



Tradin' Crows

September 2022 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 6:00 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: Wayne Stuart

City Council Members:

- Vacant
- Pam VanArsdale
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Jonna Strauss
- Sharie Davis
- Debbie Kenny
- David Marshall

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

The August meeting was called to order by Mayor Stuart and Councilor Barb Hilty delivered the Invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance the City Councilor's gave their committee reports and took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Approved Council Bill No. 22-2446 an Ordinance declaring a temporary ban on Psilocybin service centers and the manufacturing of Psilocybin in the City of Rogue River, Oregon, and declaring an emergency.
- 2 Approved Council Bill No. 22-2447 a Resolution referring a ballot measure prohibiting Psilocybin-related businesses until December 31, 2024 in the City.
- 3 Approved a Special Event Brewery-Public House application from the Weekend Beer Company to serve during the annual Greenway Foundation "Ride-the-Rogue" event on September 24, 2022.
- 4 Approved the annual Oregon Liquor Control Commission renewal recommendations for businesses in the City of Rogue River.
- 5 Appointed City Councilor Barb Gregory to the Finance Committee.
- 6 Regretfully accepted a resignation from City Councilor Jack Bird effective August 31, 2022 and declare a vacancy.



The Rogue River Police Department is no longer a prescription drop off site. Your closest drop off site is at the Rogue River Pharmacy.

If you're interested in the results of the recent "Strategic Plan Survey" you can pick up a copy at City Hall and it will eventually be posted on the City's website at www.cityofrogueriver.org.

As some of you are aware City Administrator Mark Reagles is officially retiring this month. Mark started with the City as a Public Works Director in June 1994 and was then promoted to City Administrator in May 2000. During his 28-years with the City he has served under nine Mayors and thirty-three City Councilors. Not to mention all the Planning Commissioners, Budget Committee Members and too many volunteers to count. He has facilitated millions of dollars of grants for the City and served on local and county committees as a representative of the City. We all wish the best as he retires and starts the next adventure of his life. Staff is preparing a scrapbook for Mark and if you'd like to write a message please stop by City Hall in the next couple of weeks.

We also want to welcome our new City Administrator Ryan Nolan. Ryan is no stranger to City Hall. Ryan has been serving as the City Planner through a contract with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments. He has been in the public service for more than twenty-years where he began his career at the City of Cave Junction and has worked for multiple other jurisdictions in the Rogue Valley. Please join us in welcoming Ryan to Rogue River.



Fall is approaching and the City has already started thinking about this year's leaf pick-up program. No start date has been set. However, that doesn't mean you can't start raking your leaves and covering them with a tarp or plastic. If your leaves are located in the back yard you can rake them onto a tarp and when the time comes you'll just pull the tarp out to the front of your property. Look for more information in next months newsletter.



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Scheduled Meetings

September 2022

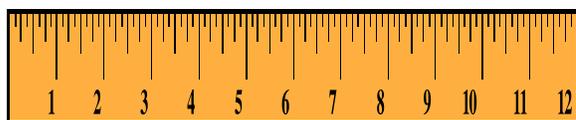
1st	9:00 AM	Personnel Committee
	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
5th	CLOSED	Labor Day Observance
7th	6:30 PM	Tree City Committee
13th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
14th	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board
15th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
	2:00 PM	Finance Committee
20th	10:00 AM	Police Commission
21st	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board
22nd	4:00 PM	Council Advisory
	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
27th	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
30th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee

First Week in October

5th	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board
6th	9:00 AM	Personnel Committee
	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop



With school back in session - whether at home, on campus, or both - be sure to keep a watchful eye and look out for pedestrians and cyclists around the schools and crosswalks. As we're out and about, let's be mindful of foot and bike traffic on our city streets.



"The Mayor's Corner"

Good bye summer, hello fall!

Be sure to keep a watchful eye for children and slow down around schools and cross walks.

Hopefully September will start to be cooler and less 100's. Fall is the transition to more pleasant time to be out doors.

Just a reminder that "Ride-the-Rogue" hosted by the Rogue River Greenway Foundation is September 24th at Palmerton Park Arboretum. Enjoy the day and pick the ride that suits your interest. All proceeds support the Rogue River Recreational Corridor and expands the Greenway project.

The City will be hosting the "Small Cities" meeting and luncheon. Afterwards we will go and show off our new Rooster Park.

We want to thank so many people, especially the National Guard (IRT) in working hard this past summer.

On a sadder note, Jack Bird has submitted his resignation from City Council due to health issues. I and the other Councilors thank him for his service to the City and he will be missed.

Also, Mark Reagles will be retiring as City Administrator. Here again, he also will be missed at City Hall.

Stay safe, till next month!

Respectfully, Mayor Wayne



To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years old

If you are not yet 18 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

The deadline to register for the November 8, 2022 General Election is October 18th.

Summer is coming to the end but water conservation should not!

The City will likely face new challenges as we move forward into the Fall and Winter. Historically Rogue River has been able to switch over water production to its well fields turning the surface water treatment plant off for the winter as summer high water demand subside and demand goes down. This likely will not be an option for the City this year unless we receive a significant amount of rain now which does not seem likely. The City intern will have to continue to run the surface water plant and treat water from the Rogue River in order to supply adequate supply of drinking water. This means that whether there are high turbidities in the surface water source or not the City will have to produce drinking water from the Rogue River. This will most certainly create additional challenges for staff and the treatment facility. Water Conservation will always be important year round in making efficient and affordable water production. The Citizens should also be aware that we have incredibly talented and skilled staff that is up to the challenge with decades of experience in water treatment.

The City of Rogue River has been very proactive in its approach to long term water production. The City has already been in the process of financing needed improvements in the water system for the future with ever changing demands and challenges in water production and storage. Citizens of Rogue River will see many changes in their water system in the coming years. *A new reservoir for additional storage*, this to aid in better water reserves for the summer months/ fire protection and to buffer source water changes in the winter. *Additional fire hydrants*, to better cover the community for fire protection. *Replacement of water meters*, to assist in better accuracy in accounting for water used as compared to water produced.

Also worth noting at this time water theft by individuals stealing water illegally from hydrants is at an all-time high. If you see any suspicious behavior, please notify the City Hall at (541) 582-4401 or the Police Department at (541) 582-4931.