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February 2025 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

9:00 am to 5:00 pm,
Monday - Thursday and
Closed to the Public on Fridays.

City Council Meetings:

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

City Council Workshops:

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: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

- Sharie Davis
- Grace Howell
- Vacant
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

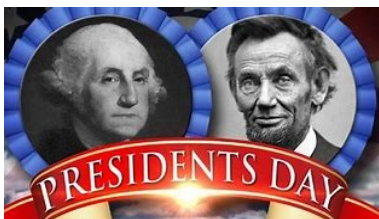
Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirn
- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Jonna Strauss
- Mark Minegar
- Ed Hudson (Alternate)
- Brandy Lockwood (Alternate)

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



**We will be Closed Monday,
February 17, 2025**



City Council Update



Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the first meeting of the year on January 2nd, 2025.

The first item on the agenda was for the Mayor to deliver her 2024 *State of the City Message* which can be found in it's entirety on the back page.

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

- ♥ Administered the Oath of Office to: Mayor Pam VanArsdale, Councilor Grace Howell, Councilor Barb Hilty, and Councilor Barb Gregory.
- ♥ Approved the Mayor's Committee Appointments and Council Assignments.
- ♥ Completed the annual acknowledgement of the Council Rules.
- ♥ Heard a presentation from Sean Tate, representing SMAC (Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition).

After Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the January 23rd, 2025 meeting Pastor Dale Schaffner provided the invocation. Following the Approval of the December 19th and January 2nd minutes, the Councilors provided their reports. Then the Council took action on the following agenda items:

- ♥ Continued an Ordinance adopting state mandated parking reform measures.
- ♥ Continued a Resolution establishing a policy regarding underused on-street parking spaces.
- ♥ Accepted the annual audit report.
- ♥ Approved a corrective action plan related to the audit report.
- ♥ Approved a resolution adopting a new fee schedule for sewer fees.
- ♥ Approved a resolution adopting a new fee schedule for water fees.
- ♥ Adopted goals for the 2025 year.
- ♥ Accepted the January 9, 2025 Tree City Committee minutes.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



!!!ATTENTION!!!

The water and sewer bill that you will be receiving next month will be increasing by .09%. That is a total of \$.50 on a monthly minimum bill, for a single family household. The increase was determined by the November 2024 Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Price Index. This increase allows the City to continue to effectively operate and maintain the water and sewer systems. Feel free to contact the staff at City Hall if you have any questions or concerns regarding your bill and we will review it with you.

Is Your Contact Information Up to Date?

Many water and sewer customers have provided us with phone numbers and e-mail contact information. The City uses that information to contact property owners and renters when there is important information to relay such as a potential health hazard, an identified leak, or other issue. Please consider dropping by City Hall or calling to confirm that we have current and accurate contact information for property owners and current renters.

City Hall: 541-582-4401

You can also write your current contact info on your payment coupon in the lower third of your bill when you return payment.



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Scheduled Events

February 2025



4th

9:00 AM

Personnel Committee

6th

10:00 AM

Council and Staff Workshop

11th

10:00 AM

Planning Commission Workshop

13th

11:00 AM

Tree City Committee

17th

CLOSED

IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY

20th

10:00 AM

Council and Staff Workshop

25th

10:00 AM

Planning Commission Workshop

27th

6:00 PM

City Council Meeting

First Week of March

4th

9:00AM

Safety Committee

6th

10:00 AM

Council and Staff Workshop

State of the City January 2025

2024 was a year of positive change for the city. Our accomplishments were many and our setbacks were few.

For the first time in many years we have a fully staffed Police Department. And as sad as it was to say goodbye to Chief of Police Jim Williams, with his assistance, we were able to find and hire the perfect replacement, welcoming Chief Dave Rash to our team in March. Our administration office is also fully staffed now and the Public Works Department can boast the addition of a few more to their ranks as well.

Some of our most notable accomplishments were as follows:

New bill paying options, including credit card, over the phone, on-line, automatic, and on-line building permits.

The completion of Rooster Park with the final piece being a mural wall dedicated to Wanda Nesbit, the founder of the Rogue River Mural Society.

The first National Night Out event. This was a huge success and we hope to continue it yearly.

The successful negotiation to include yard debris recycling for just those who want it with our renewed Southern Oregon Sanitation Franchise Agreement.

The adoption of updated policies, procedures and a number of code amendments to ensure that we are up to date with current law.

The approval of various new businesses and uses in our commercial district. This includes a new garden shop, a grower's market, a food truck site and a new day care/school based health center to name just a few.

We also saw the approval of three small subdivisions that will hopefully provide some much needed housing.

We would have liked to have started building the new water reservoir this year however it was discovered by our new City Engineer that there were some design and engineering flaws in the existing plan that needed to be corrected. That work is underway and we will finally be able to go out for bid sometime this summer.

Besides our new City Engineer, we also have a new City Attorney and new Auditor. Not only did this result in a savings to the city but it also gave us a fresh viewpoint and prospective on the legal and financial challenges that we continue to face.

I feel blessed, fortunate and proud to live in Rogue River. In the 25 years that I've been here, the city has managed to keep its values and charm yet grow and improve. This wouldn't be possible without the dedicated service of the City Council, Planning Commission and all of our Committee members, the hard work of our employees and the countless hours that our wonderful volunteers have selflessly given to preserve, beautify and maintain this city of ours. And I'm confident that we will meet any challenges that come our way in 2025 with grace, tenacity and renewed purpose.

Respectfully Submitted this 2nd day of January 2025

Mayor Pam



Our Police Chief is going to be supporting Special Olympics by participating in the 2025 Polar Plunge. He's joining forces with the Eagle Point Police Department's Plunging Eagles team on March 8th to raise funds for Southern Oregon Special Olympics. Way to go Chief Rash!

Check out this event and how you can support our Chief's efforts at:
www.plungeoregon.org

