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February 2026 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

9:00 am to 5:00 pm,
Monday - Thursday and
Closed to the Public on Fridays.

City Council Meetings:

Held on the 4th Thursday
of every month at 6:00 p.m.
in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

Held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays
at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall
Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other
meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

- Sharie Davis
- Grace Howell
- Mark Minegar
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirn
- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Jonna Strauss
- Ed Hudson
- Brandy Lockwood (Alternate)
- Paul Allen (Alternate)

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the first meeting of the year on January 21st, 2026. Tony Camacho of Rogue River Assembly of God Church provided the Invocation, and Mayor VanArsdale lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the Mayor's 2025 *State of the City Message* which can be found in it's entirety on the back page.

The City Council then took action on the following agenda items:

- ♥ Approved the December 18th and January 8th minutes.
- ♥ Heard Committee Reports.
- ♥ Approved the Mayor's Committee Appointments and Council Assignments.

♥ Approved a resolution adopting a policy for dealing with requests for support/funding.

♥ Approved a resolution adopting a new fee schedule for water fees.

♥ Approved a resolution adopting a new fee schedule for sewer fees.

♥ Accepted the annual audit report.

♥ Adopted goals for the 2026 year.

♥ Accepted the January 8, 2026 Tree City Committee minutes.

♥ Completed the annual acknowledgement of the Council Rules.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

!!!ATTENTION!!!

The water and sewer bill that you will be receiving next month will be increasing. The water bill will increase by \$1.10 for the minimum bill and the sewer bill will increase \$.30. That is a total of \$1.40 on a monthly minimum bill, for a single family household. The increase was determined by using a rate increase required to pay off the soon to be constructed new water reservoir (for water) the November 2025 Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Price Index (for sewer). This increase allows the City to continue to effectively operate and maintain the water and sewer systems. Feel free to contact the staff at City Hall if you have any questions or concerns regarding your bill and we will review it with you.



Is Your Contact Information Up to Date?

Many water and sewer customers have provided us with phone numbers and e-mail contact information. The City uses that information to contact property owners and renters when there is important information to relay such as a potential health hazard, an identified leak, or other issue. Please consider dropping by City Hall or calling to confirm that we have current and accurate contact information for property owners and current renters.

City Hall: 541-582-4401

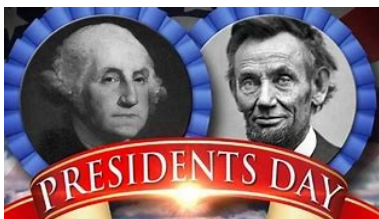
You can also write your current contact info on your payment coupon in the lower third of your bill when you return payment.

Downtown Parking



There are three public parking lots downtown just off of Main Street to accommodate employee parking, help keep downtown parking open for customers.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

-George Washington (1732-99)



**We will be Closed Monday,
February 16, 2025**

						
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Scheduled Events February 2026

3rd	9:00 AM	Personnel Committee
5th	10:00 AM	Council and Staff Workshop
10th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
12th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee
16th	CLOSED	IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY
19th	10:00 AM	Council and Staff Workshop
24th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
26th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

First Week of March

3rd	9:00AM	Safety Committee
6th	10:00 AM	Council and Staff Workshop



State of the City January 2026

As we begin 2026 I'm proud to share the State of the City Message and reflect on our progress, challenges and vision for the future. Rogue River continues to thrive as a vibrant small community thanks to its dedicated team of volunteers, employees, businesses and caring citizens.

Our police department is once again fully staffed and became accredited with the Northwest Accreditation Alliance in 2025. Although not required by state law as the larger departments are, Rogue River Police have affirmed their commitment to meet professional standards for best practices, improving performance, accountability, and community trust. All of our patrol vehicles (as well as all city buildings) are now equipped with defibrillator devices known as AEDs. Our 2nd annual National Night Out was a huge success again and included various fire and law enforcement agencies as well as local business participation. And our Chief, Dave Rash was recognized with an FBI National Academy Associates Award from the Portland FBI office for his many years of service with their organization, his dedication to professionalism in law enforcement and helping to protect and make safe the Oregon communities of Milwaukie, Hubbard and now Rogue River.

And because we appreciate and know the importance of keeping our police department, we continue to search for additional revenue to help maintain staffing, technology upgrades and reliable vehicles. An increase in the Public Safety Fee this year was a good beginning.

We also completed more updates and improvements to many of our functions, city ordinances, and regulations. Some of these were due to required legislation such as new parking rules, while others were for the convenience and benefit of our citizens. Our new city website now includes current agendas, meeting minutes and many other helpful links.

Wherever funding opportunities presented themselves we diligently applied and though we weren't always selected, we were successful in receiving a grant from Pacific Power for nearly all of those AED units and we also received a Small Cities Allotment Grant from the State for \$250,000 that will be used in our continued effort at improving sidewalk access around and near our schools.

Although we had hoped for the water reservoir project to begin construction in 2025, more work was needed on design and planning than we anticipated. The old adage "measure twice, cut once" comes to mind. The current timeline is to go out for bid in March with construction to follow soon after. I'm sure that 2026 will bring both opportunities as well as challenges. Whatever those may be, we will face them together, unified and resolved to be The Best Rogue River that we can be.

Respectfully Submitted this 22nd day of January, 2026

Mayor Pam



Did You Know!!!

I just want to start the new Year out with, "We live in the Greatest City Ever." What a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We have great parks, a fun, and interesting museum. We have our own Police Dept., and Public Works, and a Local Fire Department. Our City Hall is staffed with friendly and very helpful people. Our Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Budget Committee are all volunteers who work together with City staff to make our City what it is. This is why we need your help. If you feel the way we do about Rogue River and have some time to spare please think about volunteering. Come to one of our City Council or Planning Commission meetings. See what goes on and if you would like to be a part of keeping the City of Rogue River the best place to live, please join us.

Councilor Sherrie Moss




Our Police Chief is going to be supporting Special Olympics by participating in the 2026 Polar Plunge.

He's joining forces with the Eagle Point Police Department's Plunging Eagles team on February 28th to raise funds for Southern Oregon Special Olympics.

Way to go Chief Rash!

Donate now!



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Dave Rash