



Tradin' Crows

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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 7:00 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:

- Bill Jones
- Fred England
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- John Schaeffer
- Jo Anne Mead
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Cindy England
- Rick Kempa
- Dean Stirm

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

Public Works Director/City Engineer: John Krawczyk

We are looking forward to assisting you in 2016

City Council Update

Mayor Pam VanArsdale welcomed Pastor Dan O'Donnell to give the Invocation for the last meeting of the year.

The December City Council meeting agenda dealt with housekeeping items consisting of:

- Adopting a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to provide a Christmas Holiday Gratuity to all employees
- Appointing Rick Kempa as an Alternate to the Planning Commission

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor and City Council are happy to host a Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) Open House on January 28, 2015, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of the open house is to provide an opportunity to review and comment on the first draft of the Middle Rogue Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This plan affects the area within the MRMPO boundary, including Grants Pass, Rogue River, and Gold Hill, and is expected to be adopted in March 2016. All Rogue River area residents are encouraged to attend.

Regional transportation systems have significant and long-term impacts on economic well-being and quality of life. Not only does the transportation system provide for the mobility of people and goods, it also influences patterns of growth and economic activity through accessibility to land. Furthermore, the performance of the transportation system affects public policy concerns such as air quality, environmental resource consumption, social equity, economic development, safety and security.

The RTP is a multi-modal transportation plan designed to meet the anticipated 25-year transportation needs within the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) planning area boundary. It will include a list of short-, mid-, and long-term transportation projects to be completed by 2040 as funding becomes available. Projects must be on the list to qualify for federal transportation funding.

We look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

To you and your families from all of us at the Rogue River City Hall and Police Department -



Mayor's Corner

I hope many of you will join us on the 28th before the Regular Council meeting for the open house that we're hosting as members of The Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization. Public participation is so important to the regional transportation planning process and helps give the policy makers the input they need to formulate good long term and short term transportation goals.

As some of you may recall from my past January corners, I'm not much for making traditional New Year's resolutions. Instead, every year my resolution is to try to be a good human being. I saw a sign downtown in the window of Alden Leather Works that said something to the effect of "Be kind, be brave". I think those would be pretty good resolutions to make also, along with "be patient with others". Whatever your resolutions are, may we all be successful in our endeavors!

Happy New Year!
Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam

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Scheduled Events January 2016

- 1st CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY
- 6th 9:00am Sign Review Board
10:00am Safety Committee
- 7th 9:30am Personal Committee
10:00am Council/Staff Workshop
- 12th 6:00pm Planning Commission Meeting
- 13th 6:30pm Tree City Committee
- 15th 2:30pm Finance Committee
- 18th CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- 20th 9:00am Sign Review Board
10:00am Police Commission
- 21st 10:00am Council/Staff Workshop
- 26th 10:00am Planning Commission Workshop
- 28th 6:00pm Council Advisory Committee
7:00pm City Council Meeting
- 29th 2:30pm Finance Committee

PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST FROZEN & BURST PIPES

- Identify the main water shut-off to your home or business and try it before you have to use it. There should be a valve behind the water meter at the street. Call City Hall if you need assistance in locating your shutoff valve. We can be reached at 541-582-4401.
- Turn off outdoor faucets and disconnect hoses.
- Turn off and drain irrigation sprinklers and supply lines.
- Insulate pipes in your breezeway, crawl spaces and attic. These exposed pipes are the most susceptible to freezing.
- If your system is vulnerable, turn on faucets (both hot and cold) until they trickle slowly if you have any concern about pipes freezing, especially on very cold nights.
- Owners are responsible for all repairs past the water meter. Have your plumber's emergency phone number readily available.
- If you have a leak, notify the City immediately. If we can verify that the leak was underground between the meter and the building the City may allow a water adjustment of fifty (50%) of the estimated excess consumption.

Winter Driving Tips: Make sure you have a tune-up, a full tank of gas, and fresh anti-freeze.

You should carry the following items in your trunk:

- Shovel, ice scraper and snow brush
- Jumper cables
- Tow and tire chains
- Bag of salt or cat litter
- Working flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Wooden stick matches in a waterproof container
- Supplies to keep you warm such as heavy woolen mittens, socks, a cap and blankets.
- Foods like canned nuts, dried fruits, and hard candy.

If You Become Stranded...

- Do not leave your car unless you know exactly where you are, how far it is to possible help, and are certain you will improve your situation.
- If you are sure the car's exhaust pipe is not blocked, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour or so depending upon the amount of gas in the tank. Keep at least one window open slightly for fresh air.



HELP US KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

The City pays Pacific Power to maintain 170 street lights in town. We do our best to keep the lights on, but sometimes we need your help to let Pacific Power know if streetlights are out in your neighborhood. You can always call Pacific Power toll free anytime at 1-888-221-7070 to report an outage or report online at:

<https://www.pacificpower.net/ed/streetlights/raso.html>

A properly completed streetlight outage report will help ensure a quick and accurate response to your request. Please consider the following tips when completing your form:

Nearest address – e.g.; 123 Main St.

Nearest cross street – e.g.; First Ave.

The six-digit pole number from the pole plate (if you have it).

Example:

