

# **CITY OF ROGUE RIVER**

# **City Council Minutes**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

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** City Administrator Mark Reagles 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 Fred England  
City Councilor Don Daugherty  
City Councilor Mark Poling

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

City Councilor Robert Catherwood  
City Councilor Shelli Spencer

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Rogue Valley Council or Governments (RVCOG):** Mayor Pam VanArsdale read a letter the following letter into the record:

“Ladies and Gentlemen, I thought our Board Members would like to know that our own Dick Converse has been recognized by the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association with the Distinguish Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of unmatched excellence in planning. He first worked for Josephine County for 10-years then Jackson County for another 10-years and with the RVCOG for almost 20-years. He is not only a confident professional but is one of the most likeable and humble people I have ever met. We are beyond lucky to have him on staff. Michael Cavalaro, RVCOG Director”.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale said that Dick Converse works for the City as a Planner through the RVCOG and he is one of the most likeable and humble people she has ever met and was very happy for him to be recognized with the most distinguished award.

**Rogue Valley Area Commission of Transportation:** City Councilor Fred England reported they discussed transportation funding and it appeared that Rogue River could be receiving \$51,000.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that the City had not applied for the

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Special City Allotment Grant because they had spent over \$1.5 million on streets over the last four-years so just about all the projects had been completed except for the curb, gutter and sidewalk on First and Oak Streets around Rooster Park but they wanted to do that with grant funding through the Rooster Park Project. He said that the State was deciding if they were going to make the allotment grants either \$50,000 or \$250,000. With \$250,000 the City could actually do a project with that amount of money. Currently he felt they were going to stick with the \$50,000 for this cycle and it didn't make sense to him to apply at that time. He said it was too late for next year and they'd see if they offer the \$250,000 which could cover the cost for a real project.

City Councilor Fred England continued his report by saying they had discussed the restoration of the Caveman Bridge, and that the Highway 62 Corridor project was underway.

City Councilor Don Daugherty mentioned that Reserve Officer John Foster had been on television last week as a representative of our police department who had been honored by the Veterans Celebration for police and fire personnel.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Wanda Nesbitt with the Rogue River Mural Society presented the Mayor and City Council with the final sketch of the mural that they would be painting on the side of the Rogue River Pharmacy drive through. It would be approximately 12-feet by 24-feet with a cost of \$10,000 when completed and they had already collected all the money. Bob Eding was anticipating getting started in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale thanked Wanda for all her wonderful work and all those cookie sales.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- AGENDA ITEM 1** An Oregon Liquor Control Commission Liquor License Application for additional privilege for Off-Premise Sales from Paisano's Italian Kitchen at 510 East Main Street. Owner: James & Roxanne Southwick.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGE FOR OFF-PREMISE SALES FROM PAISANO'S ITALIAN KITCHEN AT 510 EAST MAIN STREET. OWNER: JAMES & ROXANNE SOUTHWICK.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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Mayor Pam VanArsdale said that the City had received a request from the Rogue River Elementary School PTA in preparation for their annual pumpkin decorating contest for donations to purchase or donate pumpkins for the kids in need to decorate. She said that this was not something that would come out of the City's hotel tax but recommended that they discuss it at a workshop and consider making personal donations. It was the consensus to discuss it at the next workshop.

City Administrator Mark Reagles felt that they probably think of the City as a business and not a government agency so they group us with them.

City Councilor Don Daugherty commented that the property on East Main Street has again put household items in front of their property and it had again become an eye sore.

City Recorder Carol Weir told the Mayor and City Council that the memorial service for Public Works employee Tom Farrell would be at Woodville Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. and the memorial service at 1:00 p.m. at Palmerton Park on October 21, 2017.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that they could consider planting a tree at the water treatment plant or a park. He said when Joe Carbone passed away a tree was planted at the waste water treatment plant. He said they would talk with the family and the Tree City Committee.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale reminded everyone that Rogue River would be hosting the Small Cities Region V meeting and they would like to have it in Palmerton Park with weather permitting. If the weather were not conducive, they had a backup already held at the VFW Hall. It was suggested to have Subway cater it and have a cake made by the deli at Ray's. Also, the Tree City Committee had offered to do a tour of Palmerton Park.

City Councilor Fred England noted that the recent LOC Bulletin ODOT's Drive Less Challenge was asking City's to help promote the program by using alternatives to driving alone. Maximizing the capacity of the states transportation system, reducing congestion and improving air quality.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (ENGLAND), seconded (DAUGHERTY) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

Carol J. Weir, MMC  
City Recorder