

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

City Council Minutes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pam VanArsdale at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION Father Arjie Garcia with the Lady of the River 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 Wayne Stuart
City Councilor Ryan Hess
City Councilor Don Daugherty
City Councilor Mark Poling

ALSO PRESENT:

Carol Weir, City Recorder
Mike Bollweg, Public Works Director

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (ENGLAND), SECONDED (DAUGHERTY) AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2018, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations; Rogue River Chamber of Commerce: City Councilor Ryan Hess reported that the members of the Chamber were excited about being the first City in the region to do the Military Banner program. He also announced that November's First Thursday Mixer would be held at the new LeMarche Collective store located in the shopping center.

Community Relations; Rogue River Community Center: City Councilor Wayne Stuart reported that an arrest had been made of the perpetrator that broke into the Community Center through an arrest in another local community.

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon: City Councilor Wayne Stuart reported he and City Administrator Mark Reagles attended a meeting held at the ECSO dispatch office where they reviewed seven drafts pertaining to the responsibilities of the ECSO Board of Directors and the assigned entity representatives. They were informed that two dispatchers were retiring and ECSO was in the process of hiring a new dispatcher.

Finance Committee: City Councilor Don Daugherty reported they met twice during the month of September 2018 to review and approve the bills and signed 74-checks totaling \$99,288.39.

Personnel Committee: City Councilor Mark Poling reported they met to discuss the recruitment process of a new police officer.

Planning Commission Liaison: City Councilor Mark Poling reported he did not attend the public hearing but did attend the workshop where they reviewed another entities Riparian Ordinance.

Rogue Valley Council or Governments (RVCOG): Mayor Pam VanArsdale reported they had a presentation of a drone that would be available to the jurisdictions. It had been discussed that the drone could be used to determine the condition of the big redwood tree in Palmerton Park that was apparently dying. The new Josephine County Food and Friends had delayed their ground breaking ceremony because they had received so many different donors causing their performance bond to be held up. Josephine County Commissioners voted and approved to donate the last \$100,000 to fund the project.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Wanda Nesbitt, Chair of the Rogue River Mural Society, reported that Mural No. 7 located behind the liquor store in the shopping center off Gilmore Street was under way. The mural depicts the confrontation of the Indians and the settlers back in 1853 taking place at the mouth of Evans Creek. She also announced that the next annual cookie sale would be held in the Umpqua Bank lobby on December 14, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Schedule:** Discuss the City Council's meeting schedule for the month of November 2018.

After a brief discussion it was determined that everyone would be available to meet on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale said some citizens were interested in organizing a Citizens Emergency Response Team, to be known as (CERT), and would be meeting at the Rogue River Fire Department at 1:00 on November 1, 2018.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale commented that she had not shared the news about the Military Banner Program during the RVCOG meeting because she didn't want other cities to beat the City to the punch. She said there were 11-applications submitted and they were all chosen. City staff would be hanging the banners and the Chamber would be coming to the City requesting a donation towards the project. They planned that the VFW would hold a barbeque sometime next year where the families would be invited and presented with the flags of their loved ones.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale commented that the Rooster Crow banners need to be replaced in the near future. Rooster Crow Coordinator Shelli West said the Rooster Crow Committee would like to help with the design of the new banners. She'll contact Gary Howard Signery who was also a member of the Rooster Crow Committee.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale also commented that this year's City Christmas events would be a little different starting with the VFW holding their Tree Auction the week following the Downtown Plaza Tree Lighting being held on the first Saturday in December. She said the change was made in hopes to bring more people together at each of the events. Also, the Grange would be having Breakfast with Santa in the morning and this year the children would be making tree ornaments and later in the day the Grange would be providing a desert bar and hot chocolate, coffee, cider at 4:30 p.m. followed with the Chamber hosting the Tree Lighting events. The Community Center would be holding their annual Christmas Fair.

City Councilor Don Daugherty said how delighted he was to see the sidewalk project in front of the veterinary office on East Main Street was moving forward.

Mayor Pam VanArsdale commented that thanks to staff, the contractor and the property owner's were in agreement and the sidewalk project was moving along well.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon motion duly made (PASCALAR), seconded (ENGLAND) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol J. Weir, MMC
City Recorder