



Tradin' Crows

September 2023 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 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: 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
- Jonna Strauss
- Debbie Kenny
- Mark Minegar
- Sharen Rockefeller

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



City Council Update



The August meeting was called to order by Mayor VanArsdale and a moment of silence was held before the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Councilor's gave their committee reports and took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2467 an Ordinance amending Municipal Code 5.20, regulating Garage Sales in the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 2 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2468 repealing Ordinances No. 07-336-O, and 08-351-O, and replacing Rogue River Municipal Code 10.25 regulating the use if skateboards, skates, scooters, and similar devices in the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 3 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2469 a Resolution adopting an Employee Purchasing Policy for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 4 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2470 a Resolution adopting a Social Media Policy for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 5 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2471 a Resolution encouraging the Oregon State Legislature to repeal Oregon Ballot Measure 110 (2020), the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act.

6 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2472 a Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Rogue River Municipal Code 13.15, the City of Rogue River Water Ordinance and repealing Resolution No. 21-1382-R.

7 Reviewed proposals from A.E. Adkins, Engineering & Surveying, Engineering Support Services, LLC and Thornton Engineering Inc., award and approved to award Engineering Support Services, LLC and authorized the Mayor to sign the City Engineering Services Contract.

8 Reviewed the Minutes of the Tree City, USA, Committee and the Council Advisory Committee Meetings.

9 Approved the OLCC Liquor License Renewals for 2023.

10 Appointed Mayor VanArsdale as the City's Voting Delegate at the League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference.

The next City Council meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. If you're interested in knowing what the City Council is working on attend the meeting. Citizens are always encouraged to attend.



To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years old

If you are not yet 18 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

The deadline to register for the November 7, 2023 General Election is October 17, 2023.



Fall is approaching and the City has already started thinking about this year's leaf pick-up program. No start date has been set. However, that doesn't mean you can't start raking your leaves and covering them with a tarp or plastic. If your leaves are located in the back yard you can rake them onto a tarp and when the time comes you'll just pull the tarp out to the front of your property.

Look for more information in next months newsletter.



SEPTEMBER 2023 

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 **Scheduled Meetings
September 2023**

- 4th CLOSED Labor Day Observance
- 5th 9:00 AM Safety Committee
- 7th 9:30 AM Personnel Committee
- 10:00 AM Council/Staff Workshop
- 10:00 AM Finance Committee
- 12th 10:00 AM Planning Commission Workshop
- 14th 11:00 AM Tree City Committee
- 21st 10:00 AM Council/Staff Workshop
- 11:00 AM Finance Committee
- 6:00 PM Council Meeting
- 26th 6:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting
- 28th 4:00 PM Council Advisory Committee
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee
- 6:00 PM City Council Meeting

First Week in October

- 3rd 10:00 AM Safety Committee Meeting
- 5th 9:00 AM Personnel Committee
- 10:00 AM Council/Staff Workshop
- 11:00 AM Finance Committee

Did You Know:

One of our local residents who is very talented designed and made the beautiful chimes in Rooster Park?

They are located behind the Splash Pad. There is a mallet attached to strike the chimes.

Thank you Jack Thomas and Jerry Frazier for yet another wonderful piece of art and unique addition to our parks.



With school back in session - whether at home, on campus, or both - be sure to keep a watchful eye and look out for pedestrians and cyclists around the schools and crosswalks. As we're out and about, lets be mindful of foot and bike traffic on our city streets.



"The Mayor's Corner"

Yay for September!! Although I love each season in its own way, there is a special place in my heart for Autumn. Warm days, crisp nights, the promise of rain after the hot and dry summer, and of course FOOTBALL lol!

Your November ballots will be asking voters to decide if we should amend our Charter to abolish term limits in the City of Rogue River and whether or not to extend the mayor's term from 2 to 4 years (the Council currently serves a 4 year term). If you have any questions or just want to talk about the pros and cons, please feel free to give me a call. This is an important measure and I'd be glad to hear your thoughts, concerns and questions.

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam

*There are flowers enough in the summertime,
More flowers than I can remember—
But none with the purple, gold, and red
That dye the flowers of September!
—Mary Howitt (1799-1888)*



As mentioned in the "Mayor's Corner" above the following Ballot Measures are on the November 14, 2023 General Election Ballot:

Ballot Measure 15-218: Shall the City Charter be amended to change the Mayor's term from two to four years?

As the position of Mayor requires great dedication and is only familiar to incumbents after several years of service the City Council is suggesting that extend the term of Mayor from two to four years.

Ballot Measure 15-219: Shall the City Charter be amended to eliminate term limits for elected City Council members and Mayor?

In 1996 the City Charter was amended to provide that City Council members could not serve more than two (2) year terms, and Mayors could not serve than two (2) two years terms. Further, the amendment provided that no person shall be eligible to hold any combination of City elective office for a total of more than twelve (12) years. In 2014 the City Charter was amended to provide that following two terms as City Councilor or Mayor any person could sit out one election cycle and then be eligible to run for office again, but clarified that no one person could hold elective office for more than twelve (12) consecutive years. The effect of this Charter amendment would be to allow any otherwise eligible person to be eligible to serve in any elective office for so long as the voters of the City of Rogue River elect them to such position.

Summer is coming to the end but water conservation should not!

The City will likely face new challenges as we move forward into the Fall and Winter. Historically Rogue River has been able to switch over water production to its well fields turning the surface water treatment plant off for the winter as summer high water demand subside and demand goes down. This likely will not be an option for the City this year unless we receive a significant amount of rain now which does not seem likely. The City in turn will have to continue to run the surface water plant and treat water from the Rogue River in order to supply an adequate supply of drinking water. This means that whether there are high turbidities in the surface water source or not the City will have to produce drinking water from the Rogue River. This will most certainly create additional challenges for staff and the treatment facility. Water Conservation will always be important year round in making efficient and affordable water production. The Citizens should also be aware that we have incredibly talented and skilled staff that are up to the challenge with decades of experience in water treatment.

The City of Rogue River has been very proactive in its approach to long term water production. The City has already been in the process of financing needed improvements in the water system for the future with ever changing demands and challenges in water production and storage. Citizens of Rogue River will see many changes in their water system in the coming years. A *new reservoir for additional storage*, this to aid in better water reserves for the summer months/ fire protection and to buffer source water changes in the winter. *Additional fire hydrants*, to better cover the community for fire protection. *Replacement of water meters*, to assist in better accuracy in accounting for water used as compared to water produced.

Also worth noting at this time water theft by individuals stealing water illegally from hydrants is at an all-time high. If you see any suspicious behavior, please notify the City Hall at (541) 582-4401 or the Police Department at (541) 582-4931.