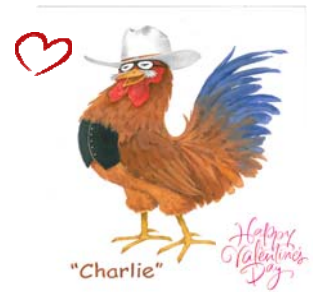




# Tradin' Crows

February 2019 Edition



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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: Ryan Hess

### City Council Members:

- Bob Pascalar
- Fred England
- Wayne Stuart
- Barb Hilty
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

### Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirm
- Rick Kempa
- Don Collins
- Carolynn Riley
- Vacant
- Vacant

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Curtis Whipple

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



## City Council Update



What an exciting event! Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the first meeting of the New Year to a full house. Council Advisory Chair Shelli West delivered the Invocation on behalf of Pastor Dale Schaffner with New Beginning Church. With so many people in attendance the Pledge of Allegiance sounded like a singing choir in the newly painted and carpeted council chambers. The agenda was quit long for the evening with all the election protocol and first of the year business. The City Council took action on the following agenda items:

♥ The City Council approved the minutes of previous Council meetings held on November 29, 2018 and December 27, 2018 then heard committee reports.

### OLD BUSINESS:

♥ An amendment to the Southern Oregon Sanitation recycling collection service in the City of Rogue River, Oregon, was approved to reduce the recycling pickup to every other week.

### NEW BUSINESS:

♥ Mayor Pam VanArsdale delivered the 2018 State of the City Message.

♥ City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Ryan Hess.

♥ City Administrator Mark Reagles along with his staff presented Mayor Pam with a bouquet of roses, the Key to the City and a beautiful vase with an engraved base commemorating her six-years served as Mayor. Mayor Pam was presented with a bouquet of flowers from the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce and prior to the meeting she had been presented with plaques for her time served on boards of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments and the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization.

♥ City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office to Councilor Elect Bob Pascalar, Councilor Elect Wayne Stuart, Councilor Elect Don Daugherty and Councilor Elect Barb Hilty. Councilor Hilty was a write-in during November's General Election and will serve the remaining two-years of Mayor Hess's term.

♥ The City Council elected City Councilor Mark Poling to again serve as Mayor Pro-tem for the next two-years.

♥ City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Service to our new Police Chief Curtis Whipple and our newest Patrol Officer Ty Darr.

♥ The City Council adopted a Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Rogue

River Municipal Code 13.10 the City of Rogue River Sewer Ordinance, and rescinding Resolution No. 18-1329-R.

♥ The City Council adopted a Resolution establishing a fee schedule as provided in Rogue River Municipal Code Title 13.15, the City of Rogue River Water Ordinance, and rescinding Resolution No. 18-1330-R.

♥ The City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing signatures for banking services on behalf of the City of Rogue River, Oregon, and rescinding Resolution No. 18-1331-R.

♥ The City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the City of Rogue River, Oregon, to apply for a Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the development of a new park called Rooster Park and delegating the Mayor to sign the application.

♥ The City Council re-appointed Dean Stirm to the Position No. 3 of the Planning Commission.

♥ The City Council appointed Sherrie Moss to Position No. 4 of the Planning Commission.

♥ City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office to the newest Planning Commissioner Sherrie Moss.

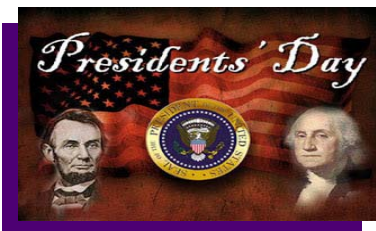
♥ The City Council appointed former Mayor Pam VanArsdale to Position No. 1 on the Budget Committee.



♥ City Recorder Carol Weir administered the Oath of Office to the new Budget Committee member Pam VanArsdale.

♥ The City Council re-appointed Tom Lazette and Carole Poling for three-year terms on the Budget Committee.

♥ The City Council adopted their Goals & Policies for the 2019-2020 budget year.

Citizens are always welcome to join the Mayor and City Council during their meetings. They look forward to hearing your comments about our community. See the back page for dates and times.



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<b>Scheduled Events</b>			
<b>February 2019</b>			
6th	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board	
"	10:00 AM	Safety Committee	
7th	9:30 AM	Personnel Committee	
"	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop	
12th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop	
13th	6:30 PM	Tree City Committee	
15th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee	
18th	CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENTS' DAY		
19th	10:00 AM	Police Commission	
20th	9:00 AM	Sign Review Board	
21st	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop	
26th	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting	
28th	2:00 PM	Finance Committee	
"	5:00 PM	Council Advisory	
"	6:00 PM	Council Meeting	

### Mayor's Corner

What a pleasure it is to live in Rogue River! Many things subtly remind me of this throughout my day: From the natural beauty of our surroundings, to the small, hometown feel, or just simply a pleasant exchange with a friendly neighbor. We have a lot to be proud of living in Rogue River. I am proud to be your new Mayor and work with our excellent city staff.

I'd like to thank Pam VanArsdale for the exceptional job she did representing our City as Mayor for the past six years. I have big shoes to fill and I appreciate her selfless efforts in helping me through this transition.

Congratulations to our newly elected and re-elected City Councilors, and welcome Police Chief Curtis Whipple and new Officer Ty Darr. I look forward to working with all of you.

I also look forward to getting to know you, our citizens. I invite you to attend our City Council workshops (1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 am) and City Council meetings (4th Thursday at 6:00 pm). Or email me with any comments or concerns at [mayor@cityofrogueriver.org](mailto:mayor@cityofrogueriver.org). Please also consider your own involvement within our community. We have many worthwhile ventures that desperately need volunteers!

I believe the true test of how you feel about your hometown comes when you're away from it. Like many of you, I feel a great sense of relief and pride every time I come home to Rogue River. Let's keep it that way.

Have a wonderful February!

*Respectfully, Mayor Ryan Hess*

### Mayor's State of the City Message

As I sat down to prepare my last State of the City Message, I found myself reflecting on all of the things that the city, its businesses and our many volunteers have accomplished, not just this past year, but during my tenure as mayor. We certainly do have "much to crow about!"

Our business community continues to grow with the addition of a number of new businesses in 2018. There are very few empty storefronts now and I think that, for as small as our downtown is, we have a diverse and interesting mix of services to offer. We have a growing Chamber of Commerce that has started new programs that benefit both our businesses and our community. Working in partnership, the Chamber of Commerce, the City and the VFW, started the Military Banner Program and we can proudly say that we're the first to do this in Southern Oregon!

Now that Foothill Estates has been completed, there isn't much new construction to report on except the Habitat for Humanity project which saw the completion of the first two homes this past fall. They've received some grant funding that will enable them to move forward a little faster and they hope to have four homes built by year's end. And in March, they'll start looking for the next families for those homes.

To say that I was disappointed that we didn't get the grant to build Rooster Park would be a huge understatement! But your Council and new Mayor will be trying again for the grant from State Parks and hopefully this time around will be successful.

We were finally able to qualify once again for the Community Development Block Grant program this year. Thanks to your Council for approving an income survey be done by Portland State University, we are now eligible for millions of dollars of grant funds to complete qualifying projects identified in our Water Master Plan.

The long awaited and much needed remodel of City Hall and the Police Department was recently completed, and although it was quite the upheaval for a while, the end result was certainly worth the wait and disarray.

We also recently finished up a downtown sidewalk project that was a priority for Councilor Daugherty and with the exception of a very small strip in front of Tarasco's Restaurant, our entire downtown has sidewalks on both side of East Main Street.

Although we struggled to keep our police department fully staffed the past year and were deeply saddened to accept the resignation of Chief Snyder, fortune smiled on us at last with the hiring of new Officer Brent Miller, Police Chief Curtis Whipple and new recruit Ty Darr. And of course I have to extend my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Corporal Buren and Officer Jordan for all they did to get us through this past year.

So now I pass the reins to your new Mayor, Ryan Hess and welcome new Councilor Barb Hilty. I wish them a smooth transition and I'm confident that they will work hard to preserve the quality of life our small town offers, protect our citizens to the best of their ability and maintain the fiscal responsibility that our taxpayers deserve.

*Respectfully submitted, Mayor Pam*

### **UTILITY DEPARTMENT NOTICE:**

The water and sewer bill that you are receiving this month has been increased by 3.2%. That is a total of \$1.40 for a single family household base rate. For those customers with water service only the increase is .50 cents a month and sewer only customers is .90 cents a month. The increase was determined by the November 2018 Engineering News Record (ENR) Report by averaging the Construction Cost Index, Building Cost Index and Materials Cost Index. The City reviews other cities utility fees but does not do rate comparisons because each city has to consider their infrastructure, costs to run the facilities, population and funding when setting their rates. The City Council realized that the past cost increases were not keeping up with the increase cost of running both the water and sewer systems and made the hard decision to step up and do the right thing. If you have any questions or concerns about your bill please contact the Utility Department at City Hall.