

# CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

# City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

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 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION** City Administrator Mark Reagles 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 Jack Bird  
City Councilor Pam VanArsdale  
City Councilor Rick Kempa  
City Councilor Sherrie Moss  
City Councilor Barb Gregory

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

City Councilor Barb Hilty

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark Reagles, City Administrator  
Carol Weir, City Recorder  
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director  
Jim Williams, Chief of Police  
Paige Chick, Clerk Typist

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Relations; Rogue River Chamber of Commerce:** City Councilor Rick Kempa reported that they were working on their upcoming Installation Dinner and he stated that he had updated them on the use of Rooster Park during Rooster Crow.

**Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center:** City Councilor Barb Gregory reported that the Food Pantry building was framed, roofed and painted. The next step was electrical, installation of drywall and painting. She also

commented that people from the center had recently tested positive for COVID.

**Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECISO):** Mayor Wayne Stuart reported that there was no meeting but a survey had been passed out to the staff and others associated for the director's replacement. Her departure date was set for September but they did not fill they would have a replacement by that time.

**Finance Committee:** City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported met twice to review and signed checks but she had no report from staff.

**Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO):** City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they discussed what would happen if they became a Transportation Management Area (TMA) by population. They were still waiting on the Census to come out to make a decision. The MPO sponsored "Ride the Rogue" this year. She had been told by a Jackson County representative that they had received a grant to do some realignment work on East Evans Creek Road.

**Personnel Committee:** City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported met to discuss the difficulty of finding public works staff and discuss Mark's Reagles departure.

**Planning Commission Liaison:** City Councilor Barb Gregory reported they were still reviewing Section 16 regarding development standards and requirements.

**Police Commission:** City Councilor Jack Bird reported they had two candidates that would be doing ride a-longs with staff, then testing and hopefully reducing the list to one. Also, conducting an interview for a lateral candidate and if successive they could be on board around the first part of July. Possible opportunity of getting two Ford Explorers and if available could be here sooner than the other vehicles they had looked at. They were still waiting for a replacement vehicle that was totaled during an incident on Interstate 5 and should cost the same or less as the Ford Explorers. And, the 2018 Explorer that had been having turbo issues was back in service. The calls for service were increasing as the weather got better and overall things were running well thanks to the Chief and his staff.

**Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT):** City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported she had not attended the meeting but reviewed the agenda commenting that one thing was what ODOT was going to do with the Investments Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA), Connect Oregon grant finalist and updating the 199 Corridor Plan starting from Riverbanks Road to just South of Selma.

**Rogue Valley Council of Governments:** Mayor Wayne Stuart reported they approved the new 2022-2023 budget with an amendment for some expenses they weren't aware of at the time of processing the budget. They discussed a camera being placed on Long Mountain and on Mt. Baldy. As for the other twelve cameras

they still have to wait and see about funding before they could determine the locations of camera placement.

**Council Advisory Committee:** Chair Francis Gilbert updated the City Council on Alert Wildfire cameras located in Cave Junction, Long Mountain looking of Eagle Point and Baldy Mountain looking over Talent. The Jackson County Commissioners would be having a presentation about the ODF camera system at their next meeting. He commented that ODF was happy with their project but their cameras were not public facing, they were professional facing only leaving a hardship of not being able to communicate with the public.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Mayor Wayne Stuart acknowledged County Commissioner Colleen Roberts and thanked her for attending the meeting.

John Joyce, a resident of Rogue River asked Mayor Stuart where did the City stand in the process with the Land Use Board of Appeals regarding the Oregon Ice House?

Mayor Wayne Stuart commented that the City was currently in litigation and until it was resolved they would have to wait to see if they agreed with the City or the applicant.

John Joyce asked if the City had been given a date when a decision would be made.

Mayor Wayne Stuart commented that it could be years before a decision was made.

Mr. Joyce asked if the City Attorney had been keeping the City Council informed of the process.

Mayor Wayne Stuart said it was still in litigation and that was the best he could report at that time.

Mr. Joyce wanted to make sure that the City Council was aware that the Ospreys had moved from the freeway ramp lights to making a nest on the Greenway.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA ITEM 1** **Council Bill No. 22-2441; Resolution No. 22-1398-R:** A Resolution providing for the Municipal Election of Mayor and City Council Members on November 8, 2022.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-2441.

**AGENDA ITEM 2** **Council Bill No. 22-2442; Resolution No. 22-1399-R:** A Resolution certifying the municipal services provided by the City of Rogue River, Oregon, for the 2022-2023 budget year.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-2442.

**AGENDA ITEM 3** **Public Comment:** The City Council to hear comments from the public regarding the City's election to receive State Revenue Sharing for the 2022-2023 budget year.

Mayor Stuart asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment regarding the City receiving State Revenue Sharing for the 2022-2023 budget year.

No comments were heard from either the public or anyone on the City Council.

**AGENDA ITEM 4** **Council Bill No. 22-2443; Resolution No. 22-1400-R:** A Resolution declaring the City's election to receive State Revenue Sharing for the City of Rogue River, Oregon for the 2022-2023 budget year.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-2443.

**AGENDA ITEM 5** **Council Bill No. 22-2444; Resolution No. 22-1401-R:** A Resolution authorizing the funds to be used in the financial management of the City of Rogue River, Oregon, for the 2022-2023 budget year.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-2444.

**AGENDA ITEM 6** **Council Bill No. 22-2445; Resolution No. 22-1402-R:** A Resolution adopting the budget, making appropriations, and levying taxes for the City of Rogue River, Oregon, for the 2022-2023 budget year.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-2445 AT THE RATE OF \$3.1492 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE AND IN THE AMOUNT OF 94,200 FOR BONDS FOR THE 2022-2023 BUDGET YEAR .

**AGENDA ITEM 7** **Appointment:** Appoint David Marshall to the Planning Commission Alternate position.

MOVED (MOSS), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT DAVID MARSHALL AS A PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE.

City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office to Planning Commission

Alternate David Marshall.

**AGENDA ITEM 8** **Surplus Property:** Declare five Parrot CK3100 LCD's and two Viewu Wearable Video Cameras as surplus property to be disposed.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO DECLARE FIVE PARROT CK3100 LCD'S AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE DONATE TO THE ROGUE RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER AND TWO VIEWU WEARABLE VIDEO CAMERAS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE DESTROYED BY CHIEF WILLIAMS.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Pamela Woods, owner of the "The Roost" and a private real estate office for REMAX on Gardiner Street said she understood garage sales were permitted in residential areas and some of the homes were located in the commercial areas. She had planned a sale at her property on Facebook and was contacted by the office letting her now that it was not allowed. She would like to have garage sales as part of her businesses, following all the same rules of the residential sales.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale commented that all the other businesses would also want to have yard sales and allow and have other join them. It's something that should be reviewed by the planning commission in order for the Council to put it into the code to allow it.

Pamela Woods said their event had already been posted on social media. She said that business is dead on the weekends in Rogue River, but there was nobody here. She didn't know why but these little shops were trying to make it so what happened with the people that did see posting from Facebook before they removed it came to her store looking for the yard sale and there was a lot more people in town that may have gone to the other businesses. It was her way of promoting the stores in town and she would like to help generate some sort of an event. She didn't feel that all the stores would have a yard sale. She said that other cities do it once or twice a year so maybe something like that could be considered. Something needed to be done to help the small businesses or they weren't going to make it in this town. She said she did a lot better business that day just because they thought something was happening.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale commented that she thought there was going to be more than just the Garden Club joining her event selling their plants. She said that there had been events before but they were organized for a city wide sale and the school recycling group held one at the bank for a recycling fair where people could bring their items for disposal and allowed people from both inside and outside of the City to sell their goods but also donated to the students for their event.

Pam Woods said members from the club were selling their used items. She wasn't charging, and it was a one day event just for fun. She said she went to a Rooster Crow Committee meeting asking for an event in downtown. She then asked if the City could put on some more events downtown to bring more people into town on the weekends.

Mayor Wayne Stuart suggested that Mrs. Woods go to a Planning Commission workshop and explain her issue to them to see if they could make a suggestion to the City Council.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said they had spent a lot of time and effort to get the street lights changed out to LED from the high pressure sodium lights and he found that the City was saving about \$600 a month, a significant saving that should take about four and a half years to pay back what we paid to Pacific Power for the project.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale commented that it was an investment well made.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said that Wendy Brown of WBCP had finalized the advertisement for his position and they also asked that the City put a couple of links on the City website for a survey for both the employees and city officials and another one for the citizens to fill out. One would also be going out with the newsletter.

City Administrator Mark reminded the City Council that they would be meeting with WBCP on June 30, 2023 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to conduct the first zoom interview.

## ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (KEMPA), seconded (VANARSDALE) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

## ATTEST:



Carol J. Weir, MMC  
City Recorder