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February 2022 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Staffing Hours:

Monday to 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 all meetings

Mayor: Wayne Stuart

City Council Members:

- Jack Bird
- Pam VanArsdale
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Vacant
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Sherri Moss
- Jonna Strauss
- Debbie Kenney
- Sharie Davis

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



**We will be Closed Monday,
February 21, 2022**

City Council Update

Mayor Wayne Stuart opened the first meeting of the year by welcoming Pastor Evan Goeglein with the Faith Lutheran Church to deliver the Invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor and City Councilors delivered their committee reports.

The first item on the agenda was for the Mayor to deliver his 2021 State of the City Message which can be found in it's entirety on the back page.

The City Council then took action on the following agenda items:

♥ Adopted Council Bill No. 22-2434, a Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in the Rogue River Municipal Code 13.10, the City of Rogue River Sewer Ordinance, and repealing Resolution No. 21-1380-R.

♥ With the recent passing of City Councilor Don Daugherty the City Council declared his seat vacant and directed staff to accept applications for the position.

♥ Adopted the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget Goals and Policies.

♥ Appointed City Councilor Jack Bird to the Sign Review Board and the Police Commission.

♥ Appointed City Councilor Pam VanArsdale as Chair of the Finance Committee.

♥ Reappointed David Marshal to the Budget Committee.

♥ The City Council then recessed into an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to deliberate with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Join us at the next City Council meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you want to get involved with City Government. We are currently accepting applications for the positions on the City Council, Budget Committee and Sign Review Board.

If you have any questions regarding these positions please contact the City Recorder. Applications are available at City Hall.

Here Are the Rules for Garage and Yard Sales

5.20.010 Definitions

"Garage sale" or "yard sale" is an aspect of residential uses consisting of sales on the premises of a dwelling by the residents of the dwelling for the purpose of disposing of their surplus clothing, furniture or other household items.

5.20.020 Permitted use

Garage sales and yard sales, hereinafter referred to in this chapter as "sales," are permitted, provided they comply with the standards set forth in this chapter.

5.20.030 Length of sales

Sales may be no longer than three continuous days.

5.20.040 Frequency

Sales may be held no more than four times per calendar year per household.

5.20.050 Site permission

- A. Sales shall be conducted on property which is regularly occupied by the person conducting the sale.
- B. Multiple family sales are permitted if the sales are held on the property of one of the participants.
- C. Sales may not occur or encroach upon city streets, sidewalks, or other rights-of-way.

5.20.060 Signs

- A. Signs may be placed on another's property with the property owner's permission.
- B. Signs may be no larger than three square feet each.
- C. Signs may not be placed on telephone or utility poles or street signs.
- D. Illegally placed signs will be removed by the city at the owner's expense.
- E. Signs may not be placed on any city-owned property, streets, alleyways, sidewalks, rights-of-way or thoroughfares.



5.20.070 Permit required

Garage sales and yard sales shall require a permit for each time a sale is held. Applications for permits shall be applied for on a form furnished by the city and accompanied with a fee of \$2.00 per sale. The garage or yard sale permit shall be posted on the premises where the sale is conducted. The permit shall state the name, address, premises and what and who are to be involved in the sales activity.

5.20.080 Penalties

- A. A person who violates any provision of this chapter may be prosecuted in municipal court.
- B. A violation of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$250.00.

February

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Scheduled Events

February 2022

1st	9:00 AM	Safety Committee
2nd	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board
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
21st	CLOSED	IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY
22nd	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Meeting
"	10:00 AM	Police Commission
24th	4:30 PM	Council Advisory Committee
"	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
28th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
First Week of March		
1st	8:00 AM	Safety Committee
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Mayor's State of the City Message

It is once again my pleasure to deliver the 2021 State of the City Message. This past year brought many changes and challenges to our community. We continued having to deal with the Pandemic and the variants. City Hall was open but was on lock down to the public. We were still able to conduct daily business through phone calls and appointments.

On a brighter note, we had the Rooster Crow Car Show, celebrated Halloween with our business's (within guidelines) and Santa came to the Plaza for the "Winter Wonderland" celebration.

We completed the second stage of our sidewalk project funded by the Oregon Small City Allotment Grant. Work will still continue through next year.

The City Council heard the annual audit report conducted by KDP Certified Public Accountants LLC. The City then adopted the 2020-2021 audit.

Work on Rooster Park continued with the IRT National Guard coming from Washington to lay the ground work for the Pavilion and restrooms. The City is hopeful the park will be usable for Rooster Crow Weekend in June of 2022.

This year we lost several key citizens that will be missed. The City Council accepted the resignation of City Councilor Bob Pascalar, the passing of City Councilor Don Daugherty, and the lady of the murals, Wanda Nesbit passed away. We accepted the resignation of Don Collins from the Planning Commission and the resignation from Tree City Committee member Judith Rose.

From the Rogue River Police Department Chief Curtis Whipple, Corporal Robert Buren and Reserve Officer John Foster retired. We did hire Chief Jim Williams to become our next Police Chief and Officer Joe Turner became our newest officer in May.

In the Public Works Department we hired Gregory Smith and Don Wolter.

We also made some appointments, Jack Bird to City Council, Jay Chick to Position No. 1 on the Planning Commission and Christine Johnson to the City Councils Advisory Board.

The City received new LED street lights through the LED Street Lighting Improvement Program offered by Pacific Power.

Last fall we dedicated our Hiroshima Tree at John F. Fleming Memorial Park. The guest speaker was Hideko Tamura, a survivor from the Bomb dropped on Hiroshima Japan. The Ginko tree grew from seedlings from the surviving Ginko tree. She promotes planting these trees as a reminder of a nuclear free planet.

We are still working with Civil West Engineering Services in regards to our water infrastructure. More will be happening in 2022.

As we look forward to 2022 as we have in the past, we will continue to have challenges that will need to be addressed. With the dedication of the City Council, staff and myself as your Mayor, we will continue to be good stewards for the positions we hold, always being mindful of the citizens we represent now and for the future of our town, Rogue River.

Respectfully, Mayor Wayne

Utility Department Update:

SEWER: Next months water and sewer bill that you will be receiving will have a 8% increased to sewer. That is a total increase of 2.10 cents for a single family household base rate. The increase was determined by the November 2021 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 the sewer system 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.

WATER: As you have been reading in the City's newsletter for the last year or hearing on the street, the City is preparing to make some needed improvements to the City's water system. We are planning on imposing the second increase later this year.

The water system improvements will consist of two new reservoirs: one will replace a 500,000 gallon reservoir built in 1974 located on the hill above the city, and the other will be built across from the water treatment plant off of Classick Drive. Other aspects of the project include fire hydrant installation in areas in town with inadequate fire protection. We will be replacing the water meters in town with new meters that will give a more accurate representation of the water that is provided to you. It will also offer better leak monitoring for our customers. The City Council will be discussing these projects at the Council Workshops over the next few months, but due to COVID-19 and limited space in the City Council Chambers we ask that you please phone or email your questions or concerns about the projects. The City has already been through the "One Stop" funding process with state funding agencies, and with historically low interest rates, timing could not be any better for these projects. We encourage public input as the criteria for eligibility for funding will require a rate increase; we want the public to have as much information as they might wish to best understand and support the projects. The lending agency is Business Oregon's Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF). In order for the City to be eligible for this 1% loan rate and \$350,000 grant the city's water base rate for 1,000 cubic feet must meet the states affordability base rate which is \$38.90 for 1,000 cubic feet. In order to be at this rate when construction starts the City plans to increase the base rate of the first 500 cubic feet from \$15.80 in 2020 to \$19.80 in 2021 and \$22.36 in 2022. What this means to a single family home is a net \$6.56 increase in your monthly base rate by 2022. The rate per additional 100 cubic feet over 500 cubic feet will remain at \$3.30 per 100 cubic feet. For multifamily units the increase will be \$6.56 for each unit and for commercial it is based on meter size. Again if you have questions or comments please call or email comments and questions to mreaqles@cityofrogueriver.org or (541) 582-4401.