



# Tradin' Crows

February 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:

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

### Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirm
- Cindy England
- Rick Kempa
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Carolynn Rylee

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Chris Snyder

Public Works Director: Vacant



## City Council Update



The meeting began with Mayor VanArsdale welcoming County Commissioner Colleen Roberts and her Mom, Jessie to the City Council meeting. The first meeting of the year was busy with the annual swearing in of the November candidates among other things. Actions taken during the meeting we as follows:

- ♥ Mayor VanArsdale delivered the State of the City Message (see the Mayors Corner for the document)
- ♥ Administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pam VanArsdale for her second term
- ♥ Administered the Oath of Office to Councilors Shelli Spencer and Mark Poling, both their second terms
- ♥ The City Council voted Councilor Mark Poling as Mayor Pro tem for the next two years
- ♥ Approved the following Resolutions:
  - Fee Schedule for Sewer rates
  - Fee Schedule for Water rates
  - ♥ Job description for Accounting and Administrative Assistant
  - ♥ Job description for City Recorder
  - A new Employee Handbook
  - ♥ Approved the Mayor's Committee
  - ♥ Appointment recommendations
  - ♥ Authorized the Mayor to sign a Change

Order with Copeland Paving to continue with the street repairs

- ♥ Authorized the Mayor to sign an

agreement with Landscape Architect Galbraith & Associates

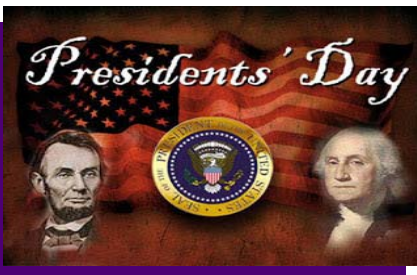
- ♥ Approved a request to waive the Liquor License Application Fee for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Rogue River Crab Feed
- ♥ Authorized the Mayor to sign an OLCC Temporary Use of Annual License for the Crab Feed
- ♥ Approved a request from the Rogue River Greenway to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride the Rogue Bike event on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Palmerton Park
- ♥ Appointed City Administrator Mark Reagles as the City's Labor Negotiator
- ♥ The City Council then held an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to deliberate with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations

*Due to meeting conflicts the February City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm. This meeting is held in the City Hall Council Chambers. All these meetings are open to the public and the Mayor and City Council would really like to see you attend.*



### UTILITY DEPARTMENT NOTICE:

The water and sewer bill that you are receiving this month has been increased by 3.0%. That is a total of \$1.25 for a single family household base rate. For those customers with water service only the increase is .45 cents a month and sewer only customers is .80 cents a month. The increase was determined by the November 2016 Engineering News Record (ENR) Report by averaging the Construction Cost Index, Building Cost Index and Materials Cost Index. The City reviews other cities utility fees but does not do rate comparisons because each city has to consider their infrastructure, costs to run the facilities, population and funding when setting their rates. The City Council realized that the past cost increases were not keeping up with the increase cost of running both the water and sewer systems and made the hard decision to step up and do the right thing. If you have any questions or concerns about your bill please contact the Utility Department at City Hall.



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### Scheduled Events February 2017

1st	9:00am	Sign Review Board
	10:00am	Safety Committee
2nd	9:30am	Personnel Committee
	10:00am	Council / Staff Workshop
8th	6:30pm	Tree City Committee
14th	10:00am	Planning Commission Workshop
15th	9:00am	Sign Review Board
	2:30pm	Finance Committee
16th	10:00am	Council / Staff Workshop
	6:00pm	Council Advisory Committee
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
20th	CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY	
28th	10:00am	Planning Commission Workshop
	2:30pm	Finance Committee

## Mayor's State of The City Address

2016 brought continued signs of an improved economy to our city. We saw numerous improvements to many of our commercial buildings and some of the once empty storefronts now boast new businesses. Construction of new homes stayed brisk with 25 building permits issued this past year.

We nearly completed the street improvements project that we've been working on for a couple of years, and by the time it is finished, we will have done some repair to practically every street in the city.

Although we wished them well in their retirements, it was hard to say goodbye to Police Chief Ken Lewis and Public Works Director John Krawczyk. Corporal Chris Snyder was ready to step up into the Chief's position, and with the hiring of two new officers, we ended the year with a fully staffed police department and we hope to have the Public Works Director position filled soon.

Last June, nearly 200 young people from all across the country spent their first week of summer vacation here in Rogue River as volunteers with the World Changers organization. They spent the entire week (which was one of the hottest of the summer), painting, constructing, landscaping, and doing various other improvement projects for community members in need. They were an inspiration and a joy to behold and I look forward to seeing them return this year.

Planning for the improvements to the park where Rooster Crow is held will begin soon, thanks to a State Parks planning grant. Once we have a plan in place, we'll apply for another State Parks grant to pay for the construction of those improvements and it's my hope to have it completed before Rooster Crow 2018.

As we look forward to a new year, the City Council, City Staff and I will continue to work with unified purpose, always striving to be fiscally responsible yet still provide the services that our citizens have come to expect and most certainly deserve.

In closing, I would like to thank all those in our community that volunteer, whether it be on a committee or commission, part of a Chamber of Commerce work group, or at the VFW, Community and Visitor's Centers, your time and efforts help to make Rogue River "The finest small city in Southern Oregon"

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mayor Pam**

