



Tradin' Crows

April 2023 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Closed for Lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 am in the City Hall Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

- Sharie Davis
- Vacant
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory



Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Debbie Kenny
- Jonna Strauss
- Mark Minegar
- Vacant

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



City Council Update



Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the March City Council meeting with a Moment of Silence then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the City Councilor's presented their committee reports they took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Approved a request from Kim & Tim Smith at 5817 Foothill Blvd, Grants Pass, to hook up to utility services within the Urban Growth Boundary and sign a Consent to Annex Agreement and Deferred Improvement Agreement.
- 2 Approved to REVERSE the Revocation Hearing CUP 2021-03, regarding potential revocation of CUP 2016-03, a conditional use permit approving warehouse, production, and delivery of ice for failure to comply with conditions of approval. Subject property is at 499 East Main Street, applicant HRP, LLC.
- 3 Approved to REVERSE the Appeal of Planning Commission denial of SIT 2022-08, a Site Plan Review for a 12 unit multi-family complex. Subject property is at 499 East Main Street, applicant HRP, LLC.
- 4 Adopted a Resolution adopting policy and procedures regarding opening Invocation before City Council meetings for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 5 Approved a request from the Rogue River Greenway Foundation to hold the 2023 Ride the Rogue event in Palmerton Park on September 22-25, 2023, waive the park reservation fee, permission to sell and serve beer and/or wine and waive the liquor license application fee and be allowed to hang a banner

across Depot Street from August 29, 2023 to September 25, 2023.

- 6 Approved a request and authorize the Mayor to sign Cal-Ore River Racers Hydroplane Racer's Oregon State Marine Boards event permit for Rooster Crow Weekend and allow them to use John F. Fleming Memorial Park and Dee's Boat Landing on June 24-25, 2023.
- 7 Adopted the 2022-2023 Annual Audit Report as prepared by KDP Certified Public Accountants.
- 8 Reappointed Dean Stirm to Position No. 3 and Debby Kenny to Position No. 4 of the Planning Commission.
- 9 Reappointed Darren Jahn to Position No. 7 on the Budget Committee.
- 10 Appointed Deborah Daves, Dannie Moss, Mike Hammond and Steven O'Brien to the Budget Committee.
- 11 Continued the adoption of the 2022-2023 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
- 12 The Mayor read the following Proclamations recognizing:
Rogue River's 40th Year to be recognized as a Tree City, USA and the celebration of Arbor Day on April 6, 2023; and,
National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 9-15, 2023; and,
Honoring City Recorder Carol Weir for 40-Years of Service and awarded her with a Key to the City

The Rooster Crow Committee is seeking nominations for this years Grand Marshall. If you know of someone who has spent the last 20-years volunteering in our community please stop by City Hall and pick up a Grand Marshall Nomination Form

The City Council is still accepting applications for a position on the City Council. You can pick up an application in the City Recorders Office at City Hall



TREE CITY USA


The City of Rogue River has been officially designated a **Tree City, USA** for the 40th year!
The City celebrated at the Palmerton Park Arboretum on Thursday, April 6th at 12:30 p.m. with the Rogue River Elementary School 4th Grade Students were in attendance along with the Mayor and the Tree City Committee

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Scheduled Events April 2023

4th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
5th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
6th	9:00 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 pm	Council Staff Workshop
11th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
12th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
13th	3:00 pm	Budget Committee
14th	2:30 am	Finance Committee
19th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
20th	10:00 am	Council Staff Workshop
25th	10:00 pm	Planning Commission Workshop
27th	4:30 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 pm	City Council Meeting
28th	2:30 pm	Finance Committee

First Week in May

2nd	9:00 am	Safety Committee	
3rd	10:00 am	Sign Review Board	
4th	9:00 am	Personnel Committee	
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop	



SPRING CLEAN-UP



The City along with Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) will be conducting the annual

“Spring Clean-up” on Friday, May 19, 2023

This is a free service provided by the City and SOS to encourage City resident's to clean their property and garage prior to the Rooster Crow weekend.

Next month we will include a small flyer with the requirements and restrictions for pick-up. There will be changes to the process of the clean up. The City and SOS will no longer be going to your residence to pick up. You will be taking your items to a City site on Classick Drive.

MAYOR'S CORNER

At one of our first workshops after I became Mayor again, the City Council and I discussed goals to accomplish this year. Based on the survey that the Planning Commission did last year, we identified a couple of items we felt were a priority – setting up online bill pay for our water and sewer customers and getting our website updated. I hope to have more news on the progress of those goals next month.

We've made considerable headway in updating policies and procedures for our city committees. We are just about finished and should be ready to vote on those at our regular Council Meeting at the end of the month.

I must say that this is one of the slowest starting Springs in a very long time! I'm not complaining too loud though as the snow up in the mountains will hopefully alleviate the drought conditions of the past several years.

*The wild and windy March once more
Has shut his gates of sleet,
And given us back the April-time,
So fickle and so sweet.*
- Alice Cary (1820-71)



Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



OUR HOMETOWN CHARMS!

Did You Know!!

There are two new wood carvings from the trees taken down in front of the elementary school on Pine Street (*the trees were becoming a hazard*).

The carvings are of two bears, a fish and a hawk.

Initiated by our Assistant Public Works Director Debbie Bunker and carved by Gary Spallino.

If you haven't seen them yet, please take a drive by. They have already become a hit by picture takers.

You will be seeing more of these articles in the future!



A NOTE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

With the direction of the CDC to increase extremely high level cleaning and hygiene practices, the population is creating a significant problem with the sewage system utilities as they are using the toilets in their homes as trash receptacles (sometimes knowing and other times unknowing). Please do your part and **“DO NOT”** put the following items down your drain or toilet; they belong in a land fill not your sewage system where they clog sewage pipes causing raw sewage to back up in streets and homes, and wreak havoc on the sewage treatment process.

“SO, DO NOT” PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DOWN THE DRAIN OR TOILET:

- Facial tissues, sanitary wipes and face masks, they do not break down even if the package says they are flushable.
- Paper towels, they clog your pipes our pipes and do not break down readily.
- Tampons, feminine napkins and cotton swabs.

When in doubt throw it out! (in the trash can)!

