

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 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 Pastor Lucas Bradburn with the Rogue Valley Community Church 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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Barb Gregory

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Reagles, City Administrator
Carol Weir, City Recorder
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director
Jim Williams, 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 (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, OCTOBER 7, 2021 AND OCTOBER 14, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Chamber of Commerce: City Councilor Rick Kempa reported there was no meeting they had a Christmas Party.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Barb Hilty reported there was not meeting but they had broke ground for the new food pantry.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported there was no meeting.

Finance Committee: Mayor Wayne Stuart reported that they met twice during the month of November 2021 to review and approve bills as submitted and signed 88-checks totaling \$198,120.22.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported there was no meeting.

Personnel Committee: City Councilor Pam VanArsdale reported they discussed having an oral board for the Corporal position, Public Works was barely holding their own, they had a new employee, Don Wolter, and they were hopeful to hire two seasonal employees.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Administrator Mark Reagles reported that they were still reviewing Land Use Ordinances. The City received a grant from DLCD to review the land use portion of the City ordinances and he would be working on an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rogue Valley Council of Governments for planning assistance with the review.

Police Commission: Wayne Stuart reported that the department did a Christmas Toy Drive and Officer Gomez partnered with Dollar General to provide Christmas gifts for children in need. With the assistance from the Rogue River Officers they delivered gifts to eight families within the Rogue River School District on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Under hire and promotions they had received two applications for hiring another officer, promotional testing for the Corporal position had been scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Incidents were down for the month but the snow had caused traffic accidents and roadway issues.

Chief Williams told everyone Happy New Year from his department and see everyone next year.

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

Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG): Mayor Wayne Stuart reported they heard a presentation from Southern Oregon Health Equity Coalition about Senior Advisory Council recommendations for 2021 diversity, Equity and Inclusion plans wanting to be more diversified with their dealings with people.

Mayor Wayne Stuart commented that he and City Administrator Mark Reagles attended the Small Cities Meeting who provided a presentation on social media, do's and don'ts for staff basically telling how much information to give to the media and when not to give information. He also announced that Rogue River would be hosting a Small Cities Meeting on September 8, 2022 with hopes to hold it at Rooster Park.

Council Advisory Committee: Chair Francis Gilbert reported they met and he updated them on potential locations for cameras in Rogue River.

OLD BUSINESS:

- AGENDA ITEM 1** **Council Bill No. 21-2432; Ordinance No. 21-414-O:** 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 re zoning said property to R-1-12.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- AGENDA ITEM 2** **Budget Appointment:** Appoint the Budget Officer for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARK REAGLES AS THE BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE 2022-2023 BUDGET.

- AGENDA ITEM 3** **Audit:** Adopt the 2020-2021 Audit as presented by KDP Public Accountants, LLC.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (BIRD) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE 2020-2021 AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY KDP PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, LLC.

- AGENDA ITEM 4** **Request:** A request from the Live Oak Grange for funds available through the American Recovery Act Plan (ARAP).

MOVED (VANARSDALE), SECONDED (KEMPA) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE LIVE OAK GRANGE FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT PLAN (ARAP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.

- AGENDA ITEM 5** **Expenditure:** Designate the items to purchase with the American Recover Act (ARAP) funds.

MOVED (HILTY), SECONDED (VANARSDALE) TO PURCHASE MDC'S (MOBILE DATA CENTERS) FOR THE PATROL VEHICLES, A NEW HVAC SYSTEM FOR CITY HALL AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS, A WATER COOLER BOTTLE FILLING STATION FOR CITY HALL AND A NEW AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale asked if the audio/video equipment make it so that they could use it as zoom platform.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said they had drummed up a little extra interest , he said it would be all inclusive with monitors at their seats with microphones so that they could see when something would be displayed on the television and hopefully the individual computers would hooked up to the sound system.

City Councilor Pam VanArsdale commented that her concern was for the people in the audience and the one calling in for the meeting to make it easier for them to comment.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that Governor Brown has passed a bill for Cities to provide the audio/visual access availability even past COVID so spending the money and getting up to speed right now makes total sense.

City Councilor Barb Hilty has when will the monitors be in place.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said that no one knows when the equipment will be available. It could be up to six-months. He said they would move quickly to get it done.

MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Proclamation:** Mayor Stuart read a Proclamation for Service presenting to Officer John Foster that stated: In recognition of honest and faithful service to the City of Rogue River this Proclamation is presented for honorable service to the Rogue River Police Department. Upon the occasion of your retirement, this Proclamation is presented as a testimonial of loyal and dedicated service which you have contributed for the past 13-years. The Proclamation included comments from fellow employees recognizing his service.

Mayor Wayne Stuart presented Mr. Foster with the Proclamation and Chief Williams presented him with a plaque and thanked him for his service. After the meeting was concluded, they would celebrate with John and his family with a Congratulations Cake and take photos.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Councilor Barb Hilty asked for an update on Rooster Park.

City Administrator Mark Reagles said due to the inclement weather nothing had taken place for a few weeks. They would be in the process of putting the roof on the pavilion and start the electrical and plumbing with weather permitting.

City Councilor Barb Hilty asked how Coffee with a Cop went.

Police Chief Jim Williams replied that it had been canceled due to COVID but it would be rescheduled.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (HILTY), seconded (VANARSDALE) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol J. Weir for

Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder