

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Mark Poling at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Lucas Bradburn with the Rogue Valley Community Church delivered the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pro-tem Mark Poling led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City Councilor Bob Pascalar
City Councilor Fred England
City Councilor Wayne Stuart
City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Mark Poling

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale
City Councilor Ryan Hess

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Reagles, City Administrator/Planner
Carol Weir, City Recorder

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Wayne Stuart reported they were continuing their work on grants that were time consuming to assure the applications were complete.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported they met twice during the month of August 2018 to review and approve the monthly payables as submitted by staff and signed 75-checks totaling \$122,559.38.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Mark Poling reported that they had discussed the Habitat for Humanity project, requirements for two-car garages and developing a Riparian Ordinance.

Police Commission: City Councilor Fred England reported there were a lot of cars

in the parking lot but not a lot of officers. The cars were doing well and what officers there were left were also doing well.

Council Advisory Committee: City Administrator Mark Reagles informed the City Council that Chair Marlane Trask had stepped down from her position due to a recent move to the City of Gold Hill.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Kupel who resides on Broadway Street said that she needed to speak again to them after attending the last workshop regarding the issues going on about cats. She had gone out into the community and found that she had to agree with the Mayor and City Councilor's that sending out flyers was not going to help, it was just going to make people mad. She believed that the owner of Red Dog Pet Supply's still had his nonprofit status and hoped to use that resource for trapping, spaying or neutering of feral cats. He had already trapped 30-cats from a trailer park from across the river which resulted in eliminating kittens repopulated into the area. The city was only one-square-mile and the people needed to get involved. She said the cats had depleted her finances and could no longer take feral cats in to have them spayed or neutered. However, she could help educate people on prevention.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that he had received a phone call from a veterinarian out of Jacksonville who had information about a clinic being held on November 4th. The veterinarian was also willing to come to an office here in Rogue River and help spay and neuter feral cats for free.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Agreement:** Authorize the Mayor to sign a Retainer Agreement between the City and Steven E. Rich, Attorney at Law, to serve as legal counsel and advisor to the City, it's officials and authorized agents.

MOVED (DAUGHERTY), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A RETAINER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND STEVEN E. RICH, ATTORNEY AT LAW, TO SERVE AS LEGAL COUNSEL AND ADVISOR TO THE CITY, IT'S OFFICIALS AND AUTHORIZED AGENTS.

Mayor Pro-tem Mark Poling announced that the City Council would be meeting in Executive Session as addressed in Agenda Item 2 and asked the audience to leave the Council Chambers and recessed the regular meeting at 6:16 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Executive Session:** Pursuant to **ORS 192.355(2)(a)** to review information of a personal nature such as but not limited to that kept in a personal, medical or similar

file, if public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy, unless the public interest by clear and convincing evidence requires disclosure in the particular instance; **ORS 192.660(2)(f)** to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection; and, **ORS 192.660(2)(i)** to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

Mayor Pro-tem Mark Poling declared the Executive Session opened at 6:21 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Mark Poling read a prepared script addressing ORS 192.660(2)(A), 192.660(2)(f) and 192.660(2)(I) for discussion which is a permanent part of the record.

Mayor Pro-tem Mark Poling declared the Executive Session closed at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Mark Poling declared the Regular Council meeting back in session at 6:56 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Administrator Mark Reagles informed the City Council that the Police Department had received a \$50 donation from Naomi (Lucas) Armstrong for their help with her brother's passing and estate closure. He read the following letter from Ms. Armstrong which is a permanent part of the meeting packet:

"Dear Staff at the RR Police Department,

Please accept my gift of money for some type of treats to be shed with all of you. It will be a year from the death of my bother, Bob Lucas, and your assistance in finding him and notifying me (September 20, 2017). During that year I had a lot of wrapping up to do to settle his estate which included filing the paper work for his estate, as well as securing the house and selling his home located on Broadway. Since I live 8-hours away on the Eastern side of the state of Oregon, I came to rely on your assistance both when he was alive (many welfare checks) and then to "watch" over the house as it was empty for a number of months. Your assistance helped calm my fears as I was too far to do any of the checking on him or the home. Thank you seems so small compared to what I feel I owe you.

Some of you may have even known my father, Leigh Lucas, when he was mayor in the City of Rogue River. I know he spoke well of all the city employees, both in what they did and who they were. An even then, I was too far to really THANK you all for what you did for him both during his time on City Council, being Mayor and even at his death. Some may remember me as the daughter who found her father in his home on Broadway and being the one to have to make the 911 call. I still remember n officer figuring out how to locate my brother, who at the time was working for the Medford City Parks department but had NO cell phone. Somehow that officer tracked my brother down so that I could relay the news of our father's death to him. I don't think I ever thanked him then, as I was in a state of shock.

Thank you again for all you do for Rogue River. You really do make a difference in those urgent times. I have always spoken very highly of the City of Rogue River. It hold a special place in my heart.”

Naoma Armstrong

City Administrator Mark Reagles asked the City Council if they had any suggestions for the donation. It was determined that the City Administrator would let them know what he decided.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (PASCALAR), seconded (ENGLAND) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder