

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 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 Wayne Stuart at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION Former City Councilor Shelli Garrison 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 Barb Hilty
City Councilor Sherrie Moss
City Councilor Barb Gregory

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 having trouble with keeping volunteers at the visitor's center. Next month's Mixer was scheduled to be at Red Dog Pet Supplies on July 7, 2023. The Installation and Awards Banquet went much better than they expected. A ribbon cutting ceremony would be held at noon on June 25, 2023 for the Dove Mercantile. And, Dee Copley was appointed as a new board member.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported there was no meeting but that they welcomed Christie Cook as their new Executive Director and Sheryl Boots as the new book keeper. They would be

hosting dinner for Rooster Crow and they were still working on the new food pantry.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECISO): Mayor Wayne Stuart reported there was no meeting.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported that they met twice during the month of April 2022 to review, approve and sign 62-checks totaling \$105,619.07 and twice during the month of May 2022 to review, approve and sign 92-checks totaling \$185,449.67 and all was well financially in the City of Rogue River.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they had an amendment to their 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add more electric buses and some Hybrid and diesel buses to their fleet. They adopted a Public Participation Plan to allow the public to participate in the planning process. In the 2024-2027 projects they received an application for pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Lincoln Road.

Personnel Committee: City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they continue having discussions about the challenges of hiring and retaining employees in the current labor market.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Barb Gregory reported they were still reviewing the Zoning Ordinance and Pamela Woods spoke regarding being allowed to hold four yard sales at her location of business located downtown.

Police Commission: City Councilor Jack Bird reported that the Chief was in the final background check for a retired part-time lateral patrol officer and intends to have this person sworn in on July 11, 2022. The officer will spend a few weeks with Corporal Darr then available for two days a week. Due to COVID issues the two new Ford Explorers that were scheduled to be shipped to Oregon were now to be shipped to Colorado and our order could be canceled and the replacement of the totaled vehicle could also be canceled. Calls for service were increasing. In conjunction with the Medford Police Department a new computer program called GOShield was available to all Jackson County Law Enforcement Agency's allowing statistical data for all that they do, giving a better look at all of what they do. And, the department was as ready as everyone else for the Rooster Crow weekend.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported there was no meeting.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported they had a presentation by the League of Oregon Cities looking for what was important to them over the next year. They also purchased the Senior Center across the street and ACCESS would be moving there once the building was ready.

NEW BUSINESS:

- AGENDA ITEM 1** **Agreement:** A Maintenance Assistance Grant Intergovernmental Agreement No. 2123-023 between the City and the Oregon State Marine Board.

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE GRANT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2123-023 BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD.

- AGENDA ITEM 2** **Request:** A request from the local Pickleball Club to convert one tennis court into two pickleball courts at Anna Classick Bicentennial Park.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO GRANT THE REQUEST FROM THE LOCAL PICKLEBALL CLUB TO CONVERT ONE TENNIS COURT INTO TWO PERMANENT PICKLEBALL COURTS AT ANNA CLASSICK BICENTENNIAL PARK AND THE CITY TO COVER THE COST LESS THE FUNDS THAT WERE COLLECTED BY THE GROUP.

Public Works Director Michael Bollweg said the Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services presented the City with a certificate for Outstanding Performance during the last Water System Survey conducted on May5, 2022.

Mayor Wayne Stuart read a letter from SOREDI thanking the City for their continued support over the years and invited everyone to join them at their annual meeting at the Hell Gate Jet Boat Excursion on June 30, 2022.

- AGENDA ITEM 3** Mayor Wayne Stuart read a Proclamation declaring June 24-26, 2022 as the "69th Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest" weekend in Rogue River, Oregon.

- AGENDA ITEM 4** Mayor Wayne Stuart presented the members of the IRT with Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions in the development of Rooster Park and the children's playground at Anna Classick Bicentennial Park.

Commanding Officer Roach thanked the City for welcoming them for the last two summers providing with a location for them to provide training for their personnel. It was their pleasure to be able to help, they had great training and really great experiences working with the community.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Councilor Barb Hilty thanked the City for allowing them to attend and represent the City at the recent Awards Dinner.

City Administer Mark Reagles thanked the IRT. There had been so many good

comments about their presence here in Rogue River. He just wished that they would have scheduled work for three years instead of two.

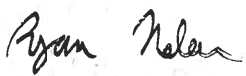
City Recorder Carol Weir invited the members of the IRT to be part of the Rooster Crow festivities with the Mayor and City Council.

Public Works Director Michael Bollweg commented that the restrooms were ready for weekend at Rooster Park, some of the areas will be marked off, still under construction. He said his expectations were exceeded with the IRT at both Rooster Park and Anna Classick Bicentennial Park.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (VANARSDALE), seconded (BIRD) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

 for
Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder