



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. & 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:

- Bob Pascalar
- Ryan Hess
- Wayne Stewart
- Fred England
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- Cindy England
- Dean Stirm
- Don Collins
- Barb Hilty
- Rick Kempa
- Carolyn Riley

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Chris Snyder

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update ..

Mayor Pam VanArsdale was not able to attend the July Council Meeting because she was attending the Mayor's Annual Conference in Florence, Oregon. Without her knowledge representatives from the Rogue Valley including County Commissioner Colleen Roberts, Rogue Valley Council of Governments Director Michael Cavallaro, Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning and Program Manager Karl D. Welzenbach, Central Point Mayor Hank Williams and along with members of the City Staff nominated her for the "Mayor's Leadership Award" presented by the Oregon Mayors Association. She received this Award during the conference banquet on Saturday night and being caught totally surprised was speechless in the recognition. All of us here at City Hall know how hard she works at not only representing the City of Rogue River here in the community but also outside of our community and is extremely respected by everyone she works with. **"CONGRATULATIONS" Mayor Pam.** We are all very proud of you and so happy that you're our Mayor!

In the absence of Mayor Pam VanArsdale City Councilor Mark Poling served his position as Mayor Pro tem. He opened the Council meeting welcoming Pastor Sharon Boland with Five Alive Foursquare Church who delivered the Invocation, then continued with the Pledge of Allegiance, approval of minutes and then onto Committee Reports.

After the committee reports were given, the City Council came to a decision on the following agenda items during their July meeting:

Confirmed the City's recommendations for the top four and the least four priorities of the League of Oregon Cities 2019 Legislative Session.

Declared two police patrol vehicles as surplus property.

Ratified a consensus for a request from the Cattlemen's Saloon for an Oregon Liquor Control Commission Temporary Use of

Annual License August 26, 2018 at 108 Depot Street requiring an extension of premises. Applicant: Bill Neiswanger, Owner.

Approved a request from River Station LLC for an Oregon Liquor Control Commission Full on Premises, Commercial for a new application at 510 East Main Street, Suites G & H, Rogue River. Applicant: Monique Goodwin, Owner.

Approved a request from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary to hang a banner across Depot Street for the "13th Annual Patriot's Run" from August 1, 2018 to September 8, 2018.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to speak to any matter that is not on the agenda you can do so during Public Input. The Mayor and City Council are always ready to hear the concerns of the public.

ELECTION UPDATE!

The deadline for being on the ballot is August 8, 2018 but to guarantee signature verification they needed to be returned to City Hall no later than Friday, August 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. After August 8th you can still run as a Write-In candidate. Stop in at City Hall and the City Recorder/Elections Official will provide you with all the information you need or you can go to www.oregon.gov/elections and review page 25 of the County, City, and District Candidate Manual. If you're not a registered voter your have until October 16, 2018. The application forms are available at City Hall, Post Office or you can register on line.

REMEMBER TO LOOK FOR CHILDREN WHILE THEY'RE WALKING BACK TO SCHOOL AND DRIVE CAREFUL IN THE AREAS WHERE STREET PAVING IS STILL GOING ON!
BE ADVISED THAT PATROL OFFICERS WILL BE PATROLING IN THE AREA DURING THIS TIME!



OCTOBER 16, 2018 IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE!

August 2018 						
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September 2018						
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Scheduled Meetings August 2018 		
1st	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board
	10:00 AM	Safety Committee
2nd	9:30 AM	Personnel Committee
	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
8th	6:30 PM	Tree City Committee
14th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
15th	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board
	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
16th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
21st	10:00 AM	Police Commission
23rd	5:00 PM	Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
28th	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
30th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
First week in September 		
5th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
6th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop

Mayor's Corner

The best thing that I can say about August arriving is that it's that much closer to Autumn!

Do you know anyone that is actively serving or a veteran of the military that lives within the boundaries of the Rogue River School District? If so, we want to hear from you! The Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with our VFW and the City is starting a Military Banner Program. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, The VFW or The Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center. The deadline for applications is October 1st. The banners will hang from the streetlights downtown where our current ones are and the plan is to put them up when our holiday banners come down and leave them up until June when we'll put the Rooster banners back up (in time for Rooster Crow of course!) We're still working out some of the details but after the banners come down, we'd like to present them to the veteran, service member or family member at some sort of celebration (maybe a BBQ at the VFW or a picnic at one of the parks?). Our hope is to make this a yearly event to honor those who have served or are serving in our military.

Look for more news this month about The State of the City and Business Expo (also put on by the Chamber of Commerce) that will take place on September 21st from 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. at the Live Oak Grange. There will be a Continental breakfast provided and it will be no charge for members of the community. This is a chance to meet some of our local business owners while giving them the opportunity to highlight their businesses.

Have you noticed the new parking on Broadway? Instead of diagonal parking in the residential areas above First Street, we now have parallel parking. I live off of Third Street and it was always very difficult to turn on Broadway – by the time that I could see around the parked cars, I was in the middle of the intersection. I have had numerous near-collisions over the years and I imagine the same is true for many of you. Fortunately, I don't think that there's been a serious accident or worse still, a kid on a bike or scooter injured there. I know it might be an inconvenience for some of the residents that were used to diagonally parking but maybe knowing how much safer it is now will make it a little less bothersome.

Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam



Important Information on Protecting your Water Supply!

In the heat of the summer water demand is high, and not just in our community but in the areas that surround our community. With those demands the likelihood of water being taken from our system by *Unauthorized Users* is extremely high. It is not just the theft of the water that creates an issue, when an illegal hauler hooks up to the system they can put the safety of the water system and its users at risk. The potential for an illegal "**cross connection**" (the ability of water that is not potable or **SAFE!** to be introduced into our drinking water system) is a serious concern. The public should be aware of the following as guidelines for us all to be an active member in protecting our drinking water supply and recourses. If you see a water tanker taking water from a hydrant, the water tanker should be marked and have clear identification as to whom the hauler is. Please report any suspicious activity that might suggest that water is

being illegally taken from the City's water system. Any authorized use to withdraw water from our system will have trained personnel authorized by the City to hook up to our system and the hydrant will have a meter and backflow prevention device in place to protect our drinking water system from contaminants (below is a typical installation).

Never fill a portable water container from your home by a hose, this is a serious cross connection hazard as well if the system was to lose pressure the potential contaminants in the tank you are filling would be drawn into the City's water supply. If you suspect an illegal connection to our water system call the City at (541) 582-4401 or Law Enforcement at once.



You are the front line in protecting public health.