

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 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 6:00 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 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
Francis Guilbert, Council Advisory Chair
Jackson County Commissioner Colleen Roberts via phone

MEDIA PRESENT:

Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2021, JANUARY 28, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 25, 2021.
Note: The minutes for January 28, 2021 were also approved on April 22, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that they were advertising for a new Director and that they would be serving Friday Night Dinner for the 2021 Rooster Crow Car Show event.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported that they had met twice during the month of April 2021 to review and approve the bills as submitted and signed 65- checks totaling \$127,270.28.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they had approved the dues for the upcoming year and Rogue River would be increasing by \$2. She also commented that both the Middle Rogue MPO would be contributing \$25,000 and the Rogue Valley MPO \$100,000 to the Alert Wild Fire.

Personnel Committee: City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they discussed the difficulty in hiring in both the police and public work's departments.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Barb Gregory reported during a workshop they reviewed illegal burning, nuisances and discussed having an officer from the police department speak to them about nuisance issues and resolutions.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented it would be beneficial that both Officer Gomez and Chief Williams attend a meeting. He expressed that Officer Gomez had been a code compliance office for his previous employer.

Police Commission: Wayne Stuart reported the department had been experiencing more calls than usual, that the Double-R fire had been determined to be accidental and that Officer Turnham should be out on the streets by himself in July.

City Councilor Don Daugherty thanked Chief Williams for putting out a letter letting the public know that the fire was determined to be accidental and not caused by an arsonist.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they discussed ODOT projects that the ACT would be recommending one of which was the Enhanced Discretionary Program looking to promote mobility and reduce congestion. If freight couldn't be moved through the state, it would impact everyone so passing lanes on I-5 were being considered. They would be contacting jurisdictions about their needs. They also talked about the Transportation Safety Action Plan which needed to be updated every five-years, identifying emerging trends and the challenges as well as solutions. She also commented that a house bill was being discussed that would require ODOT to partner with board band providers when opening roadways to prevent multiple road cuts.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported their focus was on Wild Fire Alert with hopes that legislation would fund the installation of two cameras be installed at Roxy Ann Peak or the dispatch center in Central Point

which would encompass Ashland, Talent, Phoenix and Central Point then to the other direction of Central Point and the Rogue River area.

Council Advisory Committee: Chair Francis Gilbert reported that they were concerned about the hot weather and had met with Chief Williams who spoke about his personal experiences with the Alameda Fire while working with Medford Police Department and discussed their concerns about the ingress and egress in and out of the Rogue River in that type of situation and expressing the need for an evacuation plan. Suggested having a group meeting with all the different agencies to help come up with a plan for our area.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Council Bill No. 21-2421; Resolution No. 21-1382-R:** A Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Rogue River Municipal Code 13.15, the City of Rogue River Water System and rescinding Resolution No. 20-1361-R.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2421.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Council Bill No. 21-2422; Resolution No. 21-1383-R:** A Resolution transferring appropriations authority within the Water Fund, for the year beginning July 1, 2020.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2422.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Council Bill No. 21-2423; Resolution No.21-1384-R :** A Resolution authorizing funds to be used in the financial management of the City of Rogue River, Oregon, for the 2021-2022 budget year.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2423.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Public Use Hearing:** The City Council to hold a Proposed Use Hearing to hear public comment regarding the City's election to receive State Revenue Sharing for the 2021-2022 budget year.

Mayor Wayne Stuart opened the public use hearing at 6:33 p.m. to hear comments from the citizens regarding the use of State Revenue Sharing.

No comments were heard and the public use hearing was declared closed at 6:34 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Council Bill No. 21-2424; Resolution No. 21-1385-R:** A Resolution declaring the City's election to receive State Revenue Sharing for the City of Rogue River,

Oregon, for the 2021-2022 budget year.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2424.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Council Bill No. 21-2425; Resolution No. 21-1386-R:** A Resolution certifying the municipal services provided by the City of Rogue River, Oregon, for the 2021-2022 budget year.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2425.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **Council Bill No. 21-2426; Resolution No. 21-1387-R :** A Resolution adopting the budget, making appropriations, and levying taxes for the City of Rogue River, Oregon, for the 2021-2022 budget year.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2426 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, AND LEVYING TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3.1492 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR THE OPERATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,200 FOR BONDS FOR THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OREGON FOR THE 2021-2022 BUDGET YEAR.

AGENDA ITEM 8 **Request:** A request to donate to the League of Oregon Cities Foundation to assist city officials to attend training opportunities at a rate of five-cents per capita.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO DONATE TO THE LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES FOUNDATION TO ASSIST CITY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT A RATE OF FIVE-CENTS PER CAPITA TOTALING \$112.50.

AGENDA ITEM 9 **Request:** A request from the Rogue River Kiwanis to sponsor the 2021 Rogue River's National Rooster Crow Car Show.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE ROGUE RIVER KIWANIS TO SPONSOR THE 2021 ROGUE RIVER'S NATIONAL ROOSTER CROW CAR SHOW AT THE GOLD LEVEL AND PURCHASE THREE ADDITIONAL CAR PLAQUES.

AGENDA ITEM 10 **Request:** A request from the Rogue River School District #35 to implement the City's residential winter averaging for the high school that's located outside the city limits.

City Administrator Mark Reagles explained that during the summer months the high schools water was produced for irrigation which is charged at double rate. This

would cap their sewer charges by their winter average. Their other options would be to install another meter for irrigation purposes only for a sewer meter.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE ROGUE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #35 TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL WINTER AVERAGING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL THAT'S LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Councilor Barb Gregory announced that she would be out of state for the month of June and part of July but would be able to attend the meetings by phone.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale asked if a Memorial Day event was being planned at the cemetery.

Mayor Wayne Stuart commented that he had been asked to give a speech which would be held at the flag pole at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4116.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that the National Guard IRT had arrived and had come to realize that there would be a lot more to be done than anticipated so the project plan had been revised and they assured staff that they were willing to come back next year and finish the project but the park needs to be made usable. At that point the priorities were to get the pathway from First Street close to the Woodville Museum, up to the splash pad, up to the restrooms, the splash pad will be in, the restroom will be framed in, painted and roofed, leaving the interior for staff or volunteer to complete, all of the concrete work, plumbing and electrical conduit done. It came to light that once the beams for the pavilion was purchased there was two-months to put it all together before they start to twist and warp but the IRT did not feel they would be able to get to that point so staff would be scrambling to find someone to get it put together. Another option would be to leave the restroom till next year and lay granite for a walking path until the pavers could be installed.

City Administrator Mark Reagles gave a shout out to the school district thanking them for letting the city use their property for staging the material, housing the IRT at the grade school west where they will be sleeping and eating. A company would be providing them meals.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said that the IRT would like to have a dignitary day on either July 21st or 22nd inviting local groups, county commissioners, etc. and asked if the city council if they would be interested in feeding the guests.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said that visitor passes would be available, construction fencing would be going up around the entire project, the electrical and

the water and sewer tap would be completed prior to the IRT arriving.

City Administrator Mark Reagles also commented that when applying for the funding of Rooster Park it was estimated that the IRT's in kind work would be \$100,000 but now that they are here they are estimating it to be more like \$358,000 leaving the City in great debt to them. While they were here, they ate in our restaurants, visited the VFW and were very impressed with the work they were doing to the inside of their building.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (VANARSDALE), seconded (GREGORY) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder