

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 Barb Hilty (via phone)
City Councilor Sherrie Moss

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
City Councilor Barb Gregory

STAFF PRESENT:
Mark Reagles, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder (left at 6:25 p.m.)
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 he missed the meeting because they changed it to in the morning but was informed that they discussed finances, the upcoming "Ride-the-Rogue" event and upcoming Chamber Mixer.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that they were still working on the food pantry and hoping for an opening in September. The dinners were going well and the next one would be

September 15, 2022.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECISO): Mayor Wayne Stuart reported that there again was no meeting though he was aware that candidates would still be considered for the Directors position.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported that the finance committee had met once in September to review and approve the bills as submitted and signed checks. They would be having their second meeting on the 30th to review, approve and sign checks and would have that report at next months meeting.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they canceled their meeting due to a lack of things to do.

Personnel Committee: Mayor Wayne Stuart went into the audience to thank Nolan Ryan for accepting the position as the City's new City Administrator.

Nolan Ryan said that he was grateful that the City Council decided to honor him with the duties of the City Administrator for the City of Rogue River. He said he was a native from the City of Cave Junction from an old logging family, spending a lot of time with grandparents and parents learning about hard work, learning about trusting people and the value of a persons work. He was excited after several years of working in local city government and now to be working for the City of Rogue River and joining the team to help the city staff be successful and moving forward to have the staff perform the needs of the citizens. It would be his honor to carry forward and earn the trust to carry on the good path as Mark Reagles had led it for quit a while now. Again, he was grateful, thankful and appreciated what the City Council had offered him.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that Ryan's first day would be September 19, 2022 so they would still be seeing Mark for a while. He said that Ryan had been his choice all along and hoping that the City Council would fell how he did about his integrity and ethics. And seeing Ryan's accomplishments at the Rogue Valley Council of Governments and during his short interaction with him in Cave Junction he just knew that Ryan would be the perfect fit for this community. He felt that the direction the City had been going during his 28-years that Ryan would follow in his foot steps and was super happy to see that the City Council felt the same. During the entire hiring process Ryan was number one with the hiring committee process. Congratulations to Ryan for what he had done during his life and looked forward to his leading Rogue River for the next 28-years.

Planning Commission Liaison: Planning Assistant Paige Chick commented that they were continuing the review of the Zoning Ordinance under the DLCD Grant.

Police Commission: Mayor Stuart said there was no meeting but Chief Williams wanted to say a few words.

Chief Jim Williams congratulated the new City Administrator and said he looked forward to getting to know him better.

Chief Jim Williams commented that they had a lateral candidate in background check and if it went well, they would be offering them a full time position then onto the academy. They had twelve applicants at entry level and testing will be scheduled for those people. Two officers would be receiving letters of accomplishment for their personnel files. Two vehicles had been ordered. The old vehicle had been striped with the new logo and he had heard a lot of good comments from the public about being more visible. He said he wanted to let the City Council know that he and City Administrator Mark Reagles met with some representatives from the Rogue River School District to start a conversation about what a School Resource Officer could look like for all grade levels. No matter what direction they headed they were one to two school sessions away before his department could fill a full time Resource Officer position. Moving forward would take research on what other agency's would be involved and what it would entail. Regardless the department would respond to anything at the schools whether or not an agreement is made. He did express that any decision would come to the City Council because there would be a dollar figure attached and would need to part of his department's budget.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale asked Chief Williams if the school had any interest in help paying for a Resource Officer.

Chief Jim Williams replied without speaking for the school they did express that they would help fund it.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale commented that it would be awesome if the other agency's and the school district over the next couple of years could come up with a plan.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that the school also felt that this was at least a year away if not two to allow everyone to get their funding in order and then the training would be over what a patrol officer would be.

