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State of the City Message

By Mayor Larry Rich

As we begin 2020, I’d like to once again thank the hardworking city employees, council members, and community volunteers for all their hard work and accomplishments. We have seen that reflected in the City’s administration including City Manager Nicole Messenger, City Recorder Amy Sowa, Human Resources Director John VanWinkle, Finance Director Ron Harker and Management Assistants Koree Tate and Autumn David all who have worked to provide primary support for the City Council.

New to the Administration Department is Eric Johnson, Communications Specialist, who will manage the City’s social media sites and serve as the primary media contact for Roseburg. During my first year as mayor, I spoke of the pleasure of witnessing the talents, hard work, and diverse viewpoints that had strengthened our City and made it one of the best small towns in Oregon.

While we live in a community that is comprised of various backgrounds, viewpoints and beliefs, I feel it is those differences that continue to strengthen our City. And it is those differences that will guide us into the future. As H.G. Wells wrote in The Time Machine, “We should strive to welcome change and challenges, because they are what help us grow.”

The City Recorder’s office was kept busier than usual. In a continued effort to broaden the opportunities for vehicle-for-hire services as directed by the Council, more discussions were held with TNC’s (also known as ride-sharing companies), taxi companies and other interested parties. After that, a second ordinance was drafted and adopted by the council in January 2019. With the adoption of the ordinance, both TNC and taxi services are now operating successfully in Roseburg.

Also the City Recorder worked with the police department to adopt a new secondhand dealer ordinance. The new ordinance provides reporting requirements to not only protect the secondhand dealers but also to help the
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There were 102 building permits issued for residential development and significant multi-family projects under construction including Deer Creek Village apartments which offers 68 units of affordable housing geared toward serving out of employment with the City. In addition to the appointment of a new City Manager and hiring its first Communications specialist, a new Public Works Director will be on board in early 2020.

With cooperation from all departments, we continue to work diligently on succession, planning and hiring timelines in order to bring in new talent to replace those who are moving on. The City received its 18th annual Safety Award and also earned the Gold Award for no lost time incidents.

Our wellness committee continued to provide events and services to promote employee health and wellness. Activities included our annual employee and family golf scramble and bowling night, the Red Cross Blood Drive, City vs County vs Adapt step challenge, health screening and flu shot clinic. A new intranet website was created for employees to have additional access to health information, events, articles and Blue Zones.

This year, with the work of the wellness committee, City Hall was able to achieve recognition as a Blue Zones approved work place which included an official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Other achievements came from the Finance Department when it was announced that the City had received for the twenty-sixth consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association for “Excellence in Financial Reporting” Award for 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report and for the fourth year, the City received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for “Outstanding in Popular Annual Financial Reporting” for the 2018 Popular Annual Financial Report.

One of the biggest changes in the Community Development Department was the retirement of Associate Planner Teresa Clemons. Her 25 years of hard work along with a positive attitude in areas such as floodplain management and historical review and grant administration will be missed.

As of the middle of December the Community Development Department has processed 269 site review applications along with 262 building permits. There were also 160 commercial building permits issued during the same time period with an overall value of $33,730,419. New substantial commercial development included improvements to the Roseburg Marketplace (previously known as the Roseburg Valley Mall) with newly renovated space for Planet Fitness, Shoe Department Encore, and Ulta Beauty. A new Chevron Station replaced the previous Texaco Station on Garden Valley. There was also the expansion of Gecko RV & Boat Storage on Pomona, the placement of Red Barn and a secondary location for La Mota Marijuana Dispensaries.

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registrations, 45 vehicle-for-hire permits, 119 marijuana dispenser permits, 110 OLCC license approvals, and 58 event permits.

A major transition that began in 2018 but ran into 2019, brought the opportunity for more critical hires. Human Resources and Risk Management hired a number of employees. Eighteen individuals went through the recruiting and screening process to become new City employees. Additionally 4 seasonal employees were processed, 10 employees were promoted or transferred, and 15 were transitioned
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the veteran population.

UCC also recently obtained Certificate of Occupancy to convert the Flegel Center into a dormitory/athletic facility for their baseball team. The structure will house 35 students. Three new tiny homes are currently under construction on Cobb St. which will provide housing for female veterans.

There were three major Economic Development projects for the city. As part of the Community Development Block Grant, there was the construction of the new UCAN Head Start Facility completed in August. The grand opening was in September and is now being used for Head Start programs.

Another Community Development Block Grant involved NeighborWorks Umpqua--Regional Housing Rehabilitation Project. The city in conjunction with NeighborWorks Umpqua was awarded a $400,000 grant to provide rehabilitation loans for low and moderate income homeowners to repair their owner-occupied homes. Both Myrtle Creek and Winston are also participating within the program, but Roseburg is acting as the lead agency and is responsible for all aspects of the project. To date, 8 of the 11 homes to receive funding have been located in Roseburg. As of today, an additional 10 homes are being reviewed for possible funding. The Downtown Facade Grants ended in August and was very successful. Funding from the project helped to contribute to many of the facade improvements we see downtown.

There was also the continued effort to clean-up various illegal campsites. So far the city has spent over $15,000 on 46 total camp clean-ups at 26 different locations.

The library has been open just over a year now, and the first year has been busy and exciting, much of that due to the 50 volunteers who continue to provide invaluable aid at the main desk, in the children’s room, in programs, and by shelving materials. The high retention of the volunteers plus the addition of the library aides has resulted in the library being open for more hours per week starting in October for a total of 34 operating hours each week.

In the first 11 months of operation, more than 5,000 cards have been issued, 8,000 items checked out, and 8,500 visitors for children’s events. Besides the grand opening in January, the largest celebration was Harry Potter Day when 600 people made crafts, answered trivia, and celebrated the library icon.

Staff has spent considerable time developing the entire collection which includes about 77,000 items. Grants from the Douglas County Library Foundation and the Whipple Foundation have been used to purchase items, and the City Council also approved funding for collection materials.

The Public Works Department, comprised of multiple divisions, is dedicated to protecting the public’s investment in our infrastructure. One way to measure the volume of work is in the numbers. The number of calls fielded by support staff is approximately 5,450, but that does not include the hundreds of calls that go directly to staff members.

There were 129 park reservations, and 2,600 participants took advantage of our many facilities. Over 1,400 work orders were processed and 113 truckloads of leaves were collected as part of the annual program. But those numbers don’t tell the whole story. Every day staff are working hard to ensure that your drinking water is safe, your streets and storm drainage facilities are maintained and that the parks and open spaces are safe and green.

The Public Safety Division, comprised of both Fire and Police departments faced the biggest event of the year together: the memorable snowstorm that hit in February. Record levels of snow resulted in power outages and citizens left without emergency supplies. Department personnel worked collaboratively with other City departments and outside agencies to aid Roseburg citizens.
In addition, the fire department provided firefighters and equipment to assist with the Milepost 97 wildland fire near Canyonville and to several other large wildland fires near Mendocino County in California. Call volume this past year continued to increase to over 6,000 incidents including 3,877 calls for EMS and 116 calls for fires.

Joint training with other agencies is always important, and this year we were lucky enough to acquire two structures of differing construction: Charley’s BBQ. and Safeway. Both of those sites provided hands on technique training for multiple firefighters.

A different type of training took place when department personnel, along with Douglas Forest Protective Association and Douglas County Fire District #2, took part in a prescribed burn on Reservoir Hill. River rescue and live fire training were additional highlights of joint training locally. Over the past year, fire personnel took place in over 4,100 hours of training.

The Fire Marshall reviewed and completed over 290 site and plan reviews for the City’s Community Development Department as well as the Douglas County Building Department, ensuring fire safety in new construction. Significant projects included the new UCC Dormitory now in the Flegel Marketplace, Evergreen Family and Women’s Health on Harvard along with smaller projects and tenant improvements in existing buildings.

The Fire Marshal also implemented a successful review program for the numerous Air BnB locations springing up in the area, helping to ensure the safety of visitors.

Social media was utilized by department staff to provide public safety information on portable generators, winter fire safety, emergency preparedness, smoke alarms, consumer product safety recalls, and more. A new incident command vehicle went into service, and specifications were completed and purchases made for a new wildland brush truck and staff vehicle. Both vehicles will arrive in 2020.

In light of the danger posed by seismic activity, seismic rehabilitation upgrades to both the Garden Valley as well as the Harvard stations will now strengthen the structural integrity of both buildings in case of a catastrophic earthquake. Stations will also serve as emergency operation centers in case of a community-wide disaster.

Another highlight of 2019 was the introduction of a new public relations and search/recovery K9. Poppy is a two year old yellow Labrador retriever who resides with Chris and Hannah Sutton.

After hours of training, Chris, a battalion chief with the department, and Poppy are now a Certified Disaster Human Remains Team. Poppy also recently became a Certified Human Remains Canine Search Specialist. She will not only be able to respond locally, but can also be used regionally and nationally for search and recovery.

The other half of Public Safety is the Police Department, which had a challenging year despite dealing with a low staffing level. Department personnel answered 36,401 calls and have taken over 5,800 police reports. In early 2019 the department had five vacant positions that needed to be filled. It takes approximately nine and a half months to train a new officer to the point of where they are able to work solo. Some of our 2018 hires transitioned to solo status during this past year, enabling the Department to send one Detective back to DINT (Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team) in June and another Detective back to our Criminal Investigations Division in August.

In October Officer Chavez was assigned back on a motorcycle for traffic duties. Within that time, he has conducted 95 traffic stops in both residential and business areas.

Officer Rhea was honored as the 2018 Optimist “Officer of the Year” at their annual Respect for Law Banquet. After working for 6 years with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, he joined the Roseburg Police Department in 2017. He currently works as a detective in CID.

In September, the City was awarded a $750,000 Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to launch a mobile crisis program in collaboration with Adapt/Compass to respond to police calls involving individuals who may suffer from mental illness. Under the grant, Compass Behavioral Health employed two qualified mental health professionals to respond along with the police 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in and around the City.

These mental health professionals connect individuals to treatment and divert them from the criminal justice system when appropriate. Initially ADAPT was only able to provide one professional to the program, but officers immediately felt the effect of the program.
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They also saw the need for an additional mental health professional on each call so that if an officer is needed, he can respond elsewhere. From March to November, the Mobile Crisis Team responded to 227 mental health calls and were able to divert many of these away from incarceration and into more appropriate settings.

The Department continues to remain active within the community, participating in events such as Dress a Child, Coffee with a Cop, Tip a Hero and Shop with a Cop.

The Volunteers in Police Service, better known as VIPS, has three active members who donated almost 1,400 hours of service while driving their personal vehicles 2,468 miles while commuting to the Police Department. They handled 367 abandoned vehicle complaints with the owners removing all but 29 before the tow date. They issued 43 warnings for parking violations, performed 87 vacation house checks, and assisted with traffic control at various events. The VIPS program is still looking for new volunteers who are a vital asset to the Police Department and the community.

The Department’s K9 program is fully operational with two patrol dogs and one detection dog. Former K9 handler, Corporal Ryan Dingman, now supervises the entire program. In July of 2019, K9 Iago passed away due to age but he ended his days by enjoying his retirement at Corporal Dingman’s residence.

Currently Master Officer Blake Cordell is teamed with K9 Nike, while Officer Chris Bonebrake is teamed with K9 Axel. These K9 teams have aided in the capture of 32 suspects, resulting in numerous charges. Additionally, the dogs have also found articles that were evidence of criminal cases. Officer Derrick has been working with narcotic K9 Trapper all year. This team is currently assigned to DINT. Over the past year, they located almost 3,000 grams of meth, 818 grams of heroin, and 4.5 grams of cocaine. Additionally they have located over $10,000 in cash used in drug transactions and over $22,000 in property recovery.

Detectives in the Criminal Investigations Division were involved in four activations with all of them occurring in the first half of the year. In February, CID investigated an incident involving a carjacking and attempted murder in the parking lot of Red Robin. In March, members of the Oregon State Police and the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office attempted to stop a stolen vehicle in the Green District.

As mentioned earlier, our Second Hand Ordinance, which involves LeadsOnline as a means of tracking stolen merchandise, was adopted and put into effect. One example is that the Department was able to find individuals who were selling multiple cell phones at return kiosks. The LeadsOnline software enabled police personnel to flag those individuals and restrict their ability to sell stolen cell phones at those facilities.

Our School Resource Officers include the following: SRO Tyler Vancil assigned to Roseburg High School; Master Officer Bobby Carpenter, assigned to the remaining Roseburg schools; and Officer Brian O’Dell who provided contract services to the Glide School District. The Glide Superintendent has expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the City of Roseburg for allowing Officer O’Dell to work for their school district during the school year while working downtown and park areas during the summer months.

The vehicle was eventually located on a nearby rural property where the suspect engaged officers in a fierce gun battle, firing over 70 rounds from an assault rifle at the officers. The suspect was killed during the incident, but no law enforcement was harmed. The Major Crimes Team investigated the incident with RPD detectives taking the role of lead agency.

Also in March, and concurrent with the officer-involved shooting in Green, detectives participated in a surveillance operation involving a residence in North Roseburg. A father had barricaded himself in a residence with his daughter after having lost custody during a court proceeding. The male made threatening messages which included sending the court photos of guns, ammunition, body armor, and what appeared to be explosives rigged inside the front door. Luckily the father surrendered himself and his daughter and later was given a prison term.

A final major incident in March involved a homicide that occurred on I-5 just south of MP 124 exit. Shots from one vehicle into another car resulted in the death of the male driver. It was established that the suspects and the victim had just previously been at a residence in Roseburg, but the investigation is still continuing.

The Roseburg Police Department continues to enjoy a productive partnership with the Douglas County Juvenile Department and the Roseburg Area Youth Service, referred to as RAYS. The program engages first-time juvenile offenders for substance abuse violations and misdemeanor crimes.
This year 173 delinquency cases were closed with 97% attending school, graduated, received their GED and/or were employed at the time their case closed. Of the 131 RAYS cases where community service was ordered, 92 youth (84%) completed 100% of the days ordered, resulting in over $28,200 worth of work to the community.

As we face 2020, we must also thank those who have served us in the past and welcome those who are new to us or have taken on new positions. Tom Ryan recently retired from the City Council. He served over 20+ years on the Council, many of those years as Council President. He will be missed. Lance Colley, who served as City Manager, also retired and Nikki Messenger was promoted to that position. We now will be hiring a new Public Works Director to replace Nikki.

For several years we have worked to attract a Med. Ed college in Roseburg. Today we are closer than ever.

If successful, the college will drastically change the culture and economic character of Roseburg.

Anvil Northwest has been hired to promote tourism within the Roseburg area. Anvil is currently working to create a new website which is scheduled to launch in early spring of 2020.

We are also looking at a new urban renewal district. The area around Lowes, Home Depot, the airport and Edenbower, has had much development over the past twenty years. The new district is located around Diamond Lake Boulevard. We are excited to see what the next twenty years will bring there. While it will take a little while for the development to start, it will speed up as time goes by.

The new library, has been a huge success. It has been widely used, and many of the events held there have brought in our citizens of all ages. Thanks go out to Kris Wiley and her staff for a job well done.

We all know that Roseburg has a shortage of housing available. Fortunately we have two large development projects going on. Both Deer Creek Village and Oak Springs Apartments will help to alleviate that shortage.

Another problem for economic development in Roseburg has been the airport because the FAA did not allow night landings and take-offs due to the obstruction caused by Mt. Nebo. PAPI, also known as Precision Approach Path Indicator, is now in service and this will allow pilots to once again use the airport at night.

We are so pleased to welcome Eric Johnson to the new position of Communications Specialist. We are confident that Eric will increase communication between the City and our citizens.

And finally one of our biggest problems has been our homeless population, an issue which we will continue to address. We share the same problem as other cities, not only in Oregon but also nationwide. We are working to solve this issue within the legal framework but also with compassion for those who need shelter.

We must remember the words of John F. Kennedy, “Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

Sincerely,

Mayor Larry Rich
The League of American Bicyclists honored the efforts of Roseburg with a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award for building a better place to bike, joining 488 communities across the country in the movement for safer streets and better bicycling. The award recognizes Roseburg for its commitment to creating safer transportation and recreational options that benefit its residents of all ages and abilities while encouraging healthier and more low-cost transportation choices.

“Communities like Roseburg are leading the nation when it comes to important livability factors that people want where they call home, like safe and accessible places to bike,” said Bill Nesper, Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists. “Roseburg joins 53 new and renewing Bicycle Friendly Communities as part of a movement toward more vibrant, healthy, sustainable and connected places. Our nation and globe are facing complex public health and road safety challenges, and we’re proud that Roseburg and communities like it are embracing bicycling.”

The League of American Bicyclists’ Bicycle Friendly America program sets the standard for how communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability, and accessibility, while allowing them to benchmark progress toward making biking better. With this latest round of 53 new and renewing awardees, there are currently 488 BFCs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Bronze Level BFC award recognizes Roseburg’s commitment to improving conditions for all people who bike through investments in bike education programs, bike events that promote and encourage people to choose biking, pro-bike policies, and bike infrastructure.

More than 850 communities have applied for recognition by the BFC program, which provides a roadmap to making biking better for communities of all shapes and sizes. While the award process considers very visible elements such as bike infrastructure, other essential elements include efforts around education, encouragement, evaluation, and enforcement all through the lens of equity. The rigorous application process is an educational tool in itself, and includes an opportunity for local bicyclists and active transportation advocates to provide input on their experiences and perceptions of bicycling in their community. The five levels of BFC award – diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze, plus an honorable mention category – provide a clear incentive for communities to improve. Awarded communities must renew their status every four years to ensure that they not only maintain existing efforts, but also keep up with changing technology, national safety standards, and community-driven practices.

To learn more about the BFC program, visit BikeLeague.org/Community.

The Wellness Committee currently provides an annual blood drive, employee and family bowling night, canned food drive, employee and family flu clinic, garden share program, employee and family golf scramble, health information, lunch and learn programs, potlucks and BBQ’s, step challenges, trail days and an intranet website for information.

For others who may be interested in becoming an approved worksite, the qualifying categories to review include:

- Physical Environment
- Benefits/Well-Being Offerings
- Leadership
- Social Network
- Purpose
- Work Community

From the six categories, 78 out of 117 points are required to become approved. You can contact John Dimof, Blue Zones Project Umpqua Organization Lead at john.dimof@sharecare.com for more information.
Roseburg Public Library celebrated its one-year anniversary December 27. Among the many milestones were:
- 5,100 cards issued
- 102,000 checkouts
- 105,000 visits
- 10,000 computer sessions
- 260 programs with 9,800 in attendance

Youth programs remain incredibly popular, and Youth Services Librarian Aurora Oberg continues to develop and implement engaging and educational events for young learners. She also connects with teens through programming and partnerships, including a new collaboration with Phoenix School eighth graders, who visit every other week to use the library and receive research assistance.

Patrons’ most popular request is for new materials, and we have utilized funding from the Douglas County Library Foundation, Whipple Foundation, and individual gifts and memorials to develop the collection. There are 77,000 physical items on the shelves. About 5 percent of the collection was purchased in the past year, and it accounts for 20 percent of checkouts. Electronic books and audiobooks also are popular with patrons utilizing two platforms, CloudLibrary and OverDrive.

The Library welcomed Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps Participant Katie Fischer in September. During her 11-month appointment, she is focused on assisting with youth services programming; developing and implementing a library use assessment survey; creating a five-year strategic plan; and launching a Maker Space. Katie is a Minnesota native and a 2019 University of Oregon graduate.

The Maker Space debuted in December with the public invited to use a 3D printer, button maker, and sewing machine. The space is intended to serve as an introduction to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) tools and provide learning opportunities in an informal, supportive environment.

Katie has developed a policy and guidelines, and she is training volunteers to provide assistance to learners. The 3D printer is made possible through a partnership with the Oregon Technology Access Program, which is part of the Douglas Education Service District.

Our Friends of the Roseburg Public Library has been busy supporting the library’s efforts through advocacy and fundraising with book sales. The Friends presented a check for $3565 to the Library in October; the group’s donations will continue quarterly and will be used primarily for programming.

The Friends signed on as the local affiliate, and we launched Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to the greater Roseburg/Glide/Idleyld Park communities in October.

This international program provides one free, age-appropriate, new book to participants from birth to fifth birthday mailed directly to their home. Early funders for our program included The Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Mercy Foundation, and Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation. The Friends group serves as the applying organization for grants and the fiscal agent for the entire program.

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July 1919-December 1919
Mayor – W.S. Hamilton

Ordinance No. 695. Dividing the City of Roseburg into wards for the purpose of Municipal representation, repealing Ordinance #498 and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 696 – Designating polling places, naming judges and clerks of the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, prescribing the manner of nominating candidates, directing the City Recorder to give notice and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 700 – Providing for a City Board of Health and City Health Officer, prescribing duties and powers of same, providing for the preventions and spread of contagious and infectious diseases, requiring all physicians and others practicing the art or science of healing to immediately report to the City Health Officer in writing of the existence of all contagious and infectious diseases treated by such person, providing a penalty for violators, repealing Ordinance #663 and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 702 – Establishing, providing for, equipping and maintaining a public library in the City of Roseburg and providing for a Library Fund.

Ordinance No. 703 – Licensing, taxing and regulating the business of transient merchants within the City, providing a penalty and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 704 – Amended sections of Ordinance #218, preventing animals from running at large and allow them to be enclosed on private premises with provision to place said animals in City Pound if found to be in violation of ordinance and instituting a $25 fine to responsible parties.
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The Friends also adopted the trail between the Library and Deer Creek and will be responsible for keeping the area tidy with organized cleanups four times per year. The Friendship Garden will continue to be maintained by City Horticulturalist Tracy Pope and the Sister Cities group.

The Library added four hours to the weekly schedule October 1 and now provides 34 hours of public service each week. We do that with 3.5 full-time equivalents, one AmeriCorps participant, and about 50 volunteers.

**Sister City Friendship Garden**

The Roseburg Sister Cities Friendship Garden, located on the south side of Roseburg Public Library, has been revitalized over the past year through a partnership between Roseburg Sister Cities, Inc. and the City of Roseburg.

Two major work events occurred in 2019, and volunteers under the advisement of City Horticulturalist Tracy Pope dug out and replaced aggressive plants, filled in holes, and spruced up the areas around the stone features.

The Friendship Garden was established in 1994 by the Sister Cities group to recognize the relationship between Roseburg and Shobu, Japan (Shobu now is incorporated into Kuki City). The garden featured plants native to Oregon and Japan as well as stone selected from throughout Douglas County. It was designed by freelance landscape contractor and horticulturalist David Parker and Phil Gale with help from advisors from Japan.

Pope noted that the garden initially combined native plants with plants appropriate for a Japanese garden to symbolize the friendship between Oregon and Japan. Over time, some of the plants became too big for the space and some didn’t survive, which is common for a garden. Pope’s intent now is to maintain the symbolic nature of the garden but keep the Japanese plants close to the building and the local native plants next to Deer Creek.

The group will continue to meet for two large planting events a year and is considering the next step with the addition of structural and artistic elements to the space.

Volunteers are needed to help provide basic maintenance such as pulling weeds. For more information or to register, contact Pope at tpope@cityofroseburg.org or 541-492-7021.

Our goals for 2020 include working with a visioning committee to develop a five-year strategic plan; expanding technology opportunities for all patrons; assessing additional opportunities for partnerships; and providing outstanding customer service.

I invite you to visit with me about your Roseburg Public Library. Contact me in person at the library, call me at 541-492-7051, or email kwiley@cityofroseburg.org. Thank you for your support of Roseburg Public Library.

Regards,
Kris Wiley

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Photo by Akiyo Riggs
Following are Ordinances passed by the Roseburg City Council during the last six months of calendar year 2019.

“ORDINANCE”: A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government’s boundaries, provided they do not conflict with a state statute or constitutional provision. An ordinance has two public readings during City Council meetings prior to being voted on by the Council. An ordinance becomes effective 30 days after the second reading, unless an emergency is declared which enables the Ordinance to become effective immediately.


Ordinance No. 3527: An Ordinance amending section 12.04.050 of the Roseburg Municipal Code regarding land use and development regulations as set forth herein and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 3528: An Ordinance amending the Roseburg Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Adopting by reference the City of Roseburg housing needs analysis.


Ordinance No. 3530: An Ordinance amending sections 8.02, 8.04, and 8.06 of the Roseburg Municipal Code regarding parking.


Ordinance No. 3532: An Ordinance amending section 8.02.010 of the Roseburg Municipal Code by adopting 2011 Legislative changes to State traffic laws and declaring an immediate effective date.

Ordinance No. 3533: An Ordinance amending section 10.04.020 of the Roseburg Municipal Code by adopting the state specialty codes, administrative rules and the international property maintenance code in effect October 2019, and declaring an immediate effective date.

Following are Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the last six months of calendar year 2019.

“RESOLUTION”: An order of a governing body; requires less legal formality than an ordinance. Statutes or City Charter specify which actions must be by ordinance and which may be by resolution. For cities, revenue-raising measures such as taxes, special assessments and services charges are imposed by ordinance; fee amendments, however, are made by resolution. Prior to adoption, a resolution only needs to be read before the City Council once (by title only, if no member of the Council objects).


Resolution No. 2019-15: A Resolution authorizing an application for Community Development Block Grant funds for Business Oregon’s Microenterprise Assistance Program.

Resolution No. 2019-16: A Resolution proposing the City adopt a shade policy.


Resolution No. 2019-18: A Resolution regarding exemption from competition in public contracting for purchase of a Type 6 Wildland fire unit.


Resolution No. 2019-20: A Resolution exempting the purchase of an EZ Liner striping machine from the competitive bid process.


The City is pleased to announce that it has produced its fourth Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The report is designed to provide transparency and accountability of City financial information by providing a summary view of financial activities of the City that are reported in much more detail in the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The report is specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties without a background in public finance.

The City is proud to have received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the past twenty-six consecutive years and now the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the 4th consecutive time.

It is our belief that participation in GFOA award programs enhances our citizen’s understanding of Roseburg finances. Attaining these awards demonstrates our belief that sharing financial information in formats consistent with the highest standards in governmental financial reporting is the best way to achieve financial transparency.

Being good stewards of the taxpayer’s monies is a main focus of the Finance Department, but that alone is not enough; we strive to develop healthy partnerships with the community and to be transparent with the City’s finances and it is our hope that the PAFR will help us meet this goal.

The PAFR can be found online at www.cityofroseburg.org/departments/finance/pafr-report or to obtain a copy you can email the Finance Department at finance@cityofroseburg.org.
Moody’s Confirms Roseburg’s Credit Rating at Aa3

Moody’s Investor Service, which is a leading provider of credit ratings for public finance issuers, recently issued its annual comment on the City of Roseburg and confirmed its credit rating for the city as an Aa3 with no outlook. An ‘Aa’ rating signifies that obligations of the entity are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

In issuing its annual statement, Moody’s noted that “Roseburg's credit position is good and its Aa3 rating is equivalent to the US cities median of Aa3. The notable credit factors include a healthy financial position, a small debt burden, a somewhat elevated pension liability, a sizeable tax base with a solid wealth and income profile.” In terms of

Finances: Roseburg has a healthy financial position, which is in line with the assigned rating of Aa3. The City’s cash balance as a percent of operating revenues (929.35) falls just short of the US median, but grew between 2014 and 2018. In addition, the fund balance is a percent of operating revenues (31.1%) approximates the US median.

Debt and Pensions: The debt burden of Roseburg is light and is favorable with respect to its Aa3 rating. The net direct debt to full value (0.2%) is materially below the Moody’s-rated cities nationwide. That said, the pension liability of Roseburg is somewhat inflated and is a weakness relative to the assigned Aa3. The Moody’s-adjusted net pension liability to operating revenues (3.1x) is much higher than the US median.

Economy and Tax Base: The economy and tax base of the city are solid and are comparable to its Aa3 rating. Roseburg’s full value per capita ($119,891) is slightly above the US median, and was flat between 2014 and 2018. Moreover, the total full value ($2.9 billion) is above the US median. Lastly, the median family income is 91.1% of the US level.

Hello, Roseburg. My name is Eric Johnson and I am delighted to be your new Communications Specialist. I’ve always held Roseburg near and dear to my heart. As a child, my parents would often stop in Roseburg on our way to visit family in Eureka, California. Memories of dipping my toes in the Umpqua River on a hot, summer day still reverberate in my mind. For the past several years, I have gained valuable knowledge and experience in the world of PR and communications.

My career path has been interesting to say the least. After graduating Oregon State University with my Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing (and later on my MBA), I decided to head back to the coast. Born and raised in Astoria, I had a longing for ocean breezes and sandy beaches.

My path took me to Cannon Beach, where I served as the Executive Director for the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce. After a two-year stint, an opportunity came knocking at the City of Lincoln City. I then became the Public Relations Coordinator for the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau (later rebranded Explore Lincoln City).

I got my feet wet in public relations within the destination marketing industry. But something strange happened during my 5 years at the City of Lincoln City.

Over time, I started getting more involved with other departments, such as Planning, Police and Parks and Recreation. During that time, I discovered a passion for municipal government.

When local government is communicating well with its citizens, it can do wonders for a community.

With a newly found passion in mind, while perusing the League of Oregon Cities website one day, I discovered that the City of Roseburg was hiring a Communications Specialist. I jumped at the opportunity and applied. From renowned wineries to scenic hikes,

Roseburg really is the heart of the Umpqua. I am blessed to call this beautiful place home. I look forward to serving all of Roseburg’s residents to the best of my abilities.

Eric Johnson
ejohnson@cityofroseburg.org
US Census – April 1, 2020 – You Count!!

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas. The date for the upcoming census is April 1, 2020.

The results of the census determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives, draw congressional and state legislative districts, and determine the distribution of more than $675 billion nationwide in federal funds each year. These funds are used for public infrastructure, medical assistance programs, student loans, low-income home energy assistance, and much more.

City Staff has been working with a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau and formed a Community Census Committee to get the word out to our community about the importance of participating in the census. The other agencies who are part of this committee include:

- UCAN
- Roseburg Public School
- Douglas County
- Adapt/Compass and HTAG
- Umpqua Health
- Cow Creek Tribe of Umpqua Indians
- NeighborWorks Umpqua
- Douglas Education Service District (ESD)
- The Ford Family Foundation
- Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Roseburg Association (DRA)
- League of Women Voters

The focus of the Community Census Committee remains educating our citizens about the important impact the census results have regarding funding for health care, housing, transportation, and other services important to our community members. Each person counted equates to nearly $2500 in federal assistance to our community! We are also trying to ease the fears of people and remind them of the strict confidentiality of the census information, a real concern for many of our citizens.

Roseburg Public Library will be the hub for census information, as well as a place where people can complete the census using one of the public computers available. The library meeting rooms will be used to conduct training for those who apply for and are hired to help conduct the census in 2020.

The City will include inserts in the early 2020 utility billing notices that will provide citizens with information on the census. Other local agencies are also providing outreach to those they serve in a variety of ways, making it a true community effort.

If you have questions about the upcoming census, please contact me at asowa@cityofroseburg.org

Amy Sowa
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Audit) Earns a “Clean Audit” and Available on City Website

The City completed and issued its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), or audit, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, in December.

The report presents the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2019 and consists of management’s representations concerning the finances of the City at this date. The responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation rests with the City administrative staff. To provide a reasonable basis for making these financial representations, management has established an internal control structure designed to safeguard City assets against loss, theft or misappropriation, and to ensure the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

State law requires an annual independent audit of City’s financial records. Neuner, Davidson & Co, LLC, a firm of licensed public accountants, conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 are free of material misstatement. The independent auditor concluded there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion [commonly known as a “clean audit”] that the City’s basic financial statements for the fiscal year are fairly presented, in all materials respects, in conformity with GAAP.


The City’s 2019 CAFR (audit) may be viewed on the City website at www.cityofroseburg.org.

Welcome Public Works Director

It was while working for the City of Bremerton Engineering Department part-time after high school that I realized that public works would be my lifelong career. Since then I have served in four municipalities and two consulting engineering firms in Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Texas. I come to Roseburg from the City of Medford Public Works Department where I have served for the last 20 years in the positions of Water Reclamation Division Construction Manager, Operations Division Manager, and Deputy Public Works Director.

I am a registered Civil and Environmental engineer in the State of Oregon, a graduate of the Northwest Public Works Leadership Institute, the first ever graduate of the League of Oregon Cities Government Management certification program, credentialed by the American Public Works Association as a Public Works Leadership Fellow, and serve as Board Treasurer for Take a Veteran Fishing a non-profit organization. In my spare time I can usually be found with either a good book or a fishing rod in my hands.

It is the responsibility of the Public Works Department to provide quality public infrastructure at the lowest life-cycle cost. Simply put this is my vision for Roseburg Public Works. We must provide high quality facilities that can be cost effectively maintained with a clear understanding that it is your money we are investing.

I would like to thank Nikki Messenger, City Manager and former Public Works Director for trusting me with the Roseburg Public Works Department. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me and I am honored to have the opportunity to build on the foundation that she built. I look forward to working with the department, city staff, the public works commission, council, and most of all the community.

I am always open to new ideas on how we can best implement the vision of the Public Works Department. I can be reached at 541-492-6730 or bperkins@cityofroseburg.org.

Brice Perkins, PE Public Works Director

Greetings Roseburg!

I’m Brice Perkins and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your new Public Works Director. I was raised in Bremerton, Washington where I graduated high school and received an Associate Degree in Engineering Technology from Olympic College. It was also during those high school days where I met my amazing bride Carol. We were married at the ripe old age of 19, and after 42 years, three children and seven grandchildren later, we are still best friends and she still takes my breath away.
On Saturday, February 1, join the celebration as Roseburg Parks and Recreation holds their 10th annual geocaching event from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Roseburg Public Library. This event will kick-off the tenth ‘Discover Roseburg / Land of Umpqua’ geocache challenge, which involves locating 5 actual caches and 15 virtual caches, and correctly answering a question related to each site. After locating the sites and answering each question, participants will return their completed ‘passport’ and be awarded a limited edition (200 available) ‘Discover Roseburg/Land of Umpqua’ geocoin. There is a new geocoin being minted for this year’s event.

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game enjoyed by adventure seekers young and old who are equipped with a global positioning system (GPS) and the desire to have some outdoor fun. After the initial kick-off event, passports and coins will be available at Roseburg City Hall (1st floor). This is a free event, open to the public, and beginner geocachers are welcome!
Low Impact Fitness takes place at the Boys & Girls Club in Roseburg. Classes are held from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

This program gives participants an opportunity to socialize while enjoying a light exercise routine. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and good walking shoes.

There is a $1 fee per class on a drop-in basis, and no time commitment or advance registration is required.

Parks & Recreation Projects

Great things are happening in the Parks Division! The City has been awarded two grants to make some exciting capital improvements to park infrastructure. Both grants were awarded through the Local Government Grant Program administered by the state of Oregon’s Parks & Recreation Department. Matching funds will be provided by the City in the form of cash contributions and labor from the parks and public works crews. Both projects are currently in the design phase with construction set to begin this spring.

Beulah Park is a neighborhood park located just north of downtown Roseburg at 1284 Beulah Drive. Beulah is one of the City’s oldest parks and has few amenities remaining from its original development in the 1960’s. The Beulah Park improvement project will include new play features, site amenities, basketball court improvements and an access path linking the new features to a new sidewalk at the street. A preliminary concept drawing is displayed below:

The Stewart Park Pavilion project will include the restoration of the large pavilion in Stewart Park. The original construction of the pavilion was a collaboration between the City and the Rotary Club of Roseburg. The pavilion has served the community well for nearly 50 years, but the roof has surpassed its useful life and has developed a few leaks. This project will include a new metal roof and other improvements as the budget allows.

The Parks Division is excited to see these projects come to fruition and would like to thank the entire community for its continued support for the Roseburg park system.
The Parks and Recreation Division has been partnering with multiple community and citizen volunteer groups to improve access to park areas, improve beautification, reduce invasive weeds, and expand wildlife habitat throughout the city. One example of this is the Stewart Park nature area between Stewart Parkway and Fred Meyer.

During the large snowstorm in late winter 2019, the nature area was one of the most damaged. Parks personnel, along with dozens of volunteers from throughout the county, have been working to improve the area. The focus was on revitalizing some areas as well as adding additional path structure throughout the nature area.

Parks and Public Works staff worked hard to remove the damaged trees and limbs. The UCC Cross Country team had previously utilized the path for practice and was unable to get to a large portion of the trail. They were excited to get involved to help bring back the trail to a usable state. Once the damaged trees and limbs were removed, Parks staff staged recycled wood chips for the students to spread to provide a soft surface trail.

Parks staff identified plants and features to protect, habitat to improve and plant species to reduce or remove. Volunteers removed trash, small debris, scattered litter, etc. Small diameter low limbs were removed to provide better access for future weed control and allow native trees and shrubs such as “Oregon Ash” and “Pacific Ninebark” to thrive.

Parks staff created a new raised bed which set the stage for great group of volunteers to plant a new “pollinator garden.” The garden needs some finishing touches, but it’s off to a great start. Volunteers planted native trees and shrubs along Newton Creek to create shade, add erosion control and benefit wildlife.

As part of this informal project, Parks staff started a seasonal maintenance trail around the pond. This path will be used to maintain proper hydrology. The path is partially lined with recycled wood chips sourced from city tree maintenance. Once completed and after nesting season 2020, it will be available seasonally to the public for walking.

We are off to a great start in the “Nature Area” and have more work to do but all of the improvements wouldn’t have been possible without the selfless acts of the great people in our community! We enjoy partnering with them where possible and in many cases could not do it without them. To those that dedicated your time and hard work in helping make this possible...Thank You!

The best way to access the area is from the parking lot adjacent to Fred Meyer next to the pond.
The Police Department is continuing to work on improving staffing levels. Officers Corder, Fregoso and Batsch were hired in December of 2018, and have recently transitioned to solo status. Lacey Webb, a Lateral Officer from Florence Oregon, was hired in February, and Parole & Probation Officer Sky Woods came aboard as a recruit police officer in late June; he is currently at the Police Academy. Brandon Halter and Benjamin Schulz have accepted job offers and started as recruit Officers on January 2nd. We currently have one officer vacancy, but also have at least two officers who will retire in 2020.

With our previous wave of police recruits transitioning to solo status, we were able to return a Detective to the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team, a Detective back to the Criminal Investigations Division, and get one of our traffic units back on a motorcycle.

When we are fully staffed, we are able to utilize two traffic units. In the absence of our traffic unit, we continued to utilize traffic safety grants to address traffic concerns. Since returning a traffic unit, we have had more success calming and monitoring speed in residential and business areas. We additionally utilize two traffic radar trailers on a continual basis. The presence of these radar devices on city streets brings awareness to drivers and helps curb speeding issues and traffic complaints.

The Roseburg Police Department participates in various community events throughout the year. One of the recent ones was the annual Dress a Child event at Fred Meyer; the Salvation Army provided funding for children in need, and then volunteers helped children shop for items they needed.

Council recently passed a secondhand ordinance, which is a useful tool for law enforcement. The second-hand ordinance provides standards that secondhand businesses in Roseburg must adhere to. Additionally, secondhand businesses now utilize a software program that the City pays for (LeadsOnline), which aids Law Enforcement with increased identification of criminal activities present in the secondhand industry through timely collection and sharing of transaction record information.

With school out for summer break, we were able to utilize one of our school resource officers for dedicated patrol in the downtown and park areas; the increased Law Enforcement presence had an immediate effect on lawlessness in these areas, and was well received by downtown business owners. We also utilized multiple overtime shifts to patrol the downtown district and park areas.

Our Department devoted numerous grant funded overtime hours on traffic enforcement. We are scheduled to work grants in 2020, related to Distracted Driving, DUII Enforcement, Speeding, Safety Belt Usage and Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety.
Police Department continued

We are continuing to work closely with Compass Mental Health and other community stakeholders to strengthen our relatively new Mobile Crisis Team. This program has the potential to have a very positive impact on our community, as its goal is to get mental health services more quickly to those who need them, and thus reducing the personnel strain and costs associated with continued arrests, emergency room visits and jail lodging. In January we’ll be starting year two of the three year $750,000 Federal Bureau of Justice Association grant that is currently funding the Mobile Crisis Team.

Our K9 team continues to be a valuable tool for our patrol division.

(Left to right) M.O. Cordell/Nike; Det. Derrick/Trapper; Ofc. Bonebrake/Axel.

They have made several captures in Roseburg and have aided several of our surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies with tracks and captures. In November DINT Det. Derrick and K9 Trapper aided in the arrest of a prolific local drug dealer, where over 14 pounds of Methamphetamine, 1.5 pounds of Heroin and 15 guns were seized.

In July of this year, K9 Iago passed away due to age. It was sad to see him pass, but he had a long successful career as a police K9, followed by a relaxing retirement at Corporal Ryan Dingman’s residence. Iago came to the Roseburg Police Department in 2011, and retired in December of 2017.

We encourage interested community members to follow Roseburg Police’s FlashAlert (press releases) by signing into FlashAlert.net and selecting Roseburg Police Dept. Additionally, you can subscribe to our daily Police logs by visiting our City’s webpage (http://www.cityofroseburg.org/), scrolling down to “Subscribe by department,” and selecting “Police Logs.”

