

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Wayne Stuart at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Josh May with Truth in Rogue River Church delivered the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Wayne Stuart led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Wayne Stuart
City Councilor Bob Pascalar
City Councilor Fred England
City Councilor Barb Hilty
City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Mark Poling

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Reagles, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported they had met twice during the month of December 2019 to review and approve invoices and signed 92-checks totaling \$236,161.47.

Police Commission: City Councilor Fred England reported that the department was fully staffed and doing well.

Rogue Valley Council or Governments (RVCOG): Mayor Wayne Stuart reported that Ann Marie Alfrey had been promoted to Deputy Director and would be working closely with Michael Cavallaro, the Board of Directors approved for the Food and Friends Program and the Senior and Disabilities Services to apply for Medford Community Grant Funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **State of the City:** Mayor Stuart delivered the following 2019 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 from 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

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Council Bill No. 20-2394; Resolution No. 20-1360-R:** 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.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2394.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Council Bill No. 20-2395; Resolution No. 20-1361-R:** 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.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (PASCALAR) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2395.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Council Bill No. 20-2396; Resolution No. 20-1362-R:** A Resolution authorizing signatures for banking services on behalf of the City of Rogue River, Oregon, and rescinding Resolution No. 19-1342-R.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2396.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Goals & Policies:** Goals and Policies for the 2020-2021 budget year.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE GOALS AND POLICES FOR THE 2020-2021 BUDGET YEAR.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Policy:** Deadly Physical Force Plan between the City and Jackson County, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (PASCALAR) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE PLAN BETWEEN THE CITY AND JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON.

City Councilor Fred England commented that the document addressed use of force scenes and referred to all of them as crime scenes and felt that it wasn't necessarily the case but he could understand it had been written that way.

City Administrator Mark Reagles stated that he had email from their Attorney who had addressed the issue and he would share that information with him.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **Appointment:** Mayor Stuart recommends that City Councilor Pam VanArsdale be appointed the Planning Commission Liaison.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT CITY COUNCILOR PAM VANARSDALE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON.

AGENDA ITEM 8 **Appointment:** Mayor Stuart recommends that City Councilor Pam VanArsdale be appointed as the Alternate to the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT).

MOVED (PASCALAR), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED APPOINT CITY COUNCILOR PAM VANARSDALE AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE ROGUE VALLEY AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (RVACT).

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented on an opportunity for the City Councilors to participate on the Jackson County Emergency Management Committee.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said he had received Thank You notes from the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce Winter Land Committee and Kim Jahn for the gravel work on Cedar Street.

Mayor Wayne Stuart thanked all the City Councilors for accepting their committee appointments.

ADJOURN There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (PASCALAR), seconded (ENGLAND) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder