

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:02 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** – Larry Brons, Grace Baptist Church

**ROLL CALL** Barb Gregory, Barb Hilty (on-line), Mark Minegar, Sherrie Moss, Sharie Davis, and Mayor, Pam VanArsdale.

**ABSENT** Grace Howell

**STAFF PRESENT** City Administrator Ryan Nolan, and City Recorder Diane Oliver

**PRESS:** Brian Mortensen with the Rogue River Press

**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Gregory to approve minutes of March 27th, 2025. No discussion on the motion.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Relations:** Councilor Barb Hilty reports no meeting.

**Community Relations:** Councilor Barb Gregory reports that she was not able to attend due to the meeting being re-scheduled however the Food and Friends raised their prices on meals, at the Community Center which is still very affordable.

**Emergency Communications** Mayor Pam VanArsdale attended in Ryan Nolan absence, but reports there was not a quorum.

**Finance Committee** Councilor Sherrie Moss reports that between March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025, the finance committee met four times, issuing a total of eighty-two checks and three electric payments totaling \$252,483.62.

**Planning Commission Liaison** Councilor Gregory reports that the last Planning Commission meeting was on Planned Unit Developments (PUD) and looking at the possibility of Clusters instead. The Commission will be looking at updating this language in our code. Onnie Heater will get more information on what other jurisdictions are doing. The Commission also voted yes, on sending their recommendation on the sign code language for the council to adopt with

special attention to non-conforming signs and billboards.

**Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation** Councilor Sharie Davis reports there was no meeting.

**Rogue Valley Council of Governments** The mayor reports there was a meeting, Unfortunately, there could be no business decisions made due to not having a quorum. There was a presentation from the financial advisor Royal Stanley who is managing the Food and Friends' endowment showing everyone where they are financially regarding the stock market. He presented a great finance report that shows they are doing good financially. They have not Found a place for the commercial kitchen, but there are a couple of possibilities they are looking at.

**Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization** Mayor Pam VanArsdale reports that they did meet where there were a couple of changes to the 2024-2027 TIP (Transportation and improvement plan) they are pushing out the project on the Interstate-5 freeway the East Evans Creek bridge, and the bridge over Depot Street for a couple more years due to funding. They added the Grants Pass signal upgrades to the TIP. Grants Pass is looking for other funding for their Water Plant. We imagine there will be a major rate increase to keep the project going.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Park Request** Move to approve a Palmerton Park Reservation Request. Motion by Councilor Moss, seconded by Minegar, no discussion on the motion.  
**Vote, all ayes, none opposed, motion carries-**

**OLCC Permit** Move to approve a local government recommendation regarding a temporary event OLCC license from Rogue Pub-N-Putt for Rooster Crow Weekend. Motion by Gregory, seconded by Davis. No discussion on the motion.  
**Vote, all ayes, none opposed, motion carries-**

***Added Agenda Item***

**OLCC Permit** Move to approve a local government recommendation regarding a temporary event OLCC license from Bar 108 Depot for Rooster Crow Weekend. Motion by Gregory, seconded by Davis. No discussion on the motion.  
**Vote, all ayes, none opposed, motion carries-**

**Ordinance** Adopt, Ordinance **24-433-O**, an Ordinance adopting FEMA BiOp standards in the City's Development Standards.

**Discussion** regarding the pending lawsuits and some actions taken by our county commissioner

and others at the State level, hoping to get changes from the federal Government, Ryan Nolan strongly recommends that we continue this item for another two months to see if things change by then.

Move to continue this Ordinance 24-433-O, an Ordinance adopting FEMA BiOp standards in the City's Development Standards to June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00PM. Motion by Councilor Gregory, seconded by Councilor Moss, discussion on the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Minegar yes, Gregory yes, Moss yes, Hilty yes, Davis yes, unanimous vote to continue Ordinance 24-433-O, an Ordinance adopting FEMA BiOp standards in the City's Development Standards motion passes, this item will be continued until June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, City Council meeting at 6:00PM

**Committee** Move to accept April 10, 2025, Tree City USA Committee minutes. Motion by Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Gregory.

**Vote:** All ayes, none opposed, motion carries- Tree City committee minutes of April 10, 2025 are approved. Tomorrow at 12:45PM will be the Arbor Day celebration in Palmerton Park.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Barb Gregory will be gone for two months but is anticipating attending all meetings on video. May 8<sup>th</sup> is our budget meeting here at 10:00AM with lunch to follow. Our next workshop is on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ryan Nolan reported that we did well at the State Presentation requesting additional funding from the treasury department. Ryan is grateful that they agreed to fund that project for us because it's an important thing.

The recent medical trip Ryan took with his wife was important for them, but it was a great experience to see some of the revolutionary war history and some of the things we saw in Connecticut like going to Yale University and seeing manuscripts that are thousands of years old. It made Ryan appreciate Rogue River again, and he appreciates our Country. He thanked the Council for all that they do!

Councilor Moss thanked the mayor for the work she did getting us green waste containers.

**ADJOURN:** Move to adjourn this meeting, motion by Councilor Gregory, seconded by Councilor Moss

**Vote:** All ayes, none opposed, this meeting is adjourned at 6:36PM

**ATTEST:**

Mayor Pam VanArsdale Pam VanArsdale Date 5/22/2025

Diane Oliver, City Recorder Diane Oliver