



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 6:00 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 all meetings

Mayor: Wayne Stuart

City Council Members:

- Bob Pascalar
- Fred England
- Pam VanArsdale
- Barb Hilty
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- Rick Kempa
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Sherri Moss
- Don Collins
- Jay Chick
- Jack Bird



City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Curtis Whipple

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



City Council Update



Mayor Wayne Stuart opened the first meeting welcoming Pastor Josh May with the Truth in Rogue River Church who delivered the Invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor and City Councilors delivered their committee reports. Followed with the Mayors State of the City Message which can be found in it's entirety on the back page. The City Council took action on the following agenda items:

♥ Council Bill No. 20-2394: A Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Rogue River Municipal Code Title 13.10, the City of Rogue River Sewer Ordinance and rescinding Resolution No. 19-1430-R.

♥ Council Bill No. 20-2395: A Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Rogue River Municipal Code Title 13.15, the City of Rogue River Water Ordinance and rescinding Resolution No. 19-1341-R.

♥ Council Bill No. 20-2396: A Resolution authorizing signatures for banking services on behalf of the City of Rogue River,

Oregon, and rescinding Resolution No. 19-1342-R.

♥ Goals and Policies for the 2020-2021 budget year.

♥ Deadly Physical Force Plan between the City and Jackson County, Oregon.

♥ Mayor Stuart recommendation that City Councilor Pam VanArsdale be appointed the Planning Commission Liaison.

♥ Mayor Stuart recommendation that City Councilor Pam VanArsdale be appointed as the Alternate to the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT).

Citizens are always welcome to join the Mayor and City Council during their meetings. They look forward to hearing your comments about our community. See the back page for dates and times.

Happy Valentine's Day

Here Are the Rules for Garage and Yard Sales

5.20.010 Definitions.

"Garage sale" or "yard sale" is an aspect of residential uses consisting of sales on the premises of a dwelling by the residents of the dwelling for the purpose of disposing of their surplus clothing, furniture or other household items.

5.20.020 Permitted use.

Garage sales and yard sales, hereinafter referred to in this chapter as "sales," are permitted, provided they comply with the standards set forth in this chapter.

5.20.030 Length of sales.

Sales may be no longer than three continuous days.

5.20.040 Frequency.

Sales may be held no more than four times per calendar year per household.

5.20.050 Site permission.

A. Sales shall be conducted on property which is regularly occupied by the person conducting the sale.

B. Multiple family sales are permitted if the sales are held on the property of one of the participants.

C. Sales may not occur or encroach upon city streets, sidewalks, or other rights-of-way.

5.20.060 Signs.

A. Signs may be placed on another's property with the property owner's permission.

B. Signs may be no larger than three square feet each.

C. Signs may not be placed on telephone or utility poles or street signs.

D. Illegally placed signs will be removed by the city at the owner's expense.

E. Signs may not be placed on any city-owned property, streets, alleyways, sidewalks, rights-of-way or thoroughfares.

5.20.070 Permit required.

Garage sales and yard sales shall require a permit for each time a sale is held. Applications for permits shall be applied for on a form furnished by the city and accompanied with a fee of \$2.00 per sale. The garage or yard sale permit shall be posted on the premises where the sale is conducted. The permit shall state the name, address, premises and what and who are to be involved in the sales activity.



5.20.080 Penalties.

A. A person who violates any provision of this chapter may be prosecuted in municipal court.

B. A violation of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$250.00.



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Scheduled Events

February 2020

3rd	8:00 am	Safety Committee
5th	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board
6th	9:30 AM	Personnel Committee
"	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
11th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
12th	6:30 PM	Tree City Committee
14th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
17th	CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY	
18th	10:00 AM	Police Commission
19th	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board
20th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
25th	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
27th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
"	5:00 PM	Council Advisory
"	6:00 PM	Council Meeting

First Week of March

2nd	8:00 am	Safety Committee
3rd	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
4th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
"	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop



UTILITY DEPARTMENT NOTICE:

The water and sewer bill that you are receiving this month has been increased by 1.8%. That is a total increase of .85 cents for a single family household base rate. For those customers with water service only the increase is .30 cents a month and sewer only customers is .55 cents a month. The increase was determined by the November 2019 Engineering News Record (ENR) Report by averaging the Construction Cost Index, Building Cost Index and Materials Cost Index. The City reviews other cities utility fees but does not do rate comparisons because each city has to consider their infrastructure, costs to run the facilities, population and funding when setting their rates. The City Council realized that the past cost increases were not keeping up with the increase cost of running both the water and sewer systems and made the hard decision to step up and do the right thing. If you have any questions or concerns about your bill please contact the Utility Department at City Hall.



Mayor's State of the City Message

It's my pleasure to deliver the State of the City Message! Rogue River continues to enjoy the new businesses that opened along with the re-location of others this past year. Construction for new residential homes including the Habitat for Humanity Project bring with it new citizens to our town.

Unfortunately we accepted resignations from Mayor Ryan Hess and Deputy Recorder/Administrative Assistant Kailin Honea wishing them well with their new adventures. After Ryan's departure and with me taking the position of Mayor it left my seat on the City Council vacant. After much consideration the City Council found it to be extremely beneficial to appoint Pam VanArsdale to fill that position. The City Council also made several appointments to the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Tree City Committee and Sign Review Board this year.

Officer Darr graduated by the Police Academy this summer. We hired Curtis Whipple as our new Police Chief, Paige Chick to fill the role of Clerk Typist, and our Police Department is fully staffed with the hiring of Andy Gomez.

The City Council approved their Goals and Policies for the budget year 2019-2020 which was followed with an unqualified opinion to our annual audit from KDP Certified Public Accountants.

We made another attempt at getting an Oregon State Parks Grant for Rooster Park and failed but have already begun the process for applying this next spring with assistance from the Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

And although we had much to crow about this past year we were also saddened with the passing of our City Attorney and friend Steve Rich. Steve had served as the City's legal counsel for more than 30-years and after his passing Attorney Michael Franell was hired to serve as legal counsel and adviser to the City.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Rogue River's Mural Society and some financial help from the City the mural at 109 East Main Street was completed. I was honored to attend the VFW's celebration and present the families with the banners of local veterans that hung downtown all summer. Once again the City signed an agreement with the Rogue River Kiwanis to hold the 66th Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest weekend that was able to bring back the much missed car show. The weekend was a great success for the Kiwanis, Cal-Ore River Racers and local merchants.

The City joined other regional cities in sharing SOREDI's vision for Southern Oregon as the most "Business Friendly" region on the West Coast.

We finished the "Safe Sidewalks to School" project that was funded by an Oregon's Small City Allotment Grant and recently learned that we will be receiving additional money to continue the project. And the upgrades to the water treatment plant have been completed.

As we have done in the past, we will have challenges that will need to be addressed. And with the dedication of the City Council, staff and Mayor, we will continue to be good stewards for the positions we hold, always being mindful of the citizens we represent now and for the future of Rogue River.

Respectfully, Mayor Wayne

