve beer and wine at the Ride the Rogue 2017 being held on September 23, 2017
- They approved a request from the Rogue River Greenway to waive the Liquor License Application fee required by RRMC Chapter 5.15.060 for their event being held on September 23, 2017
- They approved another request from the Rogue River Greenway to hang a banner over Depot Street advertising

the Ride the Rogue event being held on September 23, 2017

- They approved a request from the Rogue River Professional Firefighters Association Local 3513 to conduct their annual "Fill the Boot" drive for Muscular Dystrophy on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- And, it was with deep regret and sadness that the City Council voted to accept the resignation of City Councilor Bill Jones who's leaving Rogue River to be closer to family. Bill served on the Planning Commission for 7-years and City Council for 3-years. During that time he also served on the Police Commission and the Public Relations Committee. We are really going to miss Bill around City Hall

With the City Council accepting Councilor Jones resignation this has created a vacancy on the City Council and the Mayor is now accepting applications for the position. To qualify you must have lived in the City for one-year prior to taking seat and be a current registered voter in the State of Oregon. Applications for the position can be picked up in the City Recorders' office during regular working hours.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. Workshops are scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 3rd and 17th at 10:00 a.m.

**REMEMBER TO LOOK FOR CHILDREN
WHILE THEY'RE WALKING BACK TO
SCHOOL AND DRIVE CAREFUL IN THE ARE-
AS WHERE STREET PAVING IS STILL GOING
ON!
BE ADVISED THAT PATROL OFFICERS WILL**



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September 2017 						
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Scheduled Meetings
August 2017 

- 2nd 9:00 am Sign Review Board
- 10:00 am Safety Committee
- 3rd 9:30 am Personnel Committee
- 10:00 am Council/Staff Workshop
- 8th 10:00 am Planning Commission Workshop
- 9th 6:30 pm Tree City Committee
- 15th 2:00 pm Finance Committee
- 16th 9:00 am Sign Review Board
- 17th 10:00 am Council/Staff Workshop
- 22nd 6:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting
- 24th 6:00 pm Council Advisory Committee
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting
- 30th 2:00 pm Finance Committee

First week in September 

- 6th 9:00 am Sign Review Board
- 10:00 am Safety Committee
- 7th 9:30 am Personnel Committee
- 10:00 am Council/Staff Workshop

Mayor's Corner

It was with heavy hearts that we officially accepted the resignation of Councilor Bill Jones this past Thursday night. He and his wife Christina will be moving away to be closer to family. I want to give a big thank you to both of them for serving their community these past years. Between the Council, the Community Center and the Visitor's Center, you will both be dearly missed.

I spent last weekend at the annual mayor's conference. This year it was held in Lebanon. We had some really good work sessions covering some great topics such as emergency preparedness, affordable housing, and a good recap of the legislative session. This is always a good opportunity for me to network with other mayors from cities both large and small and get their perspectives on how they address various issues in their communities.

One of the big topics at the conference was the upcoming solar eclipse. All of the cities that are in that path of totality are really gearing up for an unprecedented influx of viewers. They estimate over 200,000 people from out of state and at least another 200,000 Oregonians will be trying to see the eclipse from the coast (Newport to Lincoln City) across the state to Baker City and Ontario. Many of these viewers will be traveling along I-5 so be prepared for increased traffic the week of August 17th through August 22nd. All of those travelers will be looking for places to get gas, groceries and other supplies, so you may just want to stock up beforehand. And even though we won't be in the path of totality, be sure to wear protective eye coverings if you go out to view it from your backyards.

Here's a little poem and a Farmer's Almanac proverb to close with:

And from the hot field's farthest edge
The cricket's soft refrain
With mellow accent tells the tale
That August's here again.
-Helen Maria Winslow (1851-1938)
If the first week in August is unusually warm,
The winter will be white and long.

Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam

Important Information on Protecting your Water Supply!

In the heat of the summer water demand is high, and not just in our community but in the areas that surround our community. With those demands the likelihood of water being taken from our system by *Unauthorized Users* is extremely high. It is not just the theft of the water that creates an issue, when an illegal hauler hooks up to the system they can put the safety of the water system and its users at risk. The potential for an illegal "**cross connection**" (the ability of water that is not potable or **SAFE!** to be introduced into our drinking water system) is a serious concern. The public should be aware of the following as guidelines for us all to be an active member in protecting our drinking water supply and recourses. If you see a water tanker taking water from a hydrant, the water tanker should be marked and have clear identification as to whom the hauler is. Please report any suspicious activity that might suggest that water is being illegally taken from the City's water system. Any authorized use to withdraw water from our system will have trained personnel authorized by the



City to hook up to our system and the hydrant will have a meter and backflow prevention device in place to protect our drinking water system from contaminants (below is a typical installation).

Never fill a portable water container from your home by a hose, this is a serious cross connection hazard as well if the system was to lose pressure the potential contaminants in the tank you are filling would be drawn into the City's water supply. If you suspect an illegal connection to our water system call the City at (541) 582-4401 or Law Enforcement at once.

You are the front line in protecting public health.