

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

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

INVOCATION Larry Hamblin delivered the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pam VanArsdale led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Pam VanArsdale
City Councilor Grace Howell
City Councilor Rick Kempa
City Councilor Sherrie Moss
City Councilor Barb Hilty
City Councilor Barb Gregory

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

City Councilor Sherrie Davis

ALSO PRESENT:

Stephanie Madtson, Deputy Recorder/Accounting
Diane Oliver, City Recorder

MEDIA PRESENT:

Brian Mortenson, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (HILTY) SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 28,2023 AS SUBMITTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations: Chamber of Commerce Liaison Rick Kempa reported that the Chamber is making city maps available to all members to hand out to the public. They are also discussing placing new map signs at the entrance of town.

The Feb mixer will be at Abby's pizza Feb 1st at 5:30pm.

Community Relations: Community Center Liaison Barb Hilty reported they've been busy writing grants. They received a grant for new computers for the computer lab. Those computers are also available to the public. They also received our roundtable grant that provided the monthly meals sponsorship that allowed for five dollar dinners for the members. They also received a grant to hire a government grant writer who will help the community center apply for government grants to complete major capital projects. We are also working on creating a workable manual for board members, employees and volunteers. Danny Moss is our new intern president.

Finance Committee: Sherrie Moss reported the committee met three times in November, also three times in December. November brought a total of 94 checks totaling \$190,895.38. December brought a total of 57 checks totaling \$112,352.10.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that it was a short zoom meeting with a presentation given by Liz James explaining what the senior advisory council does.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization: Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that a project was added to the 2024-27 transportation improvement program to add preliminary engineering for ODOT which will focus on safety issues on Hwy 199 & Redwood Ave. We are updating chapters in our regional transportation plan as well.

Citizens Advisory Committee: Francis Gilbert reported that the main focus was fire safety in regards to the State Fire Marshal and Oregon's revised statute control of planning for wild fire resistance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Mayor VanArsdale welcomed Commissioner Colleen Roberts who joined us from audience.

NEW BUSINESS:

State of the City January 2024
By Mayor Pam VanArsdale

"It is a pleasure to present my State of the City message. If there's one word that I would use to describe this past year for the city it would be "stability". It finally felt like the upheavals of the pandemic were well behind us and we undertook the business of the city with a new energy and a renewed optimism.

Some of our accomplishments were small, some were significant but all were meaningful to the future of our city. From the Council's work on written policies and procedures to the monumental task our staff faced with the water meter project, our combined dedication to the people of Rogue River was evident.

Taking a new, simpler approach to negotiating our Collective Bargaining Agreement with the employee's union, we were able to reach an agreement without hard feelings and harsh words and we did it in an unprecedented timeframe of just a couple of hours, reaffirming our commitment to and appreciation for all of our employees while still keeping within our limited budget and fiscal responsibility to our citizens.

We still have some unfinished goals that we tried to get done in 2023. Online bill-pay has taken longer to implement than I had imagined but we're nearly there with a target of sometime in February for availability to the public. Our website has had some updates but still needs more work and most likely will need to be replaced by a completely new one.

I believe that we can transition to more efficient and modern systems while still maintaining our small own identity and charm. As I've said before, I don't want to be "like" any other town, I want to be the best Rogue River that we can be. And I know that the City Council and each and every city employee and volunteer feels the same. Working together, we will continue to serve the city we love".

AGENDA ITEM 1 Presentation: MAYOR PAM VANARSDALE RECOGNIZED CORPORAL TY DARR, FOR 5 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

AGENDA ITEM 2 Award contract for City Attorney Services: MOVE TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES TO JARVIS, GLATTE, BUNCK, LLP
MOTION BY (HILTY), SECONDED (GREGORY) ROLL CALL VOTE:

GRACE HOWELL-YES RICK KEMPA -YES, BARB HILTY-YES
SHERRIE MOSS -YES BARB GREGORY-YES

AGENDA ITEM 3 Approve letter of support for Legislative Capital Projects Funds from ECSO 911
MOVED TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTHERN OREGON ECSO, 911
MOTION BY (HILTY), SECONDED (MOSS) VOTE ALL AYES, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES

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- AGENDA ITEM 4** **OLCC:** MOVE TO APPROVE AN OLCC PERMIT FOR A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP FOR H&S STATIONS LLC, LOCATED AT 95 PINE STREET.
MOTION BY (HILTY) SECONDED (KEMPA)
ROLL CALL VOTE:
- GRACE HOWELL-YES RICK KEMPA -YES, BARB HILTY-YES
SHERRIE MOSS -YES BARB GREGORY-YES
- AGENDA ITEM 5** **AUDIT:** MOVED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL "CLEAN AUDIT OPINION" AUDIT REPORT FROM KDP CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, LLP.
MOTION BY(MOSS) SECONDED (KEMPA)
VOTE ALL AYES, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES
- AGENDA ITEM 6** **RESIGNATION:** MOVE TO ACCEPT A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM GINNY CHABOT FROM SERVING ON THE TREE COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18,2024
MOTION BY (GREGORY) SECONDED (HOWELL)
VOTE ALL AYES, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES
- AGENDA ITEM 7** **CB 24-2479:** APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE AS PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 97-241-O, ALSO KNOWN AS RRMCM TITLE 13.10, THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER SEWER ORDINANCE, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO 23-1406-R
- MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (HILTY)
ROLL CALL VOTE:
- GRACE HOWELL-YES RICK KEMPA -YES, BARB HILTY-YES
SHERRIE MOSS -YES BARB GREGORY-YES
- AGENDA ITEM 8** **CB 24-2480:** APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE AS PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 97-241-O, ALSO KNOW AS RRMCM TITLE 13.15, THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER WATER ORDINANCE, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-1421-R.
- MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (HOWELL)
ROLL CALL VOTE:
- GRACE HOWELL-YES RICK KEMPA -YES, BARB HILTY-YES
SHERRIE MOSS -YES BARB GREGORY-YES
- AGENDA ITEM 9** **COMMITTEE MINUTES:** APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY TREE CITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
- MOVED (MOSS) SECONDED (HOWELL) VOTE, ALL AYES, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIES

OTHER BUSINESS:

OUR NEXT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AT 10:00AM AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COUNCILOR BARB HILTY SHARED THAT SHE ALONG WITH DEBBIE BUNKER AND MICHAEL BOLLWEG FROM PUBLIC WORKS ATTENDED A CAREER DAY AT ROGUE RIVER JUNIOR HIGH AND SHARED WITH THE KIDS ALL OF THE WONDERFUL JOB OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE NOT ONLY IN PUBLIC WORKS, BUT SEVERAL OTHER JOBS.

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL AND UPON A MOTION DULY MADE (GREGORY), SECONDED (HOWELL) AND CARRIED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31 P.M.

ATTEST:

Diane Oliver
City Recorder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Oliver", written over a horizontal line.