

ROGUE RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Council meeting which was called to order by Mayor Van Arsdale at 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION Pastor Josh Keeton, Rogue River Calvary Church

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

QUORUM COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Councilor Sherrie Moss
City Councilor Grace Howell
City Councilor Mark Minegar
City Councilor Barb Hilty
City Councilor Barb Gregory
Mayor Pam VanArsdale

STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Nolan, City Administrator
Michael Bollweg, Public Works Director
Diane Oliver, City Recorder

MEDIA PRESENT:

Briam Mortenson

AUDIENCE: Christian Mallory, owner of Rapid Towing & Recovery LLC

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

Proclamation Mayor VanArsdale presents Rooster Crow Proclamation

There was a discussion regarding Brandy Lockwood's appointment to council, and she has withdrawn. The council will meet with Dee Copley at the July 2nd workshop to meet with her and ask questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move to accept the regular city council minutes of May 28, 2026,

Motion by Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Howell

No discussion on the motion

Vote: All ayes, none opposed,

Minutes of May 28, 2026, are approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Chamber of Commerce Liaison: City Councilor Barb Hilty reports that meeting was held on June 18th, and the digital walking map of Rogue River is planned to be up and running by July 30th. The awards banquet was held on May 30th where the FFA served the meal. The July mixer will be July 9th at Pura Vida from 5:30pm till 7:00pm. Chamber will have a float in the Rooster Crow parade. The next meeting is July 16th at 8:30am.

Community Relations; Community Center Liaison: No Report as this position is vacant. We will discuss this at the July 2nd workshop.

Rogue River School District #35: Councilor Mark Minegar reports that the meeting was on June 16th, Reach Rivers Edge just got their 5-year agreement approved by the school board. The incoming seventh graders came out to the high school to get a taste of what high school is all about so that they wouldn't be lost on their first day! Rogue River High had 49 out of 53 students graduated. There is one more who is still trying to achieve the goal! The Reach Statewide assessment schoolwide participation was 58% last year, this year they're up to 87%. English and Language arts 64%, Science 56%, and Math was 49% which means they are above State average.

Community Relations; Jackson County Fire District # 1: City Councilor Grace

Howell reports that the meeting was on June 10th, with six in attendance. The next meeting is set for July 8th at 7:30AM. Several fire hydrants were black-flagged by JCFD 1 and reported to public works as needing repaired. Delaney Richmond with Jackson County Emergency Management was a guest and would like to come speak to the City Council soon. The Solar bid is going out for bid; there are four proposals that were selected by the board to review. There were talks about changing the meeting times of this meeting, and a decision has not been made until the new chief steps in. One out of three seasonal fire fighters were hired full time for the 2026 fire season, with one position still open. The meet and greet with the new chief will be September 23, 2026. There were thirty-five fire calls, and one hundred ninety ambulance calls.

Michael Bollweg Public Works Director said that we have a contractor hired since staff does not work with the hydrants. This company will be accessing hydrants soon. Most worked but just worked too slowly.

Ryan Nolan City Administrator says that Delaney Richmond will be at our July 2nd city council workshop.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECSO): Ryan Nolan reports that there is no update to report.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Sherrie Moss reports that between May 23rd, 2026, and June 18th, 2026, the finance committee met four times, issuing a total of fifty-nine checks and five electronic payments totaling \$92, 733.12.

Planning Commission Liaison: Councilor Barb Gregory reports that the Planning Commission is continuing work on the commercial/ commercial residential zoning standards with the help of Onnie Heater from the RVCOG. We're almost finished with only a couple of corrections to be made. The next step is that the amendment will go out for public notice, and then a public hearing with the Planning Commission, and then to City Council in August at the earliest.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): Mayor Pam Van Arsdale reports there was no meeting this month, it will be in July.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: Mayor Pam Van Arsdale reports they had a meeting yesterday with a very light agenda. The biggest news is that they are getting ready to close escrow on the building they're purchasing. Central Point is carrying the note since it's their old public works building. They believe that between the city of central point will be sponsoring a community development block grant for them. Between that and the other grant opportunities they have they will be able to make all the improvements they need to the building. They also hired a new finance director who has auditor background. They had a presentation on

Alzheimer's, which is a very difficult disease for care givers to navigate. There is a great support group for that which will be hosted by the RVCOG.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): Mayor Pam Van Arsdale reports there was a meeting this month and a conversation was started on a funding gap between when the money comes through from the federal Government for the transient side of things. The transportation bills are going to come out of congress. They thought there was going to be a bill called "Basics," but it looks like it will be a different one now they are calling "Build America 250" and both have some great aspects to them. As the MPO we would like to see pieces of both bills, but of course the bills are sometimes thousands of pages long, so it'll take some time before we have a comprehensive list of what the bills have in them, and which will get more traction. The mayor will keep us posted on this.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Council will consider adopting Ordinance Number 26-448-O, an ordinance ratifying a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Rogue River and Teamsters Local #223 for the period ending June 30, 2026. **-Postponed to next City Council Workshop, negotiations are not over yet.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

FEMA Continued public hearing from March 26, 2026, on proposed code changes related to FEMA.

Move to continue the FEMA Biop issue for three months, until September 24th, 2026, at 6:00PM.

Motion by Councilor Barb Gregory

Seconded by Councilor Grace Howell

Discussion on the motion

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, the FEMA is continued until the September 24th City Council meeting at 6:00PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660 (2) (a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q): {As/If required}

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

Council convenes as the Contract Review Board to consider awarding the Small City Allotment sidewalk project for the \$250,000 grant for sidewalk and American with Disability (ADA) improvements on Pine Street (from 1st to 2nd), 1st Street (from Oak to Broadway) and Oak Street (from 1st to the 2nd).

Ryan Nolan City Administrator explained this in detail.

Move to approve the recommended award, and that the city proceed with the award for the construction contract to the lowest bidder responsible, which is Timber Mountain Construction in the amount of \$235,143.00 and authorize the city manager for any additional change orders up to \$23,000.00.

Motion by Councilor Barb Gregory, seconded by Councilor Grace Howell

Discussion and questions on the motion

Vote: Councilor Gregory, yes
Councilor Moss, yes
Councilor Hilty, yes
Councilor Minegar, yes
Councilor Howell, yes

Motion passes unanimously.

Council acts as Contract Review Board to consider accepting approved proposals for tow services within the City of Rogue River.

Ryan Nolan City Administrator explained this in detail.

Move to proceed with accepting all proposals for towing services from 3 Boys Towing, Caveman Towing, Rapid Towing and Recovery LLC, and Star 24 Hour Towing, and we authorize the city manager to enter into final contracts with the four towing service providers

Motion by Councilor Barb Hilty, seconded by Councilor Mark Minegar

Discussion and questions on the motion

**Vote: Councilor Gregory, yes
Councilor Moss, yes
Councilor Hilty, yes
Councilor Minegar, yes
Councilor Howell, yes**

Motion passes unanimously.

Consider approving grant application for OR99: Depot Street project from ODOT's Carbon Reduction Program. This project (already designed) would create bicycle and pedestrian improvements from the Depot Street bridge to the north edge of the city limits along Oregon Highway 99 (Rogue River Highway).

Ryan Nolan City Administrator explained this in detail.

Move that we the city council authorize the city administrator to work with ODOT to complete the grant application, requesting 1.2 million dollars from ODOT Carbon Reduction Program to complete the OR 99: Depot Street project.

Motion: By Councilor Sherrie Moss, seconded by Councilor Grace Howell

Discussion and questions on the motion

**Vote: Councilor Gregory, yes
Councilor Moss, yes
Councilor Hilty, yes
Councilor Minegar, yes
Councilor Howell, yes**

Motion passes unanimously.

CITIZEN-REQUESTED ITEMS:

Park Use Consider approving a park use request from the Ammerman Family Reunion for the reservation of Rooster Park on October 10, 2026.

After a long discussion, council decided to postpone approving this request, and will work on this during the next city council workshop. They would like to see a

a traffic control plan for the 200 guests. Council would like to see the approval from Columbia Bank to use their parking lot on Saturday. Public Works will need to be sure the bathrooms and the splash pad would be prepared for that size of a group, placing a possible porta potty on the grounds paid for by the applicant, and council would like to see comments from the police department.

Move to continue this request to the City Council Meeting on July 23rd, 2026, at 6:00 pm when we can see a better parking plan, a better departure time since it will be dark in October, and comments from the Police Chief and Public Works Director.

Motion by: Councilor Grace Howell, seconded by Councilor Barb Gregory.

Vote: All ayes, none opposed, this is continued to the July 23rd City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM.

COMMITTEE MINUTES: **Tree City** Consider accepting May 14, 2026, Tree City minutes.

Move to: Accept the Tree City meeting minutes of May 14th, 2026

Motion by: Councilor Grace Howell, seconded by Councilor Mark Minegar.

(Discussion on the motion as Sherrie Moss clarified she did not offer to help recruit volunteers, she helped with letting citizens know what the Committee does. She stated that she will not be filling a position on that committee as mentioned in the minutes.) Ryan Nolan will contact Jim to let him know that the volunteer applications are necessary for our insurance company.

Vote: all ayes, none opposed, TCUSA minutes from May 14th are accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS: The mayor would like to change this on the agenda in the future for staff to give their updates.

Michael Bollweg reports that there are a lot of challenges in Public Works this time of year. Sherrie Moss reports that she has had many compliments from people visiting our town in the thrift store.

Ryan Nolan mentioned that he was helping to host the Sister City group from Mexico for the city of Grants Pass because he is a resident there. The group is made up of city councilors, and it was an enjoyable experience. They had a cheer everywhere went, and Ryan suggested we investigate creating our own cheer here in Rogue River to share at the small city meeting!

Diane Oliver reports that she has met with three council members for the election Process that is well underway.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT: Councilor Barb Hilty reports that their Rooster Crow float looks great! Councilor Grace Howell reports how hard the Public Works Department has been working when she drives through town. She also reports how friendly they always are. When her brother was visiting Rogue River for the first time from Texas, he was extremely impressed.

MAYOR COMMENTS: The mayor reminded everyone to attend Woodville Museums 40th year celebration on Friday July 3rd from 10:00AM – 2:00PM, and she passed out their newsletter and membership card applications.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion duly made (Gregory), seconded (Howell)

No discussion on the motion

Vote: All ayes, none opposed

The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM

Mayor Pam VanArsdale _____ Date _____

ATTEST:

Diane Oliver
City Recorder
