

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Rick Kempa
City Councilor Barb Hilty (via phone)
City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Mark Poling

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
City Councilor Pam VanArsdale

ALSO PRESENT:
Carol Weir, City Recorder
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director
Jim Williams, Chief of Police
Paige Chick, Clerk Typist
Ryan Nolan, City Planner

MEDIA PRESENT:
Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (GREGORY) SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2021, JUNE 24, 2021, JULY 22, 2021 AND AUGUST 26, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that the September dinner had been postponed to October 2021.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported that they met to discuss the recovery time from the recent phone outage and how it affected dispatch, due to COVID they had been short staffed, they were in the process of a design review of the radio infrastructure having till 2025 to be up and running and they filled two vacancies on the board.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported that they met to review and approve bills as submitted meeting twice during the month of July and signed 93-checks totaling \$377,104.39 and twice during the month of August 2021 and signed 91-checks totaling \$210,438.53.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): Public Works Director Mike Bollweg reported that the Policy Committee met and decided to split the money received by the State with the City receiving \$270,000, Gold Hill \$270,00 and \$270,00 to projects on the Rogue River Greenway. The only requirement for the City was to show the MRMPO what transportation projects had been budgeted for.

City Planner Ryan Nolan credited Councilor VanArsdale for the decision of the three way split and commended and appreciate her participation on the MRMPO.

Police Commission: Police Chief Jim Williams reported that Corporal Buren's last day of work was September 17, 2021 and wanted to get out under the radar but plans were being made to commemorate his years with the City which would be sent to him in Tennessee. Corporal Buren started his career in October of 2000 with the Warm Springs Police Department, he attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Academy in New Mexico and in 2005 he took the position here in Rogue River. When he started in Rogue River there were two patrol officers who were covering seven days a week for several months. In 2016 he had been promoted to Corporal where he served with great success. Chief Williams was saddened to see him leave because he had a lot to offer the City and he takes away all of the irreplaceable knowledge and it would take years to replace such knowledge of this community. Officer Buren and his wife raised their two boys here and he was going to be deeply missed but his journey had just begun and he was wished to life and happiness retirement would bring him and his family. Many of the businesses and organizations had posted sign boards recognizing his departure and wishing him well. His departure left the department with a loss of a lot of experience.

Chief Williams commented that he was looking at promoting from within the department, encouraging and working with the officers who showed interest. Unfortunately with the current job description the current officers were not able to meet the qualifications so was working with each of them to get them as close to the qualifications as possible. And if the one that came out on top still didn't qualify he would like to give them an extra long probationary period to meet the qualifications while still doing the job. So in the interim different officers may be serving in change

in his absence giving them each an opportunity to take the role and get the experience.

Chief Williams commented that new cameras were being installed. The inside had been camera installation had been completed and eventually the outside of both the police department and city hall will have 270° views of the back parking lot, the alley between the buildings and the front of both city hall and the police department which will be stored in the police department.

Chief Williams commented the calls for service have been for public assistance to other agencies. Some domestic violence cases reported. Public Works had installed some new signs in the parks to assist with the camping and after hour transients which had been helpful and locking the restrooms had also made a difference.

Chief Williams also mentioned that he was pleased how the department operated during his absence and that Officer Darr did a great job.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported the talked about the Wild Fire Cameras, they had been given a demonstration of the Cave Junctions that had been successfully installed. Of the two other cameras one was to be installed on Roxy Ann and the other cameras location had yet to be decided. They were also concerned with the staffing issues with the COVID virus and not sure the vaccinated and non vaccinated people. Also, scheduled for Saturday, the 25th of September was scheduled for the Stewardship Day on the Greenway.

OLD BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Council Bill No. 21-2729; Ordinance No. 21-413-O:** An Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 17, Zoning.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2729.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Council Bill No. 21-2431; Resolution No. 21-1389-R:** A Resolution authorizing a loan from the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund by entering into a financial contract between the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority and the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2431.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Council Bill No. 21-2432:** An Ordinance declaring the annexation of certain real property to the City of Rogue River, Oregon, amending the boundaries of the City

zoning map and concurrently rezoning said property to R-1-12.

MOVED (BIRD), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2432.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Council Bill No. 21-2433; Resolution No. 21-1391-R:** A Resolution of support declaring the City of Rogue River, Oregon, supports an application to the Department of Land Conservation and Development for technical assistance to review and update the City's municipal code related to land use and development.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 21-2433.

City Planner Ryan Nolan commented that bi-annually technical assistance grants are offered for cities in order to provide assistance with specific projects, typically those that were related to comprehensive plan and municipal code updates. Staff had recognized some inconsistencies with land use review and outdated references to the Oregon Revised Statute and in order to reimburse staff to review the documents the request was for \$15,000 to help with compensation.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Resignation:** Letter of resignation from Corporal Robert Buren effective September 17, 2021.

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF CORPORAL ROBERT BUREN EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 17, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **OLCC Renewals:** 2021 Oregon Liquor Control Commission License renewals:
A 1 Market #11
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
River Station
Stanlee's
Taqueria La Guacamaya
Tarasco's Mexican Restaurant
VFW Post #4116 Rogue River

MOVED (BIRD), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED AND CARRIED TO

APPROVE THE 2021 OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION LICENSE RENEWALS.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **Request:** An Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission Temporary Use of an Annual License for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4116 to hold fund raising events on October 30, 2021, November 20, 2021, December 11, 2021 and December 18, 2021 at 410 East Main Street, Rogue River.


MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN OREGON LIQUOR & CANNABIS COMMISSION TEMPORARY USE OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST #4116 TO HOLD FUND RAISING EVENTS ON OCTOBER 30, 2021, NOVEMBER 20, 2021, DECEMBER 11, 2021 AND DECEMBER 18, 2021 AT 410 EAST MAIN STREET, ROGUE RIVER.

AGENDA ITEM 8 **LOC Delegate:** Designate a voting delegate for the Annual League of Oregon Cities membership on Friday, October 22, 2021.

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO DESIGNATE MAYOR WAYNE STUART AS THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE ANNUAL LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021.

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

ATTEST:


Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder