

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – JOSH DAVIS, HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ROLL CALL BARB GREGORY (VIA ONLINE) SHERRIE MOSS, BARB HILTY, GRACE HOWELL, SHARIE DAVIS, AND MAYOR PAM VANARSDALE.

STAFF PRESENT PAIGE CHICK, FINANCE OFFICER, MICHAEL BOLLWEG, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, AND DIANE OLIVER, CITY RECORDER

BRIAN MORTENSEN FROM THE ROGUE RIVER PRESS JOINS US ONLINE

AUDIENCE JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER COLLEEN ROBERTS

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councilor Hilty, seconded by Councilor Howell to approve minutes of January 23rd, 2025. All ayes, none opposed, minutes of January 23rd, 2025, are approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations: Barb Hilty reports that the Chamber of Commerce had a meeting this month. The Installation dinner will be on June 7th with the Dave Vesney band playing with Hawaiian dancers from 5-7pm. A sub committee is being formed to discuss the theme, invitations, and donations. We are working on updating the city map to include businesses, parks, and points of interest. On May 3rd we will have Mother's Day brunch. Maureen Battistella gave a program on her work with Travel Oregon and shared fun facts about the Woodville Museum and Rogue River.

Community Relations: Community Center Representative report was given by Councilor Hilty she reports that they will start offering senior classes teaching AI, and Android usage for the community. They are getting all new light fixtures through a grant from the Energy Trust Oregon. The March monthly dinner will be on the 21st serving an Irish themed dinner. March 14-15 they will be having a Spring Summer blow out sale from 9-3.

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (City Administrator Ryan Nolan) **No report**

Finance Committee City Councilor Sherrie Moss reports that between January 24th and February 20th, 2025, the finance committee met 4 times, issuing a total of 62 checks and 1 electronic payment totaling \$185,937.27.

Planning Commission Liaison Councilor Barb Gregory reports that the DLCD recommended parking reform language is being worked on now with a few edits and an additional exemption request. We still have many questions, so we are not ready to come to the Council. The Planning Commission is busy working on updating the sign code with Planners Rowan Fairfield and Onnie Heater from Rogue Valley Council of Governments. We hope to have that ready for the City Council soon. We hope to be discussing Planned Unit Developments at our next planning commission workshop.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation Councilor Sharie Davis says no meeting this month.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments Mayor Pam VanArsdale reports there was a meeting yesterday where we had a presentation by Carolyn Ryder with Isler Medford who did their audit. The Rogue Valley Council of Governments is in sound financial condition and was given a great score. Next month we will be talking about the area agency on an aging area plan for appointing members of the budget committee because as we all know that time has come for budget meetings.

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Mayor Pam VanArsdale reports that there was a meeting this month where new officers were elected. Mayor Pam VanArsdale was elected chair, and Melia Biedscheld will be Vice Chair. There were a couple of amendments to the transportation improvement plan which usually has to do with spending less money. There was a discussion regarding dues due to the fact they have not increased. There will be an increase from .16 cents per capita to .25 cents per capita. That means Rogue River will be paying \$605.00 a year in dues to the MPO.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mayor Pam VanArsdale thanked County Commissioner Colleen Roberts for being with us this evening.

Colleen Roberts thanked the Council for the way in which we start our meeting with a pledge and a word of prayer, she treasures that, and it can be so easily lost. March 8th from 2-4 in the afternoon she has organized a town hall regarding the wildfire mapping. She invited us all to attend this meeting in White City where we will be joined by Senator Noah Robinson, along with Representative McEntire. Bob Hart will also give a presentation. This will be your chance to have a voice in this, and we will all meet at White Mountain Middle School in White City. The appeal period is still open and does not close till March 10th, 2025.

Agreement Approve amendments to the employment agreement with the City Administrator to provide additional paid time off.

Motion by Councilor Barb Hilty, seconded by Councilor Grace Howell to approve the agreement with The City Administrator to provide additional paid time off. Discussion on the motion.
Voice vote, all ayes, none opposed, motion passes.

Surplus Motion by Councilor Sherrie Moss, seconded by Councilor Barb Gregory to declare two police vehicles and three police guns as surplus property.
Discussion on the motion. Voice vote, all ayes, none opposed, motion passes.

Committee Motion to Accept February 13, 2025, Tree City Committee minutes. Motion by Councilor Barb Hilty, seconded by Councilor Grace Howell. Voice vote, all ayes, none opposed, motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Pam VanArsdale thanked Mark Minegar for serving on City Council. Our first City Council workshop will be held on March 6th at 10:00AM. There was a discussion regarding our old yard sale billboard and where the new one will be located. Also, there was a discussion about the bus stop's new schedule. We will get a final date for the budget committee meeting. Barb Gregory does want to go to the Small Cities meeting coming up.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Grace Hilty, seconded by Councilor Sharie Davis, vote, all ayes, none opposed, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM

ATTEST:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale Pam VanArsdale Date 3/27/2025

Diane Oliver, City Recorder Diane Oliver