

Tradin' Crows

August 2022 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 6:00 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: Wayne Stuart

City Council Members:

- Jack Bird
- Pam VanArsdale
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Jonna Strauss
- Sharie Davis • Debbie Kenny

City Administrator: Mark Reagles Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



City Council Update ...



Mayor Stuart opened the meeting by welcoming the audience. City Councilor Barb Hilty delivered the Invocation which was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the City Councilor's gave their committee reports the following item on the agenda was handled:

1 Adopted their five-top priorities for the League Of Oregon Cities 2023 Legislative Priorities Ballot. They were as follows:

- > Full Funding and Alignment for State Land Use Initiatives
- > Return to Work
- > Property Tax Reform
- › Marijuana Taxes
- > Alcohol Revenues

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

ROOSTER CROW PARK UPDATE: With much gratitude to the Army National Guard (IRT) the concrete pavers were partially installed, the restrooms were built and the splash pad was made operable and all in time for the Rooster Crow weekend. The above ground electrical has been completed and path lighting installed. The concrete floors have been coated with a colored sealant to make them look more finished and easier to clean. The splash pad has been running by a timer and the restrooms will be getting their final coats of paint inside. There is still some work to be done on the outside of the restrooms and a contractor has been hired to complete laying the brick pavers. Next will be the ground cover and then let the planting of trees and shrubs begin. Other items such as the exercise equipment and games tables are still in transit.

SOME NEW FACES IN TOWN: The City has hired some new employees. The police department has a new part-time officer, Officer Archie Lidey has joined the crew. He comes from the Grants Pass Detective Division. Two new administrative staff members are Stephanie Madtson who is filling the position of Accounting & Administrative Assistance and Jami Chitwood is the new part-time Clerk Typist. In the public works department we have hired two seasonal employees, Austin Gardner and Brian Dame who will be working around town in the parks and on the streets. When you're out and about say "Hi" and welcome them to our city.



REMEMBER TO LOOK FOR CHILDREN WHILE THEY'RE WALKING BACK AND FORTH TO SCHOOL! BE ADVISED THAT PATROL OFFICERS WILL BE PATROLING IN THE AREA DURING THIS TIME!

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September 2022						
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Scheduled Meetings August 2022 2nd 9:00 AM Safety Committee 9:00 AM 3rd Sign Review Board 4th 9:00 AM Personnel Committee 10:00 AM Council/Staff Workshop 9th 10:00 AM Planning Commission Meeting 10th 6:30 PM Tree City Committee 15th 2:00 PM **Finance Committee** 16th 10:00 AM Police Commission Sign Review Board 17th 10:00 AM 18th 10:00 AM Council/Staff Workshop 23rd 10:00 AM Planning Commission Meeting 5:00 PM Council Advisory Committee 25th 6:00 PM Council Meeting 30th 2:00 PM **Finance Committee** First week in September 9:00 AM Personnel Committee 1st 10:00 AM Council/Staff Workshop



"The Mayor's Corner"

August has arrived and that means we're that much closer to autumn. The weather service issued another extreme heat wave warning for the end of July into August. We're still seeing unseasonable temperatures.

Rooster Crow was a great success. We had our parade, vendors and the car show. The car show had 72-entries this year. Parking them on Pine Street is a great place to walk and see them.

Rooster Park really came alive for the weekend. With the Giant Rooster and flowers planted by the Garden Club, the use of the splash pad and the Pavilion made a big hit. Even the Rooster Crowing contest was held there.

We still have work to do, but it's coming along.

Don't forget that Ride the Rogue hosted by the Rogue River Greenway Foundation is coming up on September 24, 2022 at Palmerton Park Arboretum.

Please stay safe and cool.

Respectfully - Mayor Wayne



PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: The City Council will hold a public hearing on August 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the adoption of an Ordinance declaring a temporary ban on Psilocybin Service Centers and the Manufacturing of Psilocybin Products and a Resolution referring a Ballot Measure to the voters on the November 8, 2022 General Election. This public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. A copy of the Ordinance declaring the temporary ban and the Resolution referring the Ballot Measure to the voters may be inspected at City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the Ordinance with the City Council. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact City Hall 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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 (pictured to the left 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 541-582-4931 immediately. **You are the front line in protecting public health.**