Chief Jim Williams agreed that it would need to be a seasoned officer with some years of experience and they would need to be sent to reserve officer training which at a minimum would be hours involved of one to two weeks plus continuous training on top of that.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported wasn't scheduled until September but meeting had also

been canceled so no meeting until November 2022.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported they had a presentation from a representative of the Medford Airport regarding an expansion of the airport, a new motel, operating their tower and putting in LED lights on the runway. It would be funded with grant money. Staff was also assisting communities in applying for grants and teaching them the process. ACCESS was coming back to Central Point at the senior center but would like to find their own building for the future.

Council Advisory Committee: Chair Francis Gilbert reported they did not have a quorum but wanted to update them on the capture of the person who stole ODF Camera pending arrest and still looking for the equipment.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mayor Wayne Stuart welcomed Jackson County Commission Colleen Roberts.

Dick Converse, retired by the Rogue Valley Council of Governments who wanted to congratulate the City on their choice of hiring Ryan Nolan as the new City Administrator. He had worked with Ryan at Cave Junction and Grants Pass where he was hired by the RVCOG to replace himself when he retired. He said that Ryan was their top choice and a perfect fit for them and with his experience already working with Rogue River he felt confident that Rogue River made the right choice. He felt that the City Council would have a great relationship with Ryan just as they had with Mark over the years. Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS:

- AGENDA ITEM 1** **Council Bill No. 22-2446; Ordinance No. 22-415-O:** An Ordinance declaring a temporary ban on Psilocybin service centers and the manufacturing of Psilocybin in the City of Rogue River, Oregon, and declaring an emergency.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-2446 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- AGENDA ITEM 2** **Council Bill No. 22-2447; Resolution No. 22-1403-R:** A Resolution referring a ballot measure prohibiting Psilocybin-related businesses until December 31, 2024 in the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (MOSS), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-2447.

- AGENDA ITEM 3** **OLCC Application:** A Special Event Brewery-Public House application from the Weekend Beer Company to serve during the annual Greenway Foundation "Ride-

the-Rogue" event on September 24, 2022.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT BREWERY-PUBLIC HOUSE APPLICATION FROM THE WEEKEND BEER COMPANY TO SERVE DURING THE ANNUAL GREENWAY FOUNDATION "RIDE-THE-ROGUE" EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **OLCC Annual Renewals:** The annual Oregon Liquor Control Commission renewal recommendations for businesses in the City of Rogue River, Oregon that include:

- A-1 Market
- Abby's Pizza Inn of Rogue River
- BACI's Pizza and Pasta
- Bee Gee's Diner
- Best Western Inn at the Rogue
- Chevron Mini Mart
- Dollar General Store #16274
- Lil Pantry Rogue River
- Paisano's Italian Kitchen
- Ray's Food Place #5
- River Station
- Rogue River Spirits
- Stanlees's
- Taqueria La Guacamaya
- Tarasco Mexican Restaurant

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION RENEWALS FOR THE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OREGON. Councilor Rick Kempa cast a nay vote.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Appointment:** Appointment City Councilor Barb Gregory to the Finance Committee.

MOVED (BIRD), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT CITY COUNCILOR BARB GREGORY TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Resignation:** Accept a resignation from City Councilor Jack Bird effective August 31, 2022 and declare a vacancy.

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED WITH RELUCTANCY TO ACCEPT A RESIGNATION FROM CITY COUNCILOR JACK BIRD EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2022 AND DECLARE A VACANCY.

Public Works Director Michael Bollweg commented that Rogue River was a better community because of Councilor Birds contributions and that he felt to be a better person for knowing him. He said that he was a remarkable man and a remarkable

person. He couldn't imagine life in the community without him and felt really blessed with his contributions and how much he cared for everyone. He ended his remarks with "We care about you too."

Mayor Wayne Stuart presented City Councilor Jack Bird with a plaque in honor of all his time served on both the Planning Commission and the City Council.

City Councilor Jack Bird thanked everybody.

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 6:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol J. Weir for

Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder