

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pam VanArsdale at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Dale Schaffner with the New Beginnings Christian Center delivered the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pam VanArsdale led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Pam VanArsdale
City Councilor Bill Jones
City Councilor Fred England
City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Mark Poling

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
City Councilor Robert Catherwood
City Councilor Shelli Spencer

ALSO PRESENT:
Mark Reagles, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder
John Krawczyk, City Engineer

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (JONES), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Commission: City Councilor Bill Jones reported that they had reviewed the statistical reports and discussed the abundance of false alarms that had occurred during the report cycle. The Chief commented that a better system needed to be set up to handle false alarms.

Personnel Committee: City Administrator Mark Reagles reported that City Engineer/Public Works Director had postponed his retirement from June to October

2016. He said that Chief Lewis would be retiring this year and that he had been working with Corporal Snyder.

City Councilor Don Daugherty asked if the department would be down an officer when the Chief retires.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said they would be short an officer when the Chief retired but Officer Staller would be back from DPSST training in May. Once Chief Lewis formally gave his retirement notice they would start advertising for an officer if Corporal Snyder stepped into the Chiefs' position.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Mark Poling reported that they were reviewing the Zoning Ordinance District regulations for commercial, industrial and mixed uses, accessory uses in residential zones and discussed election of officers for the next meeting.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported that they had met twice during the month of December to review and approve accounts payable by signing 75-checks totaling \$81,080.44. The City was still solvent.

Rogue Valley Council or Governments: Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that they had canceled their meeting but she had received an e-mail updating on the items going on. She said RVCOG found a piece of property in Grants Pass and had made an offer on it to house Food-n-Friends and working with the County to apply for a grant to help with the purchase and Allcare Health made a generous donation of \$100,000.

Rogue Valley Area Commission of Transportation: Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that \$4-million was available for projects in Region 3. They were looking at Jackson County extending the Greenway from Rock Point to the Twin Bridges; Josephine County Transit Department relocating their main transit hub and an ODOT highway project in Phoenix.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization: Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that they were continuing their Transportation Plan, working on Chapters 10 and 11. Also that same day the City hosted an Open House for their RTP that was very well attended.

Council Advisory Committee: Chairman Marlane Trask reported that they were looking forward to 2016 and were recruiting a new member.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Francis Gilbert of West Evans Creek Road, Rogue River, spoke to City Council reminding them that it was in 1994 when he was on a committee that promoted the

City's Local Voter's Annexation during the recent short session the Legislatures Senate Bill that would remove all annexation laws from 33-cities throughout the State of Oregon and affecting over 600,000-people that would not have the right to vote on their City's growth pattern as a result of one single action during a short session. He said he was mostly concerned with the non funded cost to cities. Citizens have the right to voice their opinion on how their cities grow and to remove that right to vote on something that was crucial to development in the place where they live. The State Supreme Court had ruled that land use regulations and having the right to vote on land use issues was separate. He just wanted to inform the City Council about the issue coming up and strongly urged the Mayor and City Councilors to take an active role and voice their opinions to the Legislatures.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale commented that the League of Oregon Cities had supported them in the past so she would be talking to them about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 State of the City Message: Mayor Pam VanArsdale respectfully delivered the following State of the City Message for 2015:

“Although 2015 was a relatively quiet year for Rogue River, there were still some notable events along the way.

Early in the year, we hosted a series of town hall style meetings to update our Strategic Plan. We learned that your vision of Rogue River now and in the future hasn't changed much since our first Strategic Plan was compiled – that our sense of community is what matters most to us, and moderate growth is necessary but not at the expense of our small town identity.

We welcomed some new faces this past year. Molly Bradley joined our team as City Planner and Public Works Assistant. Elisa Dawson began a one year RARE program with us thanks in part to an AmeriCorps grant (RARE being the acronym for Resource Assistance to Rural Environments). And Nathan Staller became the newest member of our police department, first as a reserve officer in April, and then in September he was sworn in as a full time member of the force.

Signs of the improving economy were evident as new home construction continued to be robust in Foothill Estates and Dollar General finally broke ground and nearly completed their new store. Thanks to Louise Wall's generous land donation, Habitat for Humanity began plans for a small subdivision, and we saw continued improvements to commercial buildings and other properties around town including the completion of the Mural Society's 5th mural on the side of the Homestead building.

We ended the year with one of the rainiest December's on record, a welcome change and hopefully a harbinger of the end of the drought conditions we've endured the past couple of years.

We look forward to another productive year for our city. The street improvement project will be completed this year and Elisa Dawson is working on plans for a riparian garden in Fleming Park as well as updating our zoning and land use codes. I am hoping to be able to apply for a State Parks grant to fund improvements to our property at First and Pine Streets.

And once again, your Council, city staff and I will continue to work with unified purpose for the betterment of our community."

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Council Bill No. 16-2305; Ordinance No. 16-393-O:** An Ordinance regulating Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the City limits of the City of Rogue River, Oregon, repealing Ordinance No. 15-391-O, and declaring an emergency.

MOVED (JONES), SECONDED (POLING) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-2305.

Brad Thompkins of Rogue Lane, Rogue River, asked for clarification of the license time period and was it directed at the marijuana dispensary on Madrone Street?

City Administrator Mark Reagles said it was a fiscal year, July 1st to July 30th.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Council Bill No. 16-2306; Resolution No. 16-1285-R:** A Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 15-1272-R, establishing a Marijuana and Marijuana-Infused Product Tax fee in the City limits of the City or Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (POLING), SECONDED (JONES) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-2306.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Council Bill No. 16-2307; Resolution No. 16-1286-R:** A Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Ordinance No. 98-275-O, also known as Rogue River Municipal Code 13-10, the Rogue River Sewer Ordinance, and rescinding Resolution No. 15-1267-R.

MOVED (POLING), SECONDED (JONES) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-2307.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Council Bill No. 16-2308; Resolution No. 16-1287-R:** A Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Ordinance No. 97-241-O, also known as Rogue River Municipal Code 13.15, the City of Rogue River Water Ordinance, and rescinding Resolution No. 15-1268-R.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-2308.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Absentee: Notification from City Councilor Shelli Spencer that she will be out of town until March 1, 2016.

MOVED (DAUGHERTY), SECONDED (POLING) AND CARRIED TO GRANT CITY COUNCILOR SHELLI SPENCER A LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNTIL MARCH 1, 2016.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that it was a condition of the City Charter for an elected official to request an absence of more than 30-days.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Resignation: A resignation from Planning Commissioner Jo Anne Mead.

MOVED (JONES), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO BOTH REGRETFULLY AND RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSIONER JO ANNE MEAD'S RESIGNATION.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale said that the City will be doing something for Jo Anne Mead for her many years of service on the City Council and Planning Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Liquor License: Oregon Liquor Control Commission application for Off-Premise Sales for the Best Western Inn at the Rogue at 8959 Rogue River Highway. Applicant: Carl Johnson, President of Vintage Hotels, Inc.

MOVED (JONES), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR OFF-PREMISE SALES FOR THE BEST WESTERN INN AT THE ROGUE AT 8959 ROGUE RIVER HIGHWAY. APPLICANT: CARL JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF VINTAGE HOTELS, INC.

Best Western Inn Manager, Brian Paine explained that the patrons would be able to purchase beer or wine in their gift store and take it back to their room or off the premises. They will not be allowed to drink in any public areas, the pool area or the parking lot. He said with the loose of Market Basket there had become a need to provide their customers with an option other than leaving the premises.

City Councilor Mark Poling asked if anyone could come in and make a purchase?

Best Western Inn Manager, Brian Paine said yes, but they would not be able to consume it on property.

AGENDA ITEM 9 Liquor License: Oregon Liquor Control Commission application for Off-Premise Sales for the Dollar General Store #16274 at 110 West Main Street. Applicant: John Garrett, Senior Vice President and Chief Finance Officer.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (POLING) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR OFF-PREMISE SALES FOR THE DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #16274 AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET. APPLICANT: JOHN GARRETT, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.

AGENDA ITEM 10 **Request:** A request to waive the liquor license application fee from the Miss Rogue River Scholarship Pageant to hold the “Eleventh Annual Crab Feed Dinner Fundraiser” at the Live Oak Grange on February 13, 2016. Applicant: Jill Smith, Director.

MOVED (POLING), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO HONOR THE REQUEST TO WAIVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FEE FROM THE MISS ROGUE RIVER SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT TO HOLD THE “ELEVENTH ANNUAL CRAB FEED DINNER FUNDRAISER” AT THE LIVE OAK GRANGE ON FEBRUARY 13, 2016. APPLICANT: JILL SMITH, DIRECTOR.

AGENDA ITEM 11 **Liquor License:** Oregon Liquor Control Commission application to hold a fundraiser at the Live Oak Grange for the Miss Rogue River Scholarship Pageant on February 13, 2016. Applicant: Juan Gallardo, owner of Tarasco’s Mexican Restaurant.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (JONES) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION APPLICATION TO HOLD A FUNDRAISER AT THE LIVE OAK GRANGE FOR THE MISS ROGUE RIVER SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT ON FEBRUARY 13, 2016. APPLICANT: JUAN GALLARDO, OWNER OF TARASCO’S MEXICAN RESTAURANT.

AGENDA ITEM 12 **Agreement:** Authorize the Mayor to sign a district Funds Agreement with Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District for the Rogue River Riparian Planting Demonstration and Learning Site at John F. Fleming Memorial Park.

MOVED (JONES), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A DISTRICT FUNDS AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE ROGUE RIVER RIPARIAN PLANTING DEMONSTRATION AND LEARNING SITE AT JOHN F. FLEMING MEMORIAL PARK.

City Councilor Mark Poling said this was part of the Stream Side Planting Class that RARE Representative Elisa Dawson was working on and encouraged everyone to sign up for the class which was being held at City Hall and an RSVP was necessary due to a free lunch was being offered.

City Councilor Bill Jones asked if the City was seeking the funds?

City Administrator Mark Reagles said the City already had been granted the funds but in order to receive the funds the agreement must be signed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Councilor Fred England reminded everyone that this same day marked 30-years for the Space Shuttle disaster.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale asked the City Councilors to considered how Senate Bill 1573 will affect the citizens of Rogue River and strongly urged them to contact the legislatures with their comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (DAUGHERTY), seconded (POLING) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder