



Tradin' Crows

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City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 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
- Bob Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

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

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

**Public Works Director/City
Engineer:** John Krawczyk

City Council Update

Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the February City Council meeting by welcoming the new Grace Baptist Church Pastor, Charlie Granade to Rogue River. After hearing the committee reports the City Council checked off the following agenda items:

- ✓ Approved the first reading to amend Ordinance RRMC 10.05.130 for Storage of Motor Vehicles on City streets
- ✓ Approved a Resolution transferring appropriation authority within the Water Fund, for the Budget year beginning July 1, 2015
- ✓ Held a Public Hearing to consider an application for a Tentative Plat approval for a proposed subdivision on Foothill Boulevard
- ✓ Approved the Tentative Plat for a proposed subdivision for property on Foothill Boulevard for eight new parcels to accommodate sixteen new housing units
- ✓ The City Council served as a Contract Review Board a contract for engineering services for the 2016 Pedestrian Improvement Project, authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Civil West Engineering Services
- ✓ Accepted the 2015-2015 Audit Report as presented by KDP Certified Public Accountants, LLP
- ✓ Authorized the Mayor to sign a Non-exclusive Temporary Use Permit with Pacifcorp for the use of property where the horseshoe

courts are located at John F. Fleming Memorial Park

- ✓ Appointed Planning Commission Alternate Dean Stirm to Position No. 3 of the Planning Commission
- ✓ Authorized the Mayor to sign an OLCC Temporary Use of Annual License to hold a fundraiser on March 12, 2016 for Breast Cancer designating the Connie Fiske Breast Cancer Foundation through Asante
- ✓ Approved to declare an OCE copier with extras as surplus property
- ✓ Approved to donate the surplus property of an OCE copier with extras to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rogue River Post 4116

Other discussion during the meeting included an update on a Senate Bill issue doing away with the City's option of requiring Voter Approval Annexation. This Ordinance was approved by the citizens in 1999 requiring that property annexed into the city limits is done so only by a vote of the people. The Mayor and City Council will continue their research on this particular matter to assure our citizens that the regulations they voted to put into place are still valuable.

REMEMBER: The City Council and Planning Commission meetings are always open to the public and your elected and appointed officials are always happy to see citizens being active members of the audience. Please join us at our next meeting.

ARBOR DAY IS COMING!!!

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 7, 2016**. Join us in Palmerton Park for a tree planting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. at the Rogue River Elementary Gymnasium for a special assembly with the kids!


Let's celebrate "Tree City USA" 32 years strong in Rogue River!





MARCH 2016



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Scheduled Events March 2016

2nd	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
3rd	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/ Staff Workshop
8th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
9th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
15th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
16th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
17th	10:00 am	Council/ Staff Workshop
21st	6:00 pm	Municipal Court
22nd	9:00 am	Police Commission
	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
24th	6:00 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
30th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee

MAYOR'S CORNER

As I write this, there are only 20 days until the first day of Spring. Daffodils have started blooming and the tulips will be next. I notice my plum tree is budding out nicely and will be in full bloom soon. The promise of Spring is evident everywhere I look.

Speaking of which, don't forget to "spring forward" – daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 13th. It seems that the older I get, the harder it is for me to get used to the time change and the more that I think we should just leave the clocks alone. Arizona and Hawaii are the only states that do not observe daylight savings time. Maybe they have the right idea!

As the weather improves, we'll be finishing up the street Improvement projects that we began in 2014. Among others, Nugget Dr. and Placer St. will be on the work list. We're also going to get started on some improvements to the Wards Creek Bridge on Main St. All of these projects may impact traffic at some point and so I ask for your patience through any inconveniences these may cause.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated this month so with that in mind, I leave you with this:

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



PLEASE KEEP "FLUSHABLE" WIPES OUT OF PIPES

Sometimes we forget the toilet is not a trash can. All wipes, disposable cleaning and so called "flushable" products belong in the trash, not the toilet. Did you know flushing wipes down the toilet causes problems in the City' sewer system? Those "disposable" wipes may be labeled "flushable", but they can clog the sewer system, contributing to costly cleanups and may result in sewage backups.

Over the last year the City has experienced a substantial increase in costly wastewater pump station malfunctions. Crews are regularly unclogging mounds of rags and wipes from pumps, at considerable expense, and the potential for environmental consequences could be raw sewage backing up into your or a neighbor's plumbing.

Common Offenders: ♦ Disinfecting wipes ♦ Swiffer mop refills ♦ Toss-in toilet bowl wands
♦ Shop towels/rags ♦ Towelettes ♦ Baby and Senior diapers and wipes ♦ Paper towels

Many cleaning products are labeled "flushable" or "disposable," but they often don't dissolve or break down after being flushed. A general guideline is, if it doesn't dissolve as fast as toilet paper, it's NOT FLUSHABLE.

Please help us keep costs down and keep the sewer system flowing by placing these materials where they belong: in the trash.

