

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 Pam VanArsdale at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION /
MOMENT OF
SILENCE** Mayor Pam VanArsdale called for a Moment of Silence

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Pam VanArsdale led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**
Mayor Pam VanArsdale
City Councilor Sharie Davis
City Councilor Grace Howell
City Councilor Rick Kempa
City Councilor Barb Hilty (via phone)
City Councilor Sherrie Moss
City Councilor Barb Gregory

STAFF PRESENT:
Ryan Nolan, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director
Jim Williams, Chief of Police
Stephanie Madtson, Deputy Recorder
Paige Chick, Finance Officer/Planning Assistant

MEDIA PRESENT:
Brian Mortensen, Rogue River Press

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2023, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 AND MARCH 23, 2023 WITH CORRECTIONS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Chamber of Commerce: City Councilor Rick

Kempa reported that they were preparing for the Halloween Party being held at the Live Oak Grange on October 21, 2023 at a cost of \$20 per person and their First Thursday Mixer in October would be held at Abby's Pizza Inn.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that the Friday Dinner would be held on October 20, 2023.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECISO): City Administrator Ryan Nolan reported that they had asked him to be a member of their finance committee to evaluate and restructuring their dues system and setting up their budget system to match a city or county budget system and discussed the cost exceeding the budget for their camera project so they were looking at seeking legislative direct funding.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Sherrie Moss reported that she was not able to attend and had no report.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that there tabled the Federal Aide Urban Boundary to a Technical Advisory Committee who would review what roads would be eligible for federal funding. They had concerns though on how it would affect storm water, the MS4 reporting requirements even though it was only to be transportation issues.

Personnel Committee: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported that there was no meeting.

Planning Commission Liaison: Planning Commission Liaison Barb Gregory reported that they were reviewing the Flood Plan Ordinance that had been updated in 2020 and Contract Planner James Schireman announced that he was leaving the Rogue Valley Council or Governments and introduced his successor Rowan Fairchild.

City Administrator Ryan Nolan commented that Mr. Schireman had expressed how he appreciated the experience he received working with Rogue River on the different land use decision and re writing the City municipal code.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that they did not have a meeting.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported that they had a presentation from the Southern Oregon Historical Society. They were still struggling with hiring a finance director. They were also going to be hosting an American Connection Core Member who would help to coordinate board band service within the county.

Council Advisory Committee: Chair Francis Gilbert reported that they discussed the Wards Creek Restoration Project and the Speed Boards and the increased traffic created by the marijuana growers. They also discussed the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan & Wildfire Protection Plan and the lack of relationship between the agencies and the citizens. That the City Council and Planning Commissioners's have more training in regards to the Rogue River Comprehensive Plan with building in the urban growth boundary, making decision on annexations and mitigation. He also commented that they felt the Wards Creek Mitigation Plan should be included in the Jackson County Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jackson County Commission Colleen Roberts told the City Council that the Jackson County Mitigation Plan was open of public comment to identify potential hazards.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Council Bill No. 23-2473:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 22-417-O, the Purchasing Policy for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (MOSS) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 23-2473.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Council Bill No 23-2474:** An Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code 17.90, Storm and Surface Water Management for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (MOSS), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 23-2474.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Appointment:** Consider the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Grace Howell to City Council Position No. 2.

MOVED (KEMPA), SECONDED (DAVIS) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT GRACE HOWELL TO CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 2.

City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office City Councilor Grace Howell.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Agreement:** Authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the Low-Income Housing Water Assistance (LIHWA) Agreement facilitated through ACCESS to extend the program to March 31, 2024.

MOVED (MOSS), SECONDED (GREGORY) AND CARRIED TO AMEND AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING WATER ASSISTANCE (LIHWA) AGREEMENT FACILITATED THROUGH ACCESS TO

EXTEND THE PROGRAM TO MARCH 31, 2024.

City Recorder Carol Weir commented how much the citizens of Rogue River had benefitted by the project in paying their utility bills.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Letter of Support:** Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Wards Creek Restoration Project.

MOVED (GREGORY), SECONDED (DAVIS) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE WARDS CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT.

OTHER BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 6 Reviewed and accepted the minutes of the Tree City Committee held on September 14, 2023 and the Council Advisory Committee minutes for August 24, 2023.

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 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder