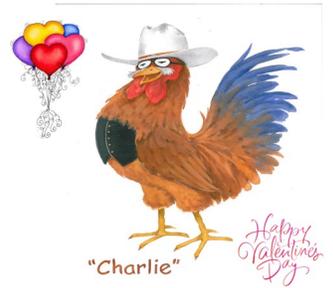




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February 2021 Edition



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City Hall Staffing Hours:

The doors are still closed but staff is available by appointment.

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
- Pam VanArsdale
- Ricki Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Don Daugherty
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Sherri Moss
- Jack Bird

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Curtis Whipple

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



**We will be Closed Monday,
February 15, 2021**



City Council Update



Mayor Wayne Stuart opened the first meeting of the year by asking City Administrator Mark Reagles to deliver the Invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor and City Councilors delivered their committee reports. Followed with the Mayor delivering his 2020 State of the City Message which can be found in it's entirety on the back page. Plaque presentations were made to outgoing City Councilors Fred England and Mark Poling, Planning Commissioner Rick Kempa and retiring Police Chief Curtis Whipple.

City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Wayne Stuart and City Councilors Pam VanArsdale, Barb Hilty, Barb Gregory and Rick Kempa.

The City Council then took action on the following agenda items:

- ♥ The City Council elected a Pam VanArsdale as Mayor Pro-tem for calendar years 2021-2022.
- ♥ They adopted the Mayor's recommendations for Committee Assignments for calendar years 2021-2022.
- ♥ Approved the first reading of an Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 17, Zoning regulations for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- ♥ Adopted a Resolution adopting a salary range for the position of Police Chief for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- ♥ Adopted a Resolution amending Resolution No. 06-1118 -R by adopting a job description for the position of Police Support Specialist for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

♥ Adopted a Resolution adopting a salary range for the position of Police Support Specialist for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

♥ Held a public hearing to hear comments regarding a request to hook up City services in the Urban Growth Boundary.

♥ Approved a request to hook up City services in the Urban Growth Boundary to 1487 East Evans Creek Road, Rogue River, Oregon.

♥ Adopted the 2019-2020 audit as prepared by KDP Public Accountants, LLC.

♥ Appointed City Administrator Mark Reagles as the budget officer for the preparation of the 2021-2022 annual budget.

♥ Adopted the goals and polices for the preparation of the 2021-2022 annual budget.

♥ Accepted a resignation with regret from Planning Commissioner Don Collins and declared a vacancy.

♥ Accepted the resignation from Tree City Committee member Judith Rose.

♥ Appointed Jay Chick to Position No. 1 and Jack Bird to Position No. 5 of the Planning Commission.

♥ Appointed Chrystine Johnson to the City Council's Advisory Committee.

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.



February 2021

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Scheduled Events February 2021

2nd	9:00 AM	Safety Committee
3rd	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board
4th	9:30 AM	Personnel Committee
"	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
9th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
10th	6:30 PM	Tree City Committee
12th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
15th	CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY	
16th	10:00 AM	Police Commission
17th	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board
18th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
23rd	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Meeting
25th	4:00 PM	Council Advisory Committee
"	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
26th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
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



Applications are still being accepted for positions on the Budget Committee, Planning Commission and Sign Review Board

Mayor's State of the City Message

It is my pleasure to deliver the 2020 State of City Message! This past year has brought many changes and challenges to our community.

We started the New Year with promise but by March all that changed. With the COVID-19 pandemic our City government, local businesses and citizens had to make some tough adjustments from the normal we were used to. As things got worse, more restrictions were implemented. No social gatherings, no Rooster Crow, the Community Center closed, restrictions and closures of businesses and schools has caused children and parents to learn and work from home.

On a lighter note, we had "Ride the Rogue" this year and the continuation of the Greenway to Gold Hill was completed. Halloween was celebrated within guidelines and Santa came to the plaza for the "Winter Wonderland" celebration.

The Chamber once again honored our service veterans by hanging banners around downtown. We completed the first phase of our "Safe Routes" sidewalk project and are currently finishing the second phase thanks to funding by the Oregon Small City Allotment Grants.

The City Council heard the annual audit report from KDP Certified Public Accountants, LLC, and once again receiving an Unmodified Opinion, the highest opinion given.

With the cancellation of our annual Arbor Day Celebrations due to school closures the Tree City Committee in May planted our Hiroshima Peace Tree in John F. Fleming Memorial Park that was donated to the city by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

This past September we had a Black Equity Coalition of Southern Oregon rally that took place in front of city hall. Both groups there gathered and voiced their opinions without incident.

As we look forward to 2021, were in the planning stage for starting the development of Rooster Park after Rooster Crow weekend. And, we are looking forward to building two new reservoirs to help with fire suppression and greater water storage.

As we have done in the past, we will continue to have challenges that need to be addressed. With the dedication of the City Council, staff and myself as 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 our town, Rogue River.

Respectfully, Mayor Wayne



Utility Department Update:

SEWER: Next months water and sewer bill that you will be receiving will have a 2.15% increased to sewer. That is a total increase of .65 cents for a single family household base rate. The increase was determined by the November 2020 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 the sewer system 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.

WATER: As you have been reading in the City's newsletter for the last few months or hearing on the street, the City is preparing to make some needed improvements to the City's water system.

The water system improvements will consist of two new reservoirs: one will replace a 500,000 gallon reservoir built in 1974 located on the hill above the city, and the other will be built across from the water treatment plant off of Classick Drive. Other aspects of the project include fire hydrant installation in areas in town with inadequate fire protection. We will be replacing the water meters in town with new meters that will give a more accurate representation of the water that is provided to you. It will also offer better leak monitoring for our customers. The City Council will be discussing these projects at the Council Workshops over the next few months, but due to COVID-19 and limited space in the City Council Chambers we ask that you please phone or email your questions or concerns about the projects. The City has already been through the "One Stop" funding process with state funding agencies, and with historically low interest rates, timing could not be any better for these projects. We encourage public input as the criteria for eligibility for funding will require a rate increase; we want the public to have as much information as they might wish to best understand and support the projects. The lending agency is Business Oregon's Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF). In order for the City to be eligible for this 1% loan rate and \$350,000 grant the city's water base rate for 1,000 cubic feet must meet the states affordability base rate which is \$38.90 for 1,000 cubic feet. In order to be at this rate when construction starts the City plans to increase the base rate of the first 500 cubic feet from \$15.80 in 2020 to \$19.80 in 2021 and \$22.36 in 2022. What this means to a single family home is a net \$6.56 increase in your monthly base rate by 2022. The rate per additional 100 cubic feet over 500 cubic feet will remain at \$3.30 per 100 cubic feet. For multifamily units the increase will be \$6.56 for each unit and for commercial it is based on meter size. Again if you have questions or comments please call or email comments and questions to mreagles@cityofrogue.com or (541) 582-4401.