

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – DAN SMITH, RIVER VALLEY CHURCH

ROLL CALL BARB GREGORY, BARB HILTY, GRACE HOWELL, MARK MINEGAR, AND MAYOR PAM VANARSDALE.

ABSENT SHERRIE MOSS, AND SHARIE DAVIS

STAFF PRESENT CITY ADMINISTRATOR, RYAN NOLAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, MICHEAL BOLLWEG AND DIANE OLIVER, CITY RECORDER

BRIAN MORTENSEN FROM THE ROGUE RIVER PRESS JOINS US ONLINE

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councilor Barb Hilty, seconded by Councilor Barb Gregory to approve minutes of February 27th, 2025. No discussion on the motion.

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, minutes of February 27th, 2025, are approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations: Barb Hilty reports that the Chamber of Commerce met on March 20th. They are working on the installation dinner for June 7th with a Hawaiian theme including a live band and dancers. Dinner to be announced later. There will be a youth car show the Friday of the Rooster Crow festivities and the first prize will be a dell laptop. The Mother's Day brunch that was originally scheduled for May 3rd has been postponed until fall.

Community Relations: Barb Gregory reports that the Community center had a board meeting today where the new classes were announced. The iPhone class has six people, and it was a great turnout considering there was little advertisement. On April 22nd there will be a Mychart class. On April 8th there will be a Malware and Antivirus class. There will also be a basic class on gardening. On April 11th Sherill Boots has been invited to attend an AARP Oregon meeting to give an overview on the work that's been done at the Community Center especially on the

senior program plans like Food and Friends. Food and Friends will increase the cost of food, from \$2.75 to \$3.00 and \$7.00 if you are under 60 Years of age. The board has two positions coming open, so applications are available. The two members that are retiring are willing to still serve if the positions don't get filled. Bingo attendance is improving with 22 people present at the last games. We are striving to have thirty people at the next bingo event.

Emergency Communications Ryan Nolan reports he did submit a letter of support; there was a house committee meeting in Salem today at 3:00PM hearing the requests from ESCO for funding to complete the radio project, and hopefully that continues to move forward. There will be a budget meeting in April, and the mayor will be available to attend in Ryans place.

Finance Committee Councilor Howell reports in Moss's absence, that between February 21st and March 20th, 2025, the finance committee met 4 times, issuing a total of 62 checks and 4 electronic payments totaling \$237,347.32.

Planning Commission Liaison Councilor Gregory reports that the last Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to not having a quorum. The commission is working diligently on updating the sign code language in our municipal code to have ready for City Council very soon.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation No report, however the mayor reports that the regular meeting was cancelled but had a subcommittee looking at some projects.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments The mayor attended the meeting yesterday by zoom. The presentation was on the area agency on aging looking at their 2025-2029 area plan. They appointed a couple of members to the budget committee and will meet again next month right after their regular meeting. The mayor did not volunteer for that because the emergency communications of Southern Oregon's meetings are at the same time. A big discussion was on the situation that Food and Friends is in having to move. The board decided to create a resolution to let Access know if they could ask for a six-month extension while they try to find a new location by the end of August. The board is not pleased with how Access notified them by mail instead of calling, especially after all of years they have worked together for the Valley. They have been in that building since 2001. The mayor will have more details the next time we meet.

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Mayor Pam VanArsdale reports that they met today and approved the unified planning work program which basically is the budget for MPO. We discussed the fact that since they are members of the Statewide program called the OMPOC (Oregon MPO Consortium) which reviews legislative priorities. Since Pam is the chair of this committee she was given permission to speak for the board when it comes to things that OMPOC is looking at legislatively, and Pam gets to report back. Pam will get to know this program better since it's been many years she has been out of the loop, and hopefully they will bring her back up to speed.

PUBLIC INPUT: The mayor mentioned that County Commissioner Colleen Roberts regrets not being with us this evening, she is at a funeral, and will also be gone in April at a conference, so we will see her again in May.

PRESENTATION: Chief Rash said that one of his goals was to have automated external defibrillators (AED'S) in each police vehicle. Last August the city became aware that there was grant money available for this type of purchase. With the help of Peter Town, a grant writer from RVCOG, Pacific Power awarded the city of Rogue River \$ 4,050. There were 31 applicants for various grant requests and mentioned that we were one of the top priorities. City hall and Public Works will be scheduled for training soon.

Cooper Whitman, with the Pacific Power Foundation said it was nice to get to play Santa Clause!

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance A motion to adopt Ordinance **25-435-O**, an ordinance adopting changes to the City's open burn restrictions. Motion by Hilty, seconded by Gregory, no discussion on the motion-

Roll Call Vote: Minegar yes, Gregory yes, Hilty yes, Howell yes, unanimous vote to adopt Ordinance **25-435-O**, an ordinance adopting changes to the City's open burn restrictions.

Ordinance A motion to adopt Ordinance **25-436-O**, an ordinance adopting changes to the City's public safety fee code section. Motion by Hilty, seconded by Howell, no discussion on the motion-

Roll Call Vote: Minegar yes, Gregory yes, Hilty yes, Howell yes, unanimous vote to adopt Ordinance **25-436-O**, an ordinance adopting changes to the City's public safety fee code section.

Resolution A motion to approve, Resolution **25-1446-R**, a resolution approving an increase in the public safety fee. Motion by Howell, seconded by Minegar-discussion on the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Minegar yes, Gregory yes, Hilty yes, Howell yes, unanimous vote to approve the Resolution **25-1446-R** a resolution approving an increase in the public safety fee-

- Appointment** A motion to confirm the mayor's appointment of Ed Hudson to Planning Commission Position #4 for the remainder of the current term (until the first meeting in January 2027). Motion by Gregory, seconded by Howell.
- Vote:** All ayes, none opposed, motion carries-Ed Hudson is appointed to the Planning Commission
- Committee** Move to accept the March 13, 2025, Tree City Committee minutes. Motion by Gregory, seconded by Hilty.
- Vote:** All ayes, none opposed, motion carries- Match Tree City committee minutes are approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ryan Nolan announced that both he and the mayor will be going to Salem for on April 4th to make our presentation to the infrastructure finances authority requesting additional funds so that we can complete our reservoir project. The mayor received a letter from the Coast Guard auxiliary unit who is assigned to Josephine, Jackson and Klamath County and they are requesting that it be publicized that the week of May 17 to the 23rd is National Safe Boating week. Brian Mortensen who was listening online will make sure to do that.

Ryan will be bringing the Council our park rules soon so that we can all review them. Also, the Murial society will be coming to the council soon because of their interest in doing some art projects in Palmerton Park. They are also thinking about doing a project on our police station wall.

Ryan Nolan mentioned that the City-Wide garage sale will be May 30th and 31st. We are also working with SOS to schedule the annual spring clean-up event, most likely the first week of June. He also thanked the mayor for fighting for us to keep this event going for our residents. We do have a couple of fleet cars that we can sell in that garage sale, or perhaps donate to RCC, we will figure out the best course for those vehicles.


We have done a lot of work preparing for the application for the Rooster Park award, so hopefully we will win that from the league. If so, we'll have a table at the October conference in Portland where we will need help explain to other cities how they too can get this award.

We did purchase a 2020 Pacifica vehicle in Eugene to allow the councilors and staff to use for conferences and things like this, and it may be delivered as soon as tomorrow.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn this meeting, motion by Gregory, seconded by Howell-

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, this meeting is adjourned at 6:35PM

ATTEST:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale  Date 4/24/2025

Diane Oliver, City Recorder 