



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:

Are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

Are held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other 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
- Sherrie Moss
- Jay Chick
- Jack Bird



City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Curtis Whipple

Public Works Director: Mike Bollweg

City Council Update



Mayor Wayne Stuart opened the September City Council meeting by delivering the Invocation and asking the audience to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. After hearing the committee reports from the Mayor and City Councilors they deliberated on the following agenda items:

- ★ A public hearing was held to hear comments from the public regarding a request to hook up to City services within the Urban Growth Boundary of the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- ★ Approved a request from Larry and Mickie Faye Hamblin to hook up to water and sewer services in the Urban Growth Boundary at 5820 Foothill Blvd., Rogue River, Oregon.
- ★ Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign a Subgrant Agreement between the City and Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SOREDI) for the Cares Act Supplemental Planner Grant for COVID Response.
- ★ Approved the appointment of Laura Lee Jones to the Tree City Committee.

During a recent workshop the City Council met with the City's engineers from Civil West Engineering, who gave a presentation regarding the city requesting funding assistance for several improvements to our Drinking Water System. The first installation of a public water system in Rogue River was in 1974. The project addresses concerns outlined in the 2014 Water Master Plan.

Some of the concerns are inadequate storage for fire protection, areas in town that do not have adequate fire protection because of lack of fire hydrants, installation of radio read meters for more accurate readings, seismic concerns for the old reservoirs and lack of cathodic protection in our reservoirs.

Our water system has been very well maintained and primarily consists of a ground water system, a surface water treatment plant, one new 1.2 million gallon concrete reservoir completed in 2011, a 500 thousand gallon concrete reservoir completed in 1974 along with additional storage in the wet well at the water treatment plant.

The city has recently replaced all the valves at the water treatment plant, updated the automation and computer controls, updated and remodeled the lab and chemical feed system, and installed a master meter to the well system for more accurate readings.

The City Council would like to install an additional in ground reservoir that is seismically sound and install thirteen additional fire hydrants that would provide the entire city limits with fire protection. Which is especially critical on the outskirts of the city limits.

As we continue the process you will be hearing more about the progress of this project over the next year.

The next City Council Meeting is October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. If you are planning to attend any meetings please call City Hall in advance so that social distancing can be arranged.



Keep your eyes open for the BearFest Bears returning to Rogue River for the Holiday Season!

October 13th is the



DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES TRICK-OR-TREAT

**Friday, October 30th
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



						
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 Scheduled Meetings October 2020				
2nd	9:30 AM	Personnel Committee		
	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop		
6th	10:00 AM	Safety Committee		
7th	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board		
13th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop		
14th	6:30 PM	Tree City Committee		
15th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop		
	2:00 PM	Finance Committee		
20th	9:00 AM	Police Commission		
	10:00 AM	Special Council Meeting		
21st	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board		
	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting		
22nd	5:00 PM	Council Advisory Committee		
	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting		
30th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee		
First Week in November 2020				
3rd	10:00 am	Safety Committee		
4th	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board		
5th	9:30 AM	Personnel Committee		
	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop		

HALLOWEEN IN ROGUE RIVER:

At this time City Hall will be participating in the annual Downtown Business "Halloween Trick-or-Treat" event on Friday, October 30th starting at 3:00 p.m. unless we receive notification from the Governor's Office and OSHA with COVID-19 mandates it could change. Other locations will be sponsored by the Kiwanis at the Live Oak Grange and at the VFW 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everyone will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks and gloves when handing out candy. Please be cautious when driving in the downtown area.



"Mayor's Corner"



First of all I want to say how saddened I am about the people who lost their homes and the lives the fires are taking. The City's thoughts and prayers go out to our local communities of Eagle Point, Butte Falls, Shady Cove, Ashland, Phoenix, Talent, Cave Junction and our surrounding communities. I commend the great job of our first responders and medical personnel. We at the City of Rogue River have also been impacted with family and friends that were evacuated from their homes. Our community is strong. Our residents resilient and we will all somehow get through this. We have witnessed moments of fear and despair along with moments of joy and sorrow, but we are Southern Oregon and we are Southern Oregon Strong.

Halloween will be here soon. I'm not sure how we will be doing it this year with the pandemic. We still need to be safe.

On a happier note I so welcome Fall with cooler temperatures and the beautiful fall colors.

And remember to Vote this November. Every Vote Counts!

Respectfully, Mayor Wayne



REMEMBER, sidewalk's are your responsibility!

As a citizen it's your responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear for pedestrian traffic. This is a good time to trim back your bushes, hedges, and trees over the sidewalks and rake any fallen leaves making it easier for people to walk without having to walk out into the street.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

Fall is here and with that leaves have begun to drop. We will start picking up leaves in the City on November 2nd. This service will continue through December 31st. Please call **541-582-4401** if your leaves were not pickup.

This program is for **LEAVES ONLY**, no grass, animal droppings, tree limbs, rocks or household garbage. The City has a new leaf vacuum, and would like to utilize that as much as possible. All piles of leaves should be in an area accessible within the reach of the 6-foot vacuum hose, and not behind fences, on the sidewalk or in the gutter.

Please do not rake the leaves into open ditches.



The City will also pick up leaves in bags, and if you need bags, stop by City Hall and pick up some. Remember, if you cannot pick up the bag after you have filled it, it is most likely too heavy for our employees to pick them up. Please make sure the bags are 30-pounds or less!

