

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

CALL TO ORDER The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pam VanArsdale at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Dan O'Donnell with the Calvary Crossroads Church delivered the Invocation

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

QUORUM **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Pam VanArsdale
City Councilor Bob Pascalar
City Councilor Fred England
City Councilor Shelli Spencer
City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Mark Poling

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
City Councilor Robert Catherwood

ALSO PRESENT:
Mark Reagles, City Administrator/Planner
Carol Weir, City Recorder
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: City Councilor Bob Catherwood reported that they met twice during the month of December 2017 to review and approve bills and signed 52-checks totaling \$250,290.03.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Mark Poling reported they met and elected officers for the year.

Police Commission: City Councilor Fred England reported that Officer Hanson had started work and would be taking over the K-9 responsibilities after attending a two-week training course, the committee along with Chief Snyder reviewed that department log book indicating 52-cases since the first of the year consisting of car break-ins, drug cases along with traffic violations.

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO): Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported they had amended their Transportation Plan to include a project for Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG): Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported they had a drone available for Cities to use, they updated the shack alert program and Food-n-Friend was short \$100,000 resulting from the raise in building costs.

Council Advisory Committee: Secretary JoAnn Dixon reported they had discussed the City's current transportation plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Council Bill No. 17-2355; Ordinance No. 18-401-O:** An Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code, Chapter 2.10, City Council Meetings, Section 2.10.010: Meetings for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 17-2355.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Council Bill No. 17-2356; Ordinance No. 18-402-O:** An Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code, Chapter 17: Zoning, garage requirements for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (SPENCER) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 17-2356.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Council Bill No. 18-2358:** An Ordinance regulating marijuana facilities in the City limits of the City of Rogue River, Oregon, and repealing Ordinance No. 16-393-O and 16-395-O.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-2358.

Dustin Tressler of Rogue River spoke in favor of the change in operating hours and thanked the City Council for their consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **Council Bill No. 18-2359; Resolution No. 18-1328-R:** A Resolution electing the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) Tier One and Tier Two employees be compensated for accumulated unused sick leave at time of retirement or disability retirement.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (SPENCER) AND CARRIED ADOPTED COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-2359. Councilor Mark Poling cast a nay vote.

City Administrator Mark Reagles commented that during Union Negotiations it came up that Teamsters did not have a document on file allowing retirees credit for their unused sick leave toward their retirement calculations.

City Councilor Fred England commented that it would cut down on the use of sick leave making it a benefit to a City.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Council Bill No. 18-2360; Resolution No. 18-139-R:** A Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Ordinance No. 98-275-Q, also known as Rogue River Municipal Code 13.10 the City of Rogue River Sewer Ordinance, and rescinding Resolution No. 17-1306-R.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-2360.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Council Bill No. 18-2361; Resolution No. 18-1380-R:** A Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Ordinance No. 97-241-O, also known as Rogue River Municipal Code 13.15, the City of Rogue River Water Ordinance and rescinding Resolution No. 17-1307-R.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-2361.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **Presentation:** The Mayor to present Rick and Maggie Clark with the Mayors Beautification Award for the remodel of the Live Oak Grange.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale presented Rick and Maggie Clark with the Live Oak Grange with the Mayors Beautification Award for their hard work of remodeling the building.

AGENDA ITEM 8 **State of the City:** Mayor Pam VanArsdale delivered the following State of the City Message for 2017:

“It is always a pleasure to deliver the State of The City Message. For some mayors, it can be a difficult and dubious task, especially if they’ve experienced far more negative than positive situations in the preceding year. But not so for Rogue River!

We continued to enjoy the improved economy which was evident in the new businesses that opened this past year and construction on both the residential and commercial fronts. Foothill Estates is now nearly complete and the new First Community Credit Union building started going up this past fall. Besides for the 13 new home permits in Foothill Estates, we issued an additional 7-permits for new homes in various locations around town, including the Habitat for Humanity project.

In April, we welcomed Mike Bollweg as our new Public Works Director. He hit the ground running and hasn't had much chance to slow since! Not only is Mike a dedicated professional but he's a truly nice person and fits our "family" atmosphere here at City Hall perfectly.

The Council officially named the park at First and Pine Street "Rooster Park" and adopted the Park Master Plan that was designed by landscape architects Galbraith & Associates and paid for with a planning grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. Now we can finally apply for a grant for construction of the park.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of The Mural Society, the 6th mural was completed on the side of the Rogue Pharmacy building and I'm told that plans for a 7th mural are already underway.

Our police department gained not only a new human officer but a K-9 named Koda. Koda will assist in both public relations by visiting the schools and other events but hopefully aid our department in drug trafficking arrests. And in December, we took possession of three new SUVs for patrol vehicles. After last winter's record snowfall, it was obvious that our two-wheel drive cars limited our response capabilities.

Although we had much to crow about this last year, we were also struck by deep sorrow at the sudden passing of our long time public works employee Tom Farrell. He was a friend to many and his smile and bushy mustache will long be remembered by the community he served so well.

As we have done in the past, we will continue to meet any challenges ahead with dedicated and unified purpose, always mindful that we must be good stewards for the present and future citizens of Rogue River."

AGENDA ITEM 9 **Committee Assignments:** The Mayor to make recommendations for City Councilor Bob Pascalar to be appointed to the Personnel Committee.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO APPOINT CITY COUNCILOR BOB PASCALAR TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

AGENDA ITEM 10 **Goals & Policies:** Adopt or deny the Goals and Policies for the 2018-2019 budget year.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE GOALS AND POLICIES FOR THE 2018-2019 BUDGET YEAR.

AGENDA ITEM 11 **Agreement:** An Agreement between the City of Rogue River, Oregon, and the Rogue River Kiwanis to hold the "National Rooster Crowing Contest" weekend event

from June 29-July1, 2018.

City Councilor Shelli Spencer declared to the City Council that she was the Rooster Crow Coordinator but felt being did not influence her vote. The members of the City Council had no objections to her voting on this item.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (PASCALAR) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OREGON, AND THE ROGUE RIVER KIWANIS TO HOLD THE "NATIONAL ROOSTER CROWING CONTEST" WEEKEND EVENT FROM JUNE 29-JULY1, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 12 Request: Approve or deny a request from Trent Carpenter, General Manager for Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) for a 2.59% increase to their customers.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (SPENCER) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM TRENT CARPENTER, GENERAL MANAGER FOR SOUTHERN OREGON SANITATION (SOS) FOR A 2.59% INCREASE TO THEIR CUSTOMERS.

Southern Oregon Sanitation's General Manager Trent Carpenter told the City Council that they had not requested a rate increase since 2012. He also stated that with the current issues of clean recycling and Japan refusing America's shipments that they would be developing a new system and eventually building a new plant adjacent to the drop off depot on Redwood Avenue in Grants Pass.

AGENDA ITEM 13 Request: Approve or deny a request from the Rogue River Seventh-day Adventist Church to hang a banner across Depot Street for a Bible Prophecy Seminar being held between March 2-24, 2018.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO DENY THE REQUEST FROM THE ROGUE RIVER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH TO HANG A BANNER ACROSS DEPOT STREET FOR A BIBLE PROPHECY SEMINAR BEING HELD BETWEEN MARCH 2-24, 2018.

Rogue River Seventh-day Adventist representative Janice Ebel shared with a new color photo and asked the City Council to reconsider. She said that their event would bring people through Rogue River to get out to their church on North River Road and hopefully those people would be stopping to eat and shop. She said she

understood the position it put the City Council in and realized the pressure they were under in making their decision and conceded that the banner could be hung on their front gate entering the church grounds.

AGENDA ITEM 14 Request: Approve or deny a request from Justin Stillwagner, President of the Boozefighters MC Chapter 45 to hang a banner across Depot for the “6th Annual Connie Fiske Memorial Poker Walk” on March 10, 2018.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM JUSTIN STILLWAGNER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOOZEFIGHTERS MC CHAPTER 45 TO HANG A BANNER ACROSS DEPOT FOR THE “6TH ANNUAL CONNIE FISKE MEMORIAL POKER WALK” ON MARCH 10, 2018.

Boozefighters President Justin Stillwagner thanked the City Council for their consideration of their request and their support of their Breast Cancer Awareness efforts in Rogue River.

AGENDA ITEM 15 Resignation: Accept a resignation from City Councilor Bob Catherwood effective January 15, 2018.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO REGRETFULLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CITY COUNCILOR BOB CATHERWOOD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 16 Resignation: Accept a resignation from City Councilor Shelli Spencer effective February 1, 2018.

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CITY COUNCILOR SHELLI SPENCER EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2018.

City Councilor Shelli Spencer told the City Council that she had decided to go back to school and get a degree in criminal justice and with an offer of free housing while doing so she could not pass up the opportunity. She said how much she had enjoyed her time on City Council and working with everyone and once she had completed her schooling she would be back to serve again.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO VACATE

CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS NO. 3 AND 4.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale said that staff would be directed to advertise the two vacant positions and start taking applications for her to review and bring recommendations back to the City Council.

City Recorder Carol Weir informed the City Council that she had received a Liquor License application and asked for a consensus to consider it during this meeting. It was unanimous of the City Council to proceed with the application.

AGENDA ITEM 17 **Liquor License Application:** Approve or deny a request from the Miss Rogue River Scholarship Pageant and Juan Gallardo with Tarasco Mexican Restaurant for the Mayor to sign an Oregon Liquor Control Commission Temporary Use of an Annual License to serve alcohol during the Miss Rogue River Annual Crab Dinner Scholarship Pageant Fundraiser being held on February 10, 2018 and to waive the application fee.

MOVED (SPENCER), SECONDED (ENGLAND) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION TEMPORARY USE OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING THE MISS ROGUE RIVER ANNUAL CRAB DINNER SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT FUNDRAISER ON FEBRUARY 10, 2018 AT THE LIVE OAK GRANGE.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (DAUGHERTY), seconded (ENGLAND) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder