

ROGUE RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Pro-Tem Barb Hilty at 6:00 p.m. Both Mayor and City Administrator are away attending the LOC Spring Conference in Pendleton.

INVOCATION Dale Schaffner, Assembly of God Church, Rogue River

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pro-Tem Barb Hilty led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**
City Councilor Barb Gregory
City Councilor Sherrie Moss
City Councilor Grace Howell
City Councilor Mark Minegar
Mayor Pro-Tem Barb Hilty

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mayor Pam VanArsdale

STAFF PRESENT:
Michael Bollweg, Public Works Director
Police Chief, Dave Rash
Diane Oliver, City Recorder

MEDIA PRESENT:
None

ONLINE: One Caller

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

Proclamation A Mayor's Proclamation declaring National Police Week & Peace Officers Memorial Day Read by Mayor Pro-Tem Barb Hilty and presented it to Police Chief Dave Rash.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move to accept the regular city council minutes of March 26, 2026
Motion by Councilor Moss, seconded by Councilor Howell

No discussion on the motion

Vote: All ayes, none opposed

Minutes of March 26, 2026, are approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Chamber of Commerce Liaison: City Councilor Barb Hilty reports that meeting was held on April 16, Barb Hilty was unable to attend, however reported that the banquet will be held on May 30th at the Grange. The next meeting is May 7th at the Little League Field.

Community Relations; Community Center Representative: City Councilor Barb Gregory reports that she is no longer the representative.

Rogue River School Board Liaison: Councilor Mark Minegar reports that the Jr. High got a new P.E teacher Jordan Earheardt. Quay Goff gave the Special Programs report. The school closet is fully stocked so kids no longer need to leave campus for a new set of clothes in the event they get wet in puddles etc. The high school's life skills class puts snack bags together for Elementary School students. Prom is May 2nd. The FFA came in first place in State in Nursery. They are also going to Nationals for Food service, and Nursery which is quite the accomplishment for Rogue River! SBA has a total of 108 students, which is better than the last count of eighty students. They just started a cooking club for 7th-12 graders. On June 6th at 7:00PM graduation is at the West campus of the elementary school. They have a dance coming up this Saturday that will have a Tea Party Theme for all grades. Rogue River High just has their Powder Puff game at Beck Field! Councilor Minegar mentioned that it is not the same sort of game that we had back in the day.

Community Relations: Jackson County Fire District # 1: City Councilor Grace Howell reports the meeting was on April 8th at 7:30AM. They spent 9.5 thousand dollars due to illness and overtime in March. They have three students in their academy. The name change is almost complete, from Rogue River Rural to Jackson County Fire District 1. There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of having solar. They are discussing changing the times of their meetings so

more public can attend, so there is a survey on Facebook for the locals to give input.

The next meeting is on May 20th, 2026, at 7:30AM. At this meeting there were six members of the public, one Fire Chief, one city councilor, a total of eight.

Emergency Communication of Southern Oregon (ECSO): No report given, however Chief Rash reported that ECSO is looking for a new CAD system which is expected in the next three years, which would add a significant cost to the city.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Sherrie Moss reports that between March 21st, 2026, and April 17th, 2026, the finance committee met four times, issuing a total of sixty-three checks and two electronic payments totaling \$139,558.00.

Planning Commission Liaison: Councilor Barb Gregory reports that our meeting is cancelled for next week and there is no new news to report.

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT): No report given.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments: No report given.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): No report given.

Public Works Report: Michael Bollweg reports that one of our sewer lift stations was hit by lightning over the bridge, which was an extreme challenge and very educational. We have produced a standby emergency system that we will be able to implement for all the lift stations in the future because it is so expensive to repair in an event like that. We would never be able to afford someone coming to pump the sewer that ends up in a lift station. Michael answered questions from the council. Public works staff are working hard to reduce fuel reduction by weeding and mowing grass all over town. Michael hopes to see everyone at the water plant field trip in May to see some of the upgrades we have made. The reservoir project is moving right along as well, and the bids will go out very soon. They are working on the Rooster Crow float concept, and we have a great PW staff right now. Our new lead is Dave Thrasher who is very dynamic and an incredible person. He is highly organized and delegates well to get so much done. They will be working on getting reflectors on the stop signs soon. We have had an issue with things getting "tagged" in the city, so please let our department know when and if you see that going on. Councilor Moss will put that in Trading Crows, so if you see something, say something! Arbor day is tomorrow at 12:30pm at Palmerton Park which our department has done a lot of work on.

The interior and exterior remodel that will be happening soon in the bathrooms at Palmerton Park will be exciting, especially the new murals just in time for Rooster Crow.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance Consider adopting Ordinance 26-446-O, an ordinance amending the public safety fee and transient room tax applicability within the City of Rogue River.

Moved by Councilor Gregory, seconded by Councilor Moss
No discussion on the motion

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

Ordinance 26-446-O is approved.

Ordinance Consider adopting Ordinance **26-447-O**, an ordinance renewing the Charter Cable franchise agreement.

Moved by Councilor Howell, Seconded by Councilor Minegar
No discussion on the motion

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

Ordinance 26-447-O is approved.

Resolution Consider approving Resolution **26-1469-R**, a resolution amending the City's Committee Rules by changing the Rogue River Community Center Representative position to a Community Center Liaison position.

Moved by Councilor Gregory, Seconded by Councilor Howell
discussion on the motion that if this passes, Ryan Nolan will be reaching out to the Community Center to change their bylaws.

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

Resolution 26-1469-R is approved.

Resolution Consider approving Resolution **26-1470-R**, a resolution approving a minor supplemental budget accounting for intended transfer of funds from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Improvement Reserve Fund.

Moved by Councilor Moss, Seconded by Councilor Minegar
No discussion on the motion

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

Resolution 26-1470-R is approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None, however, we will be having one soon on the budget.

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:

Agreement Consider approving the extension of a non-exclusive use agreement with Pacific Power for recreational use of property adjacent to Coyote Evans Wayside Park.

Michael Bollweg spoke about our community survey that was done, and the residents asked what it was that they wanted to see in the city. At the top of the list was a Dog Park. We are looking at Coyote Evans Wayside Park that already exists, it does not get used for horseshoeing anymore. We already have parking, restrooms, and access at this site. We have a problem with the “unhoused” there, so, establishing a bigger public presence in that park may lower this problem. We are looking at this area to develop a dog park. Michael Bollweg hopes that you will agree to this proposal. Diane Oliver has helped to look at different possibilities

to design one around town, and many would require huge significant capital investments, except this site, which will require fencing. We need to change this agreement because of the change of use. A dog park will drive money into the town, and local businesses can benefit from the extra revenue, besides being just a good thing for Rogue River.

Moved by Councilor Gregory, Seconded by Councilor Howell

no discussion on the motion,

Vote: All ayes, none opposed

Council approves the extension of a non-exclusive use agreement with Pacific Power for recreational use of property adjacent to Coyote Evans Wayside Park

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Tree City Consider accepting the April 9, 2026, Tree City Committee minutes.

Moved by Councilor Moss, Seconded by Councilor Gregory

no discussion on the motion,

Vote: All ayes, none opposed

Tree City Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2026, are approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT: None

MAYOR COMMENTS: On April 24th Barb Hilty invited everyone to go to Palmerton Park at 12:30PM tomorrow, where we will be planting a tree in honor of Arbor Day, and she will be declaring the Arbor Day proclamation. Friday May 1st is Sharie Davis's Celebration of life at the Hope Presbyterian Church at 2:00PM. May 5th thru May 15th our Public Works Department will be performing smoke tests on all the storm drains. Michael Bollweg explained to the Council how and why this procedure is done, Basically, pumping non-toxic smoke through the storm drain systems as well as the

sewer systems to show us where work needs to be done to repair.
On May 14th, the museum will be honoring mayors in the valley.

ADJOURNMENT

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

No discussion on the motion

Vote: All ayes, none opposed

The meeting adjourned at 6:44PM

Mayor Pam VanArsdale _____ Date _____

ATTEST:

Diane Oliver
City Recorder
