

Tradin' Crows





July 2020 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: Wayne Stuart

City Council Members:

- Bob Pascalar
- Fred England
- •Pam VanArsdale
- Barb Hilty
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- Rick Kempa
- Dee Copley
- •Dean Stirm
- Sherrie Moss
- Don Collins
- Jav Chick
- Jack Bird

City Administrator: Mark Reagles Chief of Police: Curtis Whipple

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

WARNING!

It's fire season and everything is getting very dry here in town. Staff has been out looking for high weeds, grass, brush and blackberry bushes that are dangerous fire hazards. If you have not received a letter from the City thank you for keeping your property clear of noxious vegetation and we ask that everyone keep maintaining their property clear of fire fuel.

Announcement

As the City moves forward during the COVID-19 pandemic the City Council has been holding meetings by zoom allowing any City Councilors and audience the chose of attending by phone or in person and will be continuing this practice to keep everyone safe. The Mayor attends the Governor's news conference every Friday, keeping up with all the requirements set for the City to maintain a safe work environment for everyone. As the Mayor considers lifting the Declaration of Emergency we may be opening the doors to City Hall but will require that if you need to do business inside that you wear a mask when entering the building and practice social distancing. If you need to speak to staff please knock on the door or call and make an appointment otherwise continue dropping your bills along with business and rental license renewals in the drop box outside. The drop off has been working very well for staff. Everyone that was working from home has returned and all the departments are at full staff. And, as far as we're aware there have been no coronavirus cases in our community and we hope it stays that way. Check the board at the front door of City Hall for updated notifications.

City Council Update ...

Mayor Stuart called the City Council meeting to order and City Administrator Mark Reagles delivered the Invocation. The individual City Councilors delivered their committee reports following with taking action on the following agenda items during the meeting:

- Approved Council Bill No. 20-2405: A Resolution amending Resolution No. 06-1118-R, adopting a job description and salary range for the position of Maintenance Technician 1 - Water, for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- Approved Council Bill No. 20-2406: A Resolution amending Resolution No. 06-1118-R, adopting a job description and salary range for the position of Maintenance Technician 1 -Wastewater, for the City of Roque River, Oregon.

- 3 Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign an amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement between Jackson County and the City of Rogue River, Oregon, for judicial services.
- Approved a request to hang a banner across Depot Street from Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary President Sherry Prudhon for the 15th Annual Patriot's Run being held on September 12, 2020.
- Denied a request to hook up to City services for property located outside the City limits at 810 Robbins Avenue.

The City Council meets again on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and public input is always welcome.

The 2019 Consumer Confidence Repost is enclosed...



RRMC 8.05.100 Fireworks

The sale and use fireworks, as defined ORS 480.111, is prohibited within the limits of the City of Rogue River.



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Scheduled Meetings July 2020					
1st	10:00 am	Sign Review Board			
2nd	9:30 am	Personnel Committee			
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop			
3rd	CLOSED	Independence Day Observed			
7th	9:00 am	Safety Committee			
8th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee			
14th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop			
15th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board			
	2:00 pm	Finance Committee			
16th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop			
21st	10:00 am	Police Commission			
23rd	5:00 pm	Council Advisory Committee			
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting			
28th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting			
30th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee			
First week in August 2020					
4th	9:00 am	Safety Committee			
5th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board			
6th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee			
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop			

Remember!

If you're planning to hold a yard/garage sale you must first obtain a permit. It cost \$2.00 for up to a three day sale and you're allowed to have four sales a year.



"Mayor's Corner"

It's July and summer is officially here! Hot summer days and cool nights. That means enjoying the Rogue River and getting outside after being at home, making memories with friends, family and your neighbors. Southern Oregon provides us with many wonderful opportunities during this delightful season.

Rooster Crow didn't happen this year but "Ride-the-Rogue" is coming back to our town in September. The City was excited to see the expansion of the Rogue River Greenway completed. The Jackson County project now connects the 8-mile stretch between Rogue River and Gold Hill. We can now go from Valley of the Rogue State Park north east to Gold Hill.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July Rogue River! And, as always thank you to the brave men and women who preserve the freedom of this country.

Mayor Wayne



When is the Best Time to Water?

With the advent of drought, heat waves, and water restrictions, it is now more important then ever to use water in the most efficient and effective manner when watering your lawn. In order to do this, it is important to understand the obstacles to doing so: high heat, evaporation, wind, lawn diseases, and politicians (water restrictions). So here are a few guidelines you can follow: How would you like to improve your lawn? Make it greener? Eliminate patches? Less weeds? Make it thicker?

Always try to water your lawn in the early morning. By

early morning, I'm referring to around 5:00 a.m.! This is the BEST time for watering, bar none. Early morning watering is best due to: the lack of evaporation that takes place, low winds that can blow you lawn dry, high humidity and morning dew that adds to the moisture. Early morning watering helps to prevent lawn diseases that can be caused by watering at night because it gives your lawn time to dry by night fall. Obviously, this can be best accomplished with a sprinkler system, unless you just can't sleep, especially during the summer months. For a list of sprinkler system companies near you see: Lawn Companies & Services in your Area.

If you have just planted a new lawn, you will usually need to water once a day so the seeds can germinate and a good solid root system can form. On average, this can last from 2-8 weeks, depending on the type and grass and season.

Try watering a day before mowing if you plan on mowing your lawn and hate the browning that forms on the crowns (tips) of the grass afterwards. This will allow your lawn to recover from the cutting and help it to look nicer as a result.

If you have recently fertilized your lawn, especially with a granular (dry) fertilizer, then you may want to water a few extra times, especially during dry and hot summer months. This can help the fertilizer take hold and aid in preventing the fertilizer from "burning" the grass.