



Tradin' Crows

January 2018 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

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:

- Bob Pascalar
- Fred England
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- Rick Kempa
- Carolyn Riley
- Dean Stirm
- Cindy England
- Don Collins
- Barb Hilty
- Ryan Hess

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Chris Snyder

Public Works Director:
Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

The December City Council meeting began with an inspiring Invocation delivered by Pastor Jim McKinney with Grace Baptist Church and followed with Mayor Pam leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance for the last meeting of the year were Jackson County Commissioner Colleen Roberts and her Mom, Jessie.

The City Council after giving their Committee Reports dealt with the following agenda items:

- ✓ A second reading amending the Nuisance Ordinance was adopted to include procedures for abating Chronic Disorderly Properties within the City limits. Citizens still have 30-days to comment before the Ordinance becomes in effect.
- ✓ A first reading of an Ordinance amending the time that the City Council meets was adopted, changing Regular Council meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.
- ✓ A first reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance was adopted. During a code update garage requirements were found to be conflicting so this will make all garage requirements a two-car garage.
- ✓ A Resolution was adopted transferring appropriation authority within the General Fund for the year beginning July 1, 2017 for the purchase of three-police cars.
- ✓ The 2016-2017 Audit was accepted as presented by KDP, Public Accountants, LLP. The City was given an Unqualified Opinion which is the highest rating that can be given. Congratulations were given to staff for their cautious and diligent work during the year.

- ✓ Barb Hilty was appointed as Planning Commission Alternate No. 1 and sworn in.
- ✓ Ryan Hess was appointed as Planning Commission Alternate No. 2 but was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. He will be sworn into office at a later time.
- ✓ City Administrator Mark Reagles was appointed the Budget Officer who will be responsible for preparation of the budget for the year 2018-2019.
- ✓ A request was approved for Marlene Matchak who wants to hook up to City services at 1764 East Evans Creek Road. She will be allowed to start the process once the Consent to Annex Agreement into the City limits is signed and recorded on her deed.
- ✓ A request for Out-of-State training was approved for Accounting/Administrative Assistant Kailin Honea to pursue her Professional Development Certification at the Northwest Clerks Institute at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.



A public meeting will be held at
**5 p.m., on Thursday,
January 11, 2018,** in the
Rogue River Council Chambers.

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We are looking
forward to assisting you in
2018!

To you and your families
from all of us at the
Rogue River City Hall
and Police Department



Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a joyful holiday season.

We continue to get complaints about cats in the city. PLEASE, if you're feeding strays, stop it! Be a responsible pet owner and get your cats neutered/spayed. If you find that you are overwhelmed with your cat population and need help, there are a number of agencies out there like the Southern Oregon Humane Society and a group called C.A.T.S. (Committed Alliance To Strays). Have some consideration for your neighbors whose yards are being used by your cats for their litter boxes. It's still my hope that we can get some control of this without having to make new rules and regulations.

FOG has descended on our town! And I'm not talking about the weather phenomenon. FOG is an acronym for fats, oil and grease and it causes all kinds of problems at our wastewater treatment plant. What you put down your drain can have a significant impact on our system. Bacon grease, cooking oil, etc. should ALWAYS go in your trash, not your sink.

Well after all that seriousness, here's a little levity to start your New Year:

"A New Year's Resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other...."

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



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Scheduled Events January 2018

- 1st CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY
- 3rd 9:00am Sign Review Board
10:00am Safety Committee
- 4th 9:30am Personal Committee
10:00am Council/Staff Workshop
- 9th 10:00am Planning Commission Workshop
- 10th 6:30pm Tree City Committee
- 12th 2:00pm Finance Committee
- 15th CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- 16th 10:00am Police Commission
- 17th 9:00am Sign Review Board
- 18th 10:00am Council/Staff Workshop
- 23rd 10:00am Planning Commission Meeting
- 25th 6:00pm Council Advisory Committee
7:00pm City Council Meeting
- 30th 2:00pm Finance Committee

Rogue River's Transportation System Plan is nearly 14 years old and it is time for an update.

The City is working with the Oregon Department of Transportation to analyze existing conditions, define existing problems and, recommend solutions for those problems. Transportation is not only cars, but trucks, public transportation, bicycles, and sidewalks, all of which are included in the review.

A public meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2018, in the Rogue River City Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the Plan update and to provide an opportunity for public comment on existing and future transportation conditions in Rogue River. The meeting will include a presentation from ODOT's Transportation and Planning Analysis Unit representatives, beginning at about 5:30 p.m. There will also be displays and other information available before and after the presentation.

If you have questions, please contact City staff at (541) 582-4401, or Dick Converse, Project Manager, at (541) 423-1373.



HELP US KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

The City pays Pacific Power to maintain 170 street lights in town. We do our best to keep the lights on, but sometimes we need your help to let Pacific Power know if streetlights are out in your neighborhood. You can always call Pacific Power toll free anytime at 541-774-2600 to report an outage or report online at:

<https://www.pacificpower.net/ed/streetlights/raso.html>

A properly completed streetlight outage report will help ensure a quick and accurate response to your request. Please consider the following tips when completing your form:

Nearest address – e.g.; 123 Main St.

Nearest cross street – e.g.; First Ave.

The six-digit pole number from the pole plate (if you have it).

Example:

