

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pam VanArsdale at 6:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Lucas Bradburn, Creekside Bible Church

ROLL CALL: Councilor Gregory, Councilor Moss, Councilor Hilty, Councilor Howell, Councilor Davis, and Mayor Pam VanArsdale

ABSENT: Councilor Minegar

STAFF: Nolan, City Administrator, and Recorder, Oliver

PRESS: Brian Mortenson, with the Rogue River Press

AGENDA (REVISED)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Move to approve the minutes of June 26th, 2025. Motion by Moss, seconded by Hilty, ayes unanimous, motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations: Chamber of Commerce Liaison Councilor Barb Hilty did not attend, no report

Community Relations: Community Center Representative Councilor Barb Gregory could not attend virtually, so no report to give.

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon: City Administrator Ryan Nolan reports that the recent 911 power outage on July 7th from the storm. Other 911 agencies provided backup. Since that time, the Jackson County ESCO has gotten their own backup facility fully operational. They have thirty-one out of thirty-seven dispatchers hired. In September they plan to go live with The new radio system with twenty active towers instead of eight. Our police station is on track to Work with the system.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Sherrie Moss reports that between June 21st and July 18th, 2025, the finance committee met four times, issuing a total of ninety-two checks, and ten Electronic payments totaling \$263, 021.93.

Planning Commission Liaison City Councilor Barb Gregory reports that the meeting was this last week regarding Planned Unit Developments.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation City Councilor Sharie Davis reported that the meeting was cancelled, so there was no report.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments Mayor Pam VanArsdale there was no meeting in July.

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Mayor Pam VanArsdale was unable to Attend, however Nolan attended the meeting where they approved an amendment to the 2027-2030 TIP funding projects. There were only two applications converting the county road in Grants Pass on Lincoln Road. ODOT got partial funding for a project to improve the traffic signals starting with Sixth and Seventh Street in Grants Pass, and working out on Highway 199 to Williams Hwy.

PUBLIC INPUT: *Barbara Oxford of 4834 North River Hwy, Gold Hill, Oregon 97525 who is Located outside city limits, is paying double the fees for water, which is the city's policy. The lot is located in the Urban Growth Boundary, so annexing it into city limits would make sense so that her bill could come down. That is her request to the Council.*

Larry Shank of 521 Pine Street asked a question regarding the circulation study, and if that would help with the current traffic problems. He also spoke about the speeding problems on Pine Street.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Appointment Move to approve Mayor's Appointment of James Dyck to the Tree City Motion by, Councilor Gregory, seconded by Councilor Moss, discussion on the motion
Ayes unanimous, motion carries

Ordinance Move to approve adopting Ordinance 25-439-O, an Ordinance amending Park Rules for the City of Rogue River.
Motion by Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Hilty
No discussion on the motion
Vote: Gregory, yes
Moss, yes

Hilty, Yes
Howell, yes
Davis, yes
Motion carries

Resolution Move to approve Resolution 25-1456-R, a Resolution updating Council Rules by adding a Park Naming Policy and use of the City Seal and City Logo policy.
No discussion on the motion
Vote: Gregory, yes
Moss, yes
Hilty, Yes
Howell, yes
Davis, yes
Motion carries

Committee Move to accept the July 10th, Tree City Committee Minutes.
Motion by Moss, seconded by Gregory
No discussion on the motion
Ayes unanimous, motion carries

Park Request Move to approve a park sign request from Wards Creek Restoration Initiative who have requested permission to hang two temporary banners on the fence at Rooster Park starting July 24th for 45 days starting at 8am as they hold a Jackson Alert sign up at the Umpqua Bank Parking Lot on August 1st, working with Jackson County Emergency Management.
Motion by Hilty, seconded by Davis
Discussion on the motion
Ayes unanimous, motion carries

Dick Converse spoke about the project he will be working on if Council approves.

Resolution Move to approve Resolution 25-1457-R, a Resolution supporting a DLCD Housing Planning Assistance Grant for Rogue Valley Council of Governments.
Motion by Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Hilty
Discussion on the motion
Vote: Gregory, yes

Moss, yes
Hilty, Yes
Howell, yes
Davis, yes
Motion carries

Resolution

Move to approve Resolution 25-1458-R, a Resolution supporting an ODOT Transportation Growth Management planning grant application for transportation improvement planning related to areas adjacent to the I-5 interchange and downtown circulation patterns.

Motion by Councilor Hilty, seconded by Councilor Howell

Discussion on the motion

Vote: Gregory, yes

Moss, yes
Hilty, Yes
Howell, yes
Davis, yes

Motion carries

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Mayor Pam VanArsdale asked for a motion to adjourn being that there is no other business.

Motion to adjourn by Gregory, seconded by Councilor Howell

No discussion on the motion

Ayes unanimous, motion carries

ADJOURN: 6:24PM

ATTEST:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale  Date 8-25-25

Diane Oliver, City Recorder 