

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

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 /
MOMENT OF
SILENCE** Mayor Pam VanArsdale called for a Moment of Silence

**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 Sharie Davis
City Councilor Rick Kempa
City Councilor Barb Hilty via phone
City Councilor Sherrie Moss
City Councilor Barb Gregory

STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Nolan, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director
Stephanie Madtson, Deputy Recorder

MEDIA PRESENT:

Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2022 AND AUGUST 25, 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Chamber of Commerce: City Councilor Rick Kempa reported that the First Thursday Mixer would be held at BACI's Pizza and Pasta Party Room but put on by Paisano's on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. They discussed about a laundromat going in on Depot Street and a marketing report showed that they had 15,003 Facebook followers and 993 following on Instagram.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that they had received a Kitchen Grant and got all new appliances and the electrical updated. The next dinner would be held on Friday, May 15, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECISO): City Administrator Ryan Nolan reported that did not attend but knew that they were to discuss recalculating the fees that the local jurisdictions pay.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Sherrie Moss reported that in January 2023 they met twice to review and approve the bills as submitted and signed 74-checks totaling \$108,875.98; in February 2023 they met twice to review and approve bills as submitted and signed 66-checks totaling \$169,987.44; in March 2023 they met twice to review and approve bills as submitted and signed 63-checks totaling \$112,699.86; and, in April 2023 they met once to review and approve bills as submitted and signed 43-checks totaling \$75,433.33.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that they were getting ready to update their 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and the Unified Planning Work Program for 2023-2024 which was basically their budget for the MPO; they got an update on the Bus Hub in Grants Pass that it was underway with completion by Fall of 2023; and, due to the unsafe conditions ODOT was still working on the Martin's Corner project in Rogue River out on East Evans Creek Road; the City of Gold Hill was getting ready to go for a vote to connect with Rogue Valley Sewer.

Personnel Committee: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that they met to work on the policy and procedure manual.

Planning Commission Liaison: Planning Commission Liaison Barb Gregory reported that they had been continuing their review of Rogue River Municipal Code Chapters 17 and 18.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that there had not been meeting.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that she was not able to attend the meeting.

Council Advisory Committee: Chair Francis Gilbert commented that they did not have a quorum and had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Council Bill No. 23-2457; Resolution No. 23-1409-R:** A Resolution adopting rules

of procedure for all City Commissions, Committees, Council Liaisons, and Official City Representatives for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (MOSS), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 23-2457.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Rate Increase:** A request from Southern Oregon Sanitation for a general rate increase of 8.5% to the customers of Rogue River.

Nick Fahey Community and Government Affairs Manager of Southern Oregon Sanitation was available to answer any questions.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN OREGON SANITATION FOR A GENERAL RATE INCREASE OF 8.5% TO THE CUSTOMERS OF ROGUE RIVER.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Request:** A request from the Rogue River Kiwanis and the Rooster Crow committee to be a sponsor for the 70th Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest and to hang the Rooster Crow banner across Depot Street from May 15 to June 27, 2023.

MOVED (MOSS), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE ROGUE RIVER KIWANIS AND THE ROOSTER CROW COMMITTEE TO BE A GOLD SPONSOR WITH A FULL PAGE COLOR AD AND FOUR ADDITIONAL FOUR CAR PLAQUES FOR THE 70TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ROOSTER CROWING CONTEST AND TO HANG THE ROOSTER CROW BANNER ACROSS DEPOT STREET FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 27, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Request:** A request from Deputy Recorder Stephanie Madtson for Out-of-State training at the Northwest Clerks Institute for Municipal Clerks Certification and Professional Development in Tacoma, Washington and the cost associated with June 4-9, 2023.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM DEPUTY RECORDER STEPHANIE MADTSON FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAINING AT THE NORTHWEST CLERKS INSTITUTE FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS CERTIFICATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON AND THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH JUNE 4-9, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Appointment:** Appoint Rachel Reber to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO CONTINUE THE APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 25, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Proclamations:** The Mayor to read Proclamations for Professional Municipal Clerks Week during May 1-6, 2023 and National Police Week & Peace Officers Memorial

Day during May 5-11, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale commented that the League of Oregon Cities had requested \$100-million for the Special Public Works Fund; the Homeless Fund would eventually be allocated to the communities; they requested funds for Wildfire Programs from the Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program in the amount of \$3-million for critical planning and permitting along with funds for wildfire risk reduction and community wildfire reduction; they also requested \$30-millions for the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities; they continue to work on the Marijuana Tax Revenue that had been allocated to Measure 110; and, they extended the sunset on the Work After Retirement by 10-years.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale commented that any Bills that did not make it through the first chamber by April 4, 2023 and the second chamber by May 19, 2023 would be dead; the Revenue Forecast would be due on May 17, 2023; Constitutionally the Session was supposed to end on June 25, 2023 but the League of Oregon Cities feel they may end on the June 15, 2023, even predicting a walkout because they can't miss more than ten-days. They also commented that both the House and the Senate seemed to be working well together.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale announced that she had been appointed as a Local Official Advisory Committee Representative to the Department of Land Conservation and Development. Her first meeting would be held on May 8, 2023.

City Councilor Barb Hilty asked when was the League of Oregon Cities Conference.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale said that the League of Oregon Cities Fall Conference would be held October 11-13, 2023 in Eugene.

City Administrator Ryan Nolan commented that he felt the Mayor would be a great asset representing the small cities on the board. He had been able to attend a few of the conference meetings and making connections was a really good part of it. Two items he was aware of that the State had won a number of court cases against Opioid producers, manufacturers and distributors and that funding was being distributed to the State over the next eighteen-years with 55% going to the cities and counties and 45% to the State. He felt that any money Rogue River collected would be used for training law enforcement officers. The other item he was aware of that could benefit Rogue River was a federal program providing funding for Cyber Security that in two-years would start awarding cities' to create a more protective computer system.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale commented that everyone needs to be aware of the emails they receive.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (KEMPA), seconded (MOSS) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder