



Tradin' Crows

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

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Chris Snyder

Public Works Director/City Engineer:

City Council Update

The City Council held their last City Council meeting of the year on December 22nd. Mayor Pam welcomed Pastor Dale Schaffner to deliver the invocation. A regular attendee to City Council meetings, Commissioner Colleen Roberts addressed the City Council and assured them that she was also concerned with the same issues that were being addressed by the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Rogue Valley Commission of Transportation.

The City Council made decisions on the following agenda items:

Adopted the 2017-2018 budget calendar

Appointed City Administrator Mark Reagles as the 2017-2018 Budget Officer

Authorized the Mayor to sign a memorandum of agreement between the City and the State of Oregon Building Codes Division requiring the City's building inspection program to follow the minimum standards, policies and procedures while operating a building inspection program during the current reporting period

Authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City and the State of Oregon Department of Revenue for Marijuana Tax Collection (an agreement giving the state the authority to collect the 3% tax on our behalf from sale of recreational marijuana in our City)

Canvassed the votes of the November 8, 2016 General Election as certified by the Jackson County Clerk's Office

Accepted the 2015-2016 Audit as presented by KDP, Certified Public Accountants giving the City a Clean Opinion, Unmodified

Appointed Planning Commission Alternate Rick Kempa to Position No. 1 replacing outgoing Planning Commissioner John Schaeffer leaving 1 Alternate Position open

Reappointed Evan Goeglein to Planning Commission Position No. 2

Reappointed Darren Jahn to Budget Committee Position No. 7, leaving 2 positions open for appointment

Are you wondering how you can get involved in your community during 2017? Call City Hall at 541.582.4401 and ask for the Recorder's or City Administrator's office. Staff will provide you with all the information needed to make your decision where you can volunteer some time during the next



To you and your families
from all of us at the
Rogue River City Hall
and Police Department -



We are looking
forward to assisting you in

2017

Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and is looking forward to the new year as much as I am. As I write this though, I am in day 2 of that nasty little bug that's been going around. My one consolation is the fact that I've been able to enjoy watching the snow from the comfort of my warm and cozy living room and haven't had to brave driving anywhere.

I'm excited to share with you the news that Senator Jeff Merkeley has chosen Rogue River to hold his annual town hall meeting. It will be held in the old middle school gym on Jan 27th. We're still firming up the time, but we should know for certain next week so just give a call to City Hall if you'd like to attend and want to know the time.

Last year some of the city councilors and I attended a disaster planning exercise. It was a real eye opener and we discovered that we could be doing a lot more to plan for an emergency – not just the “Big One” earthquake that's been predicted but also floods and wildfire.

We've talked about possibly holding some town meetings on the subject. Is anyone interested in participating? Please let us know by calling either City Hall or me (541-660-4414) and we'll try to put something together.

I'll leave you with this New Year quote:

“We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them.” – Hillary DePiano
Be kind, be patient, be brave.

Respectfully yours,
Mayor Pam

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FEBRUARY 2017 						
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Scheduled Events January 2017

2nd	CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY	
4th	9:00am	Sign Review Board
	10:00am	Safety Committee
5th	9:30am	Personal Committee
	10:00am	Council/Staff Workshop
10th	10:00am	Planning Commission Workshop
11th	6:30pm	Tree City Committee
13th	2:30pm	Finance Committee
16th	CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	
18th	9:00am	Sign Review Board
	10:00am	Police Commission
19th	10:00am	Council/Staff Workshop
24th	10:00am	Planning Commission Workshop
26th	6:00pm	Council Advisory Committee
	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
30th	2:30pm	Finance Committee

Winter Driving Tips: Make sure you have a tune-up, a full tank of gas, and fresh anti-freeze.

You should carry the following items in your trunk:

- Shovel, ice scraper and snow brush
- Jumper cables
- Tow and tire chains
- Bag of salt or cat litter
- Working flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Wooden stick matches in a waterproof container
- Supplies to keep you warm such as heavy woolen mittens, socks, a cap and blankets.
- Foods like canned nuts, dried fruits, and hard candy.



If You Become Stranded...

- Do not leave your car unless you know exactly where you are, how far it is to possible help, and are certain you will improve your situation.
- If you are sure the car's exhaust pipe is not blocked, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour or so depending upon the amount of gas in the tank. Keep at least one window open slightly for fresh air.

PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST FROZEN & BURST PIPES

Identify the main water shut-off to your home or business and try it before you have to use it. There should be a valve behind the water meter at the street. Call City Hall if you need assistance in locating your shutoff valve. We can be reached at 541-582-4401.

Turn off outdoor faucets and disconnect hoses.

Turn off and drain irrigation sprinklers and supply lines.

Insulate pipes in your breezeway, crawl spaces and attic. These exposed pipes are the most susceptible to freezing.

If your system is vulnerable, turn on faucets (both hot and cold) until they trickle slowly if you have any concern about pipes freezing, especially on very cold nights.

Owners are responsible for all repairs past the water meter. Have your plumber's emergency phone number readily available.

If you have a leak, notify the City immediately. If we can verify that the leak was underground between the meter and the building the City may allow a water adjustment of fifty (50%) of the estimated excess consumption.



HELP US KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

The City pays Pacific Power to maintain 170 street lights in town. We do our best to keep the lights on, but sometimes we need your help to let Pacific Power know if streetlights are out in your neighborhood. You can always call Pacific Power toll free anytime at 1-888-221-7070 to report an outage or report online at:

<https://www.pacificpower.net/ed/streetlights/raso.html>

A properly completed streetlight outage report will help ensure a quick and accurate response to your request. Please consider the following tips when completing your form:

Nearest address – e.g.; 123 Main St.

Nearest cross street – e.g.; First Ave.

The six-digit pole number from the pole plate (if you have it).

Example:

