

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

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 Bob Pascalar
City Councilor Fred England
City Councilor Pam VanArsdale
City Councilor Barb Hilty
City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Mark Poling

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Reagles, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder
Curtis Whipple, Chief of Police

MEDIA PRESENT:

Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (PASCALAR) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported that he had received a copy of their minutes that stated they discussed the Christmas Tree Lighting event in December, they were continuing their membership drive and the Community Center agreed to hold a virtual mixer the December.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that the Community Center was looking for volunteers. Dinners were not being scheduling dinners at the time but the center would remain open Monday through Friday and the thrift store would be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported that they had met twice during the month of July 2020 to review and approve bills as submitted and signed 89-checks in the amount of \$214,112.51.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported that the Air Quality Determination that had been approved the prior month would now be included in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and discussed the building of the Transit Station in Grants Pass and they were hoping that the City of Grants Pass would move forward with the project.

Personnel Committee: City Councilor Mark Poling reported that they met but had nothing to report other than the fact that the City was losing employees.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported that she was unable to attend but had been made aware that they discussed storage containers on residential property.

Police Commission: City Councilor Fred England reported that the police department was doing well and expressed how fortunate the City was to have such a good department. Following the meeting they toured the remodel of the police department. He also commented that none of the officers were pursuing employment with other agencies at this time.

Chief Curtis Whipple commented that his department had been preparing for the upcoming rally scheduled for Saturday sponsored by the Southern Oregon Coalition for Racial Equity. He said he had commitments from other agencies to assist during that event.

Rogue Valley Council or Governments (RVCOG): Mayor Wayne Stuart reported he attended a zoom meeting where they finalized the budget and approved amendments to that new budget. They discussed Food and Friends preparation contracts and had been informed that Executive Director Michael Cavallaro had submitted his resignation effective at the end of 2020. They also heard a presentation regarding more funding for fire program.

Council Advisory Committee: Chair Francis Gilbert reported they continued their discussion on the city code and the topic of annexation.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Shelly Lund of Redhorse Road, Rogue River, addressed the City Council expressing her concerns that Rogue River being was a community of senior citizens and did not feel that allowing buses of people to come into town and march to a picnic at Palmerton Park should be allowed. She felt that elderly people were more susceptible with a high death rate when contracting COVID-19 and this event was like bringing COVID-19 carriers to a senior facility and wanted to know who gave the Southern Oregon Coalition for Racial Equity permission to hold their event in Rogue River. Jackson County was on a COVID-19 watch. As she was being required to practice social distancing during the meeting why was it allowed for people to come participate and not be required to also social distance? She said that people were very upset as they should be and some of the businesses were closing for the day of the event out of fear and were losing money due to the decisions that the city had made. Children were being kept out of school, not getting a proper education due to COVID-19. However, it was okay for a bus load of people to have a peaceful protest. Everyone had been watching the news in the last 90-days had seen what was being called a peaceful protest. Blocking off streets, closing down businesses, beating and killing people made it hard to understand why the City would allow the event to happen. The event must be stopped to protect the people of this community.

Heidi Jensen of Queens Branch Road, Rogue River, addressed the City Council expressing her concerns of the risk management of the upcoming event posted by the nonprofit organization of Southern Oregon Coalition for Racial Equity. She had concerns about the organization's ability to meet to make our community whole. Should an event or a loose occur due to the liability of their actions she strongly suggested that Southern Oregon Coalition for Racial Equity provide an insurance policy to extend and protect the citizens, the community and the small businesses. In the event of an accident, an injury or illness or property damage during the peaceful demonstration requiring a certificate of insurance from them naming the City of Rogue River as an additional insured under the general commercial liability policy before extending the use and enjoyment of the City's parks.

Garth Brech of West Evans Creek Road, Rogue River, stated that the two ladies summed it up for him and he had nothing more to add.

Mayor Wayne Stuart thanked the audience for coming to the meeting and hopefully the event would happen without any problems. He commented that Palmerton Park was a free park, open to the public and people are able to talk about what they want to talk about based on the governments right of free speech along with items of the Constitution. Hopefully, the police department along with the others the City has involved on Saturday.

Police Chief Curtis Whipple commented that there had been two other parade

permits had been applied for but not approved so it's something that had not been sanctioned by the City. They had been informed that they must stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets and the police department would make sure that happens. A request was made to walk from City Hall to Main Street, turning on West Evans Creek Road to Palmerton Park. He also commented that social distancing was not something that the police department regulates, it's something OSHA or OLCC would regulate.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Administrator Mark Reagles informed the Mayor and City Councilors that the first 6-agenda items were part of the Community Development Block Grant for funding businesses that had been affected by COVID-19. This is a multi jurisdictional grant in the amount of \$150,000 to be split up among the cities. Rogue River had taken the lead agency position.

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Council Bill No. 20-2407; Resolution No. 20-1371-R:** A Resolution adopting the Section 3 Plan to comply with 24 CFR, Part 135 of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 3 for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2407.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Council Bill No. 20-2408; Resolution No. 20-1372-R:** A Resolution adopting a Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2408.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Council Bill No. 20-2409; Resolution No. 20-1373-R:** A Resolution adopting Fair Housing in the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2409.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Council Bill No. 20-2410; Resolution No. 20-1374-R:** A Resolution adopting a Grievance Procedure for Complaints of Alleged Discrimination based on Disability for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (POLING) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2410.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Council Bill No. 20-2411; Resolution No. 20-1375-R:** A Resolution adopting a Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicapped Status for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2411.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Council Bill No. 20-241; Resolution No. 20-1376-R:** A Resolution adopting a Oregon Community Development Block Grant Program Excessive Force Policy for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (PASCALAR) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-2412.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **LOC Delegate:** Designate a voting delegate for the League of Oregon Cities Annual Membership meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT MAYOR WAYNE STUART AS THE CITY'S VOTING DELEGATE.

AGENDA ITEM 8 **Liquor License Renewals:** The 2020-2021 Oregon Liquor Control Commission license renewals for:

- A 1 Market #11
- Abby's Pizza Inn
- Bee Gee's Diner
- Best Western Inn at the Rogue
- Chevron Mini Mart
- Cottage Café & Grill
- Dollar General Store #16274
- Lil' Pantry
- Paisano's Italian Kitchen
- Ray's Food Place #5
- River Station
- Rogue River Liquor & Smoke
- Rogue River's Watering Hole
- Taqueria La Guacamaya
- Tarasco Mexican Restaurant
- The Double R Pub
- VFW Post #4116

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE OREGON LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION ANNUAL RENEWALS.

AGENDA ITEM 9 **Resignation:** A resignation from Tree City Committee member Kathleen Faye.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (HILTY) AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KATHLEEN FAYE AND EXPRESSED A HUGE THANK YOU FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE TREE CITY COMMITTEE.

AGENDA ITEM 10 **Proclamation:** Mayor Wayne Stuart read a Proclamation for National Preparedness Month declaring the first week of September 2020 as Home Inventory Week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

ATTEST:



Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder