

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 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 Mayor Wayne Stuart 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 Don Daugherty
City Councilor Barb Gregory

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Reagles, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder
Jim Williams, Chief of Police
Paige Chick, Clerk Typist
Colleen Roberts, Jackson County Commissioner

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2021 AND APRIL 22, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Chamber of Commerce: City Councilor Rick Kempa reported that they met to discuss the cancellation of their previous meetings and asked Councilor Kempa about Rooster Park sanitation of the park being a dog park. He informed them that it never was a dog park and will not be one in the future.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported that the Friday night dinners had been increased to \$8 and they were

working with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments for grant services for the new pantry.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported they had met twice during the month of June 2021 to review and approve bills and signed 72-checks totaling \$160,452.61.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they met in person to amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Allen Creek Road improvement. She announced that she would be attending a National Metropolitan Organization Conference in October 2021 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Barb Gregory reported they were reviewing Chapter 4 of the Planning Commissioner handbook regarding land use decisions and they felt they needed an updated comprehensive plan map.

Police Commission: Chief Williams reported that they had water rescue training put on by the fire department resulting in the vehicles being equipped with water rescue gear. He said they were looking at replacing an older vehicle with a four wheel drive truck and upgrading the motor vehicle computers and mobile router. He also mentioned that they would be conducting in house ethics and leadership training for law enforcement.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they were updated by ODOT regarding their enhanced project list.

Council Advisory Committee: Chair Francis Gilbert reported that he had contacted Jamie Wright from the school to discuss the Medical clinic that had been approved being built at Beck Field on Berglund Street which would be funded in 2023. He would contact Jamie Wright again to ask her to speak with the City Council about the LaClinica project. He expressed the concern of how it would impact the police department.

Francis Gilbert also discussed the emergency egress and ingress issues in case of a wild fire in our area. He suggested considering a siren alert system that could be installed in some prominent location, though a siren doesn't provide any information as to the reason for the siren.

OLD BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Council Bill No. 21-2428; Ordinance No. 21-412-O:** An Ordinance adopting Riparian Protection Requirements for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2428.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 2 **CB Council Bill No. 21-2429:** An Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 17, Zoning.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2429.

City Councilor Barb Hilty asked Chief Williams what was the best way to point out a violation of a city code.

Chief Williams said photos were a good way for them to see the violation along with a written explanation.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that in no way a City Councilor should put them in a position that they may be harmed by going out photographing violations on someone's private property. Some people take offence of taking photos of their yard or their vehicles. Let the police handle those issues.

Chief Williams said they get complaints about people taking pictures especially if taking photos of people.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Council Bill No. 21-2430; Resolution Noi. 21-1388-R:** A Resolution amending Resolution No. 21-1381-R adopting an Employee Handbook for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2430.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Oregon Liquor Control Commission:** A new Oregon Liquor Control Commission application for Rogue River Spirits a retail store at 502 East Main Street #D, Rogue River. Applicant: ReidCorp, LLC.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE A NEW OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR ROGUE RIVER SPIRITS, A RETAIL STORE AT 502 EAST MAIN STREET #D, ROGUE RIVER. APPLICANT: REIDCORP, LLC.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Request:** A Special Event Permit for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Rogue River Post 4116 to hold an event on September 11, 2021 at 410 East Main Street, Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ROGUE RIVER POST 4116 TO HOLD AN EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 AT 410 EAST MAIN STREET, ROGUE RIVER, OREGON.

City Councilor Rick Kempa expressed a concern that their barbeque should be inspected prior to the event.

City Recorder Carol Weir said that their permit addressed that they had to contact both the fire department and public works to inspect their set up prior to the event.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Request:** A request from the Rogue River Greenway to have a beer garden at the Ride the Rogue event on September 18, 2021.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE ROGUE RIVER GREENWAY TO HAVE A BEER GARDEN AT THE RIDE THE ROGUE EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **Appointment:** Appoint Jonna Strauss to fill the vacancy of Planning Commission Position No. 5.

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT JONNA STRAUSS TO FILL THE VACANCY OF PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION NO. 5.

AGENDA ITEM 8 **Appointment:** Appoint Debbie Kenny to the vacancy of Planning Commission Alternate.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT DEBBIE KENNY TO THE VACANCY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE.

City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office to Planning Commission Alternate Debbie Kenny.

AGENDA ITEM 9 **Surplus Property:** Declare a 1982 Ford dump truck, 1994 Ford F-150 pick-up and 2000 Ford pick-up as surplus property.

City Administrator Mark Reagles asked the City Council to include the fencing that had been removed from Rooster Park. He said the school district would like to use it for their softball field out at the high school.

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO DECLARE A 1982 FORD DUMP TRUCK, A 1994 FORD F-150 PICK-UP, A 2000 FORD PICK-UP AND FENCING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Administrator Mark Reagles read a letter from City County Insurance Services who awarded the City with a 40-year Property/Casualty Trust Longevity Award for continuous coverage with an engraved clock.

City Councilor Barb Hilty commented about the new brochure put out by the Rogue River Mural Society.

City Councilor Don Daugherty expressed his appreciation to the Grants Pass Courier in particular for articles and photos during the construction of Rooster Park.

County Commissioner Colleen Roberts commented that the Administrator and new Emergency Manager would be on television discussing everything that was available through the Emergency Alert System and encouraged everyone to tune in. She said she was aware that safety and warning was on everybody's minds.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that he was aware that she had attended a meeting regarding funding coming available on the marijuana revenue and could she comment.

County Commissioner Colleen Roberts said the Governor signed House Bill 3000 giving more resources and actions on the hemp production. It's a step bringing marijuana, medical marijuana and hemp enforcement working together and providing a better quality of life for people.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said the city's concern was with the water trucks using the city's streets, if they were getting the water legally, were their licensed drivers but mainly concerned with the weight of their trucks. The city resurfaced Pine Street with an anticipation of a fifteen year life but this year had to spend \$15,000 to repair a street that was completed just five years ago. He said having the weigh master in our area would be welcomed as well.

County Commissioner Colleen Roberts said it was an issue throughout the county and hoped that the Water Master would receive some assistance as well.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said it was a good day for the Rooster Park project. All the material was on the site, they were ready to pour the cement for the splash pad and the pavilion and hopefully they could get started on leveling the property and preparing the paver pad. Though they did come to realize that they would not be able to complete the project as anticipated. The timber frame for the pavilion was another month out but did not anticipate that all the pavers would get in. He said the Colonel of the National Guard had reached out to the Oregon National Guard to see if they could come in for a few weekends and help with the project. He said the wood for the pavilion needed to get up so staff would need to get outside help for

its construction.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (KEMPA), seconded (GREGORY) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder