

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021**

**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 6:02 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Mayor Wayne Stuart 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 Rick Kempa  
City Councilor Pam VanArsdale  
City Councilor Barb Hilty  
City Councilor Don Daugherty  
City Councilor Barb Gregory

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mark Reagles, City Administrator  
Carol Weir, City Recorder  
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director  
Jim Williams, Chief of Police  
Paige Chick, Clerk Typist  
Colleen Roberts, Jackson County Commissioner (via phone)

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2021.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center:** City Councilor Barb Gregory attended the meeting for Councilor Hilty and reported that the Director had submitted her resignation effective the first of July but would like to stay on a volunteer to continue with community relations and getting volunteers. Access combined with Food and Friends with a pilot program here in Rogue River providing

the families with additional food that was collected at the Community Center Pantry. Discussion was continuing about the food pantry building regarding the demolition of the current building and replacement of either a stick building or a prefab shed and was hoping they would get a lot of volunteer work from the community. They also had their first dinner since the COVID-19 shut down and it was well attended but with the next shut down there may not be a dinner in May.

**Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon:** Mayor Wayne Stuart reported he attended a zoom meeting and they discussed the budget with an anticipated 3% increase to the city.

**Finance Committee:** City Councilor Don Daugherty reported that they met twice during the month of March to review and approve bills signing 67-checks totaling \$178,572.22.

**Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO):** City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they were anticipating more money coming to support the program. Congress was working on a new transportation bill and asked the committee to look for earmarks so they authorized their chair to send a letter of support regarding the South Y intersection in Grants Pass where 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Highway 199 and Williams Highway converge. They were expecting COVID-19 money to come their way which hopefully could come to Rogue River to solve the issues with Pine, Depot and Main Street Intersection. Ride the Rogue was continuing with their event but they were having some problems with Jackson County regarding the requirements that they had put on them for insurance so they would not have the 100-mile ride, or any routes into Josephine County. It could cause the event to be moved to Josephine County.

**Planning Commission Liaison:** City Councilor Barb Gregory reported they finalized their recommendations for landscaping requirements, staff informed that conditional uses that had expired could not be renewed and that it was illegal to live in a recreational vehicle in the city limits on city property for more than 14-days. They discussed fire hazards, abandoned houses and they would be reviewing the nuisance ordinance.

**Police Commission:** Wayne Stuart reported that they discussed the department would be getting new uniforms so they would all appear the same and looking for a 4-wheel drive truck for the department.

**Council Advisory Committee:** Chair Francis Gilbert reported they discussed the Wildfire Alert Project updates regarding a 25% match on the FEMA Grant available, the ownership of cameras would be the University of Oregon who will also install and maintain the cameras. They estimated the operating cost would be about \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year interacting with the Oregon Department of Forestry. He said there were videos available of recent fires in California which shows the

importance of the cameras.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

County Commissioner Colleen Roberts asked if City Councilor Pam VanArsdale would send her the information regarding the insurance issue for Ride the Rogue and she would look into it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA ITEM 1    CB 21-2418; Ordinance No. 21-410-O:** An Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 18.10, Annexation procedures for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2418.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA ITEM 2    CB 21-2420; Resolution No. 21-1381-R:** A Resolution adopting an Employee Handbook for the City of Rogue River, Oregon, and rescinding Resolution No. 17-1310-R and 17-1312-R.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2420.

**AGENDA ITEM 3    Franchise Agreement:** A franchise agreement between the City and Southern Oregon Sanitation Inc. who was seeking a general rate increase for solid waste collection service.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (GREGORY) TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTHERN OREGON SANITATION INC. WHO WAS SEEKING A GENERAL RATE INCREASE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE.

Nike Fahey with Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) explained to the City Council that it had been three years since an increase had been approved. He said they were asking for a 10% increase that would raise a container a \$1.78 a month or \$.06 a day but Rogue River would still be less than \$20 a month compared to other surrounding communities. SOS had seen a significant increase in fuel along with a large increase at the land fill though it was the lowest level in the state, labor had gone up 6% and truck costs 11.5%. He said with the COVID-19 pandemic they see the first decrease in both residential and commercial customers but expected that to come back up. He also commented that he could come back in the fall to discuss the options of yard waste containers.

City Administrator Mark Reagles asked Mr. Fahey if he was aware of any cities in Jackson County that were requiring their citizens to have trash service.

Mr. Fahey replied that he was not aware of anywhere in Oregon that required the citizens to have the service.

MOTION CARRIED AFTER CALLING FOR THE VOTE.

**AGENDA ITEM 4** **Liquor License:** A request for an Oregon Liquor Control Commission application for Temporary Use of an Annual License for a special event being held on May 14-15, 2021 at 410 East Main Street, Rogue River, Oregon. Applicant: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4116, David Green, House Committee Chair.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY USE OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT BEING HELD ON MAY 14-15, 2021 AT 410 EAST MAIN STREET, ROGUE RIVER, OREGON. APPLICANT: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4116, DAVID GREEN, HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR.

**AGENDA ITEM 5** **Request:** A request from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4116 to waive the Liquor License application fee for the special event being held on May 14-15, 2021.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4116 TO WAIVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT BEING HELD ON MAY 14-15, 2021.

**AGENDA ITEM 6** **Liquor License:** A request for a new Oregon Liquor Control Commission application for Stanlee's LLC at 108 Depot Street, Rogue River, Oregon. Applicant: Julie Cornella, Owner.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (HILTY) TO APPROVE THE REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE NEW OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR STANLEE'S LLC AT 108 DEPOT STREET, ROGUE RIVER, OREGON. APPLICANT: JULIE CORNELLA, OWNER.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale disclosed that her significant other worked for the owner at another establishment she owned and asked if she needed to recuse herself from the vote.

No one felt she it necessary for her to recuse herself from voting.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that the Chief had reviewed the

application, found no outstanding issues and had been to the site. He also commented that he had been to the site for land use issues.

AND CARRIED AFTER CALLING FOR THE VOTE.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

City Councilor Don Daugherty thanked everyone for all the well wishes and phone calls during his convalescence.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that a Red Flag Policy that they had reviewed last month would not be coming back to them until the policy had been reviewed and updated.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (KEMPA), seconded (DAUGHERTY) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



Carol J. Weir, MMC  
City Recorder