As we navigate through the winter months, we would like all to be mindful of inclement weather conditions, and adjust driving speeds accordingly.

Public Works Department

The Public Works Department is dedicated to protecting the public’s investment in our infrastructure. The department consists of multiple divisions encompassing Parks & Recreation, Streets & Storm Drainage, Facilities, Engineering, Administration, Airport, and Water. The department delivers a wide range of services to our citizens, many of which happen behind the scenes.

Every day staff is working hard to ensure that your drinking water is safe, that your streets and storm drainage facilities are maintained, and that the parks and open spaces are safe, clean and green.

Urban Renewal Projects

In 2019, staff worked diligently to ensure the completion of the final projects for the North Roseburg Urban Renewal District, which sunsetted on September 30th. Those projects included the following:

- **Stewart Parkway Pavement Rehabilitation Edenbower to Aviation** - This project consisted of grinding and repaving roughly 2,600 lineal feet of roadway. It also included the replacement of six sidewalk access ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and the replacement of a damaged storm drainage line.

- **Downtown Lighting Phase III** - This lighting project was a continuation of lighting improvements previously installed downtown and included updating 62 non-LED antique style street lights to LED fixtures, replacing the existing lights east of the parking structure with new antique style LED lights, and installing 14 new lights on Rose and Cass Streets.
Public Works Department

- **All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) & Traffic Signal Interconnect Project** - The City received a grant through the Oregon Department of Transportation’s All Roads Transportation Safety Program (ARTS). The ARTS portion of the project was comprised of improvements targeted at improving both pedestrian and vehicle safety. Improvements included an additional pedestrian activated flashing beacon on NE Stephens Street, pedestrian countdown signal heads on NE Stephens and Harvard, and the addition of yellow reflectorized back plates on Stewart Parkway traffic signal heads, and the conversion of older style left turn signals to flashing yellow or protected phasing on various intersections with Stewart Parkway. The Traffic Signal Coordination and Interconnect portion of the project involved the installation of electrical, telecommunications and programming between existing signals on Stewart Parkway from Walmart to Edenbower. The intent is to coordinate and improve green wave timing to reduce traffic congestion and improve corridor efficiency.

**Utility Projects**

The City operates two utilities, the storm drainage utility and the water utility. The major storm drainage capital improvement project completed this year was the cast-in-place piping (CIPP) of approximately 3825 feet of large diameter pipe. CIPP is a cost effective approach that extends the life of corroded piping without having the large excavations typically associated with pipe replacement. The following is a brief synopsis of water projects that are currently underway.

**Telemetry – Phase 3**

The final phase of a three phase multi-year project to replace the existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system used to monitor and control the City’s water pump stations, control valves, reservoirs, and the Winchester Water Treatment Plant is 95% complete. The final phase of the project is the completion of the control system in the water treatment plant. This project is currently under construction.

**Water Management Conservation Plan**

The Oregon Water Resource Department (OWRD) requires the City of Roseburg to complete a Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP). The purpose of the plan is to be a guide to the development and implementation of water management and conservation programs and policies to ensure sustainable use of water resources for municipal and agricultural water users. It also provides a description of the water system, identifies the sources of water used, and explains how the water supplier will manage and conserve supplies to meet future needs. A final draft version of the WMCP has been submitted to the OWRD for review and approval.

**West Avenue Main Extension**

This project involves design and installation of a new 24-inch water transmission main from West Avenue to the main reservoir complex on reservoir hill. This project is currently in design with construction expected to begin in late spring or summer of 2020.

**Water Treatment Plant Disinfection System Upgrades**

The City is in the process of replacing the disinfection system at the Winchester Water Treatment Plant. The current system converts salt to a chlorine solution that is used as part of the treatment process to disinfect the water. The new process will utilize a bulk sodium hypochlorite system, which is delivered to the plant as a liquid. This project is currently under construction.
Airport Projects
In 2019, the City was working on a total of eight grants, four from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and four from the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA). These grants went to the following projects.

Runway 16/34 Edge Lighting
The construction contract for this project has been awarded and construction will begin this spring. This project includes the following improvements:
- Removal and replacement of the existing Runway 16/34 edge lighting system
- Removal and replacement of the existing Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs)
- Removal and replacement of the existing primary wind cone and segmented circle
- Installation of a new supplemental wind cone on Runway 16
- Installation of runway aiming point markings on both ends of Runway 16/34

Obstruction Mitigation and PAPI Installation
The City has installed a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) at the airport with the hope that it will be approved as a mitigation measure for the terrain obstruction that is Mt. Nebo. In order to complete the obstruction mitigation process, there are trees and utility lines located on private property that will need to be removed and/or relocated. The City has obtained necessary easements from private property owners. This winter, contractors will be removing trees and relocating utility lines in order to clear the air space. Once this work has been completed, the FAA will perform a flight check on the PAPI and the City can apply to reinstate the nighttime instrument approach to Runway 34.

Grant Projects
Four (non-FAA) grant-funded projects were completed in 2019. These included completion of the seismic improvements at Fire Stations 2 and 3 (Oregon Emergency Management grant), the renovation of the multi-use path through the disc golf section of Riverfront Park (OPRD Recreational Trails grant), and the installation of three electric vehicle car charging stations at the Roseburg Public Library, Downtown Parking Structure, and at Fir Grove Park near the Umpqua Valley Arts Center (PP&L Grant).

Pavement Management Projects (PMP)
In addition to the large rehabilitation project on Stewart Parkway, overlay projects and ADA ramp improvements were completed on portions of Garden Valley, Main Street, Aviation Drive and Alameda Avenue. In addition, thirty-two streets were treated with slurry seals to prolong the life of the pavement. Future PMP projects currently in design include grind/inlay projects on Winchester Avenue and Lincoln Street.

Police K9 Program Still Thriving
The Friends of Umpqua Valley Police K9 Programs committee has been working to lock in dates for upcoming 2020 events to feature the K9 Programs from the Roseburg Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and Winston Police Department.

Main events will include Hops for K9 Cops at Backside Brewing, K9s Unleashed at the Douglas County Speedway, K9s in the Grapevine’s at Melrose Vineyards and assisting with many local events throughout the year to give the community an opportunity to meet law enforcement and the canines up close to ask questions, learn about the program and see how the inclusion of canines has helped the departments thrive with more captures, finds and illegal drugs removed from the streets.

To learn more about the program you can find the group on Facebook, City of Roseburg Website under the Police Department or at www.uvk9.org.

New 2020 stuffed dogs will be available at events. The photo featured below is of Roseburg Patrol K9 Axel with his stuffed dog replica. The Committee and Law Enforcement thanks the citizens, donors and businesses for the continued support.
Winter Storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Winter storms can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice and high winds.

A winter storm can:

- Last a few hours or several days;
- Knock out heat, power, and communication services; and
- Place older adults, young children, and sick individuals at greater risk.

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER

- Know what to do before, during, and after a winter storm.
- Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping.
- Stay aware of winter weather by listening to the television or radio for updates.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- Stay off the road during and after a winter storm.

General Tips

- Stay indoors and dress warmly. Have extra blankets and layers of clothing in case heating is unavailable.
- Monitor weather alerts and have a preparedness kit ready.
- Talk to your job “before” it snows about weather policies and procedures.
- Use generators outside only and away from windows.
- Listen for emergency information and alerts.
- Look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite.
- Check on neighbors and others who may need assistance.
- Talk with your family about how to prepare for extreme weather.
- Make a place to connect by text, e-mail, social media and cell in case of an emergency.
- Stay off roads if possible.

Vehicle Safety Tips

- Keep your gas tanks full in case of evacuation or power outages. A full tank will also keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Install good winter tires and ensure they have adequate tread or any jurisdiction-required chains or studs.
- Do not drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control or possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars.
- If a power line falls on your car you are at risk of electrical shock, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.
- If there is an explosion or other factor that makes it difficult to control the vehicle, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake.
- If the emergency could impact the physical stability of the roadway, avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards.

Have a carbon monoxide alarm in place, especially if using alternative heating devices.

BE READY FOR THE ROAD

Our cars don’t always work perfectly. Make sure you’re ready to deal with being stranded during winter weather.
In fall 2019, the City IT Department launched a new website which allows the community to easily view on mobile devices. The website also features a video on the home page highlighting the area, easy access to news and calendar buttons, a subscribe feature that will keep the community connected to Departments for newsletters, flash alerts, police logs and more.

Winter Weather Preparedness

MAKE A PLAN

- Put together a plan by discussing these four questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.
  - How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
  - What is my shelter plan?
  - What is my evacuation route?
  - What is my family/household communication plan?

- Consider specific needs in your household.
  - Dietary needs
  - Pets or service animals
  - Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment

- Fill out an emergency plan
- Practice your plan with your family/household

For more information, visit:
- https://www.fema.gov/
- https://www.ready.gov/
- https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Safety-tip-sheets

Information provided by NFPA, FEMA, and Department of Homeland Security

New City Website

You can access the website at www.cityofroseburg.org

City Departments are continually adding and improving features and information.

Other options for information include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Flash Alert.
New Multi-Family Dwelling Construction and Incentive Opportunities

On July 9, 2018, City Council adopted Ordinance 3502 approving formation of the Diamond Lake Urban Renewal Plan Area. In conjunction with Council’s goals to support housing in our community, one of the elements of the plan was to provide housing incentives, in particular, multi-family housing incentives.

Staff quickly went to work creating several different housing incentive options, which were presented to the Urban Renewal Agency Board. In January of 2019, the Board settled on two different options and adopted a resolution creating a Multi-Family Housing System Development Charge (SDC) Buydown and In-Lieu-Of Program.

Developers interested in the program quickly responded to the City determining how they might be able to capitalize from the incentives being offered. As of now, two significant multi-family dwelling projects are currently under construction:

Oak Springs apartments located on Pomona St. is under the early phases of construction. Oak Springs will consist of 89 two bedroom units of market rate housing. These apartments are being built by a private developer, Timberview Construction. This facility is also located within the boundaries of the Urban Renewal District and was able to partner with the City to qualify for the SDC buydown program in which $409,968 of SDC fees were deferred by the Urban Renewal Agency.

Deer Creek Village apartments, which are being constructed by NeighborWorks Umpqua, east of Eastwood Park on NE Douglas Ave., will consist of 68 units of affordable housing geared toward serving the veteran population. As a result of being located within the new boundaries of the Urban Renewal District, NeighborWorks Umpqua was able to partner with the City to qualify for the SDC buydown program in which $314,367 of SDC fees were deferred by the Urban Renewal Agency.

The City has entered into preliminary discussions with other private developers interested in significant multi-family housing development projects within the same area. The catalyst for development being the need for multi-family housing options and a significant incentive program offered through the City’s Urban Renewal District.

These multi-family dwelling projects will help to fill a critical need for housing in our community. It is exciting to see them coming to fruition and the City playing an integral part in helping to partner with their construction.
FAQ

What is the Single-Use Bag Law?

House Bill (HB) 2509, passed in the 2019 Oregon legislative session, prohibits retail stores and restaurants from providing single-use checkout bags to customers, and places restrictions on other checkout bags they may provide. The ban goes into effect on January 1, 2020. After that, a retail store or restaurant may provide only reusable or recycled paper checkout bags to customers. In certain cases, they must charge a fee to customers for providing the bag. The new law repeals ORS 459A.695, which required retail stores providing plastic checkout bags to offer paper bags as an alternative.

Why is this Initiative important?

By encouraging the switch to reusable or recycled paper bags, Oregon can reduce the amounts of single-use bags that are used and thrown out, while addressing a significant problem for Oregon’s recycling programs: plastic bags. When plastic bags end up in recycling bins, they can contaminate the recycling stream and endanger the safety of workers who must untangle them from recycling equipment. This is also a positive first step towards addressing the large amount of plastic debris in the oceans, which threatens Oregon’s marine wildlife.

What does this mean for consumers?

For consumers who do not bring reusable bags, expect to pay a small fee at the register. This fee helps offset the cost businesses pay to purchase more sustainable bags. This fee can vary by store and city/county. Some bags, such as those for bulk items and privacy purposes, are not covered. Retail stores and restaurants may provide certain reusable bags for free to customers using a WIC voucher or electronic benefits transfer card.

What do businesses and local governments need to know?

After January 1, 2020, businesses can no longer provide single-use bags and must charge a fee for certain types of reusable bags.

Definitions

Single-use checkout bag
A bag made of paper, plastic, or other material that is provided to a customer at the time of checkout, and that does not meet the definition of recycled paper checkout bag, reusable fabric checkout bag, or reusable plastic checkout bag.

Reusable Plastic Checkout Bag
A bag with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple times, and made of durable plastic that is at least 4 mils thick.

Reusable Fabric Checkout Bag
A bag with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple times, and made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric.

Recycled Paper Checkout Bag
A paper bag made of at least 40% post-consumer recycled fiber.
What types of bags require fees?

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*Some exceptions apply

How much is the fee and where does it go?
Check with local jurisdictions. HB 2509 requires a charge of at least five cents for the “Fee Required” checkout bags, but allows local governments to require higher fees locally. Businesses keep the fee, which allows them to recover costs in providing reusable bags.

Are there any exceptions provided?
The single-use checkout bag ban does not apply to bags provided to customers at a time other than checkout, which includes:

- Bags designed to hold bulk items such as small hardware or for sanitary or privacy purposes;
- Certain specialty bags, such as garment bags;
- Bags sold in a package for uses such as food storage, garbage or pet waste.

Retail stores may provide recycled paper checkout bags or reusable plastic checkout bags for free to customers using a WIC voucher or electronic benefits transfer card. They may also offer reusable fabric bags for free as a promotion on 12 or fewer days in a year. Restaurants may provide reusable plastic checkout bags for free to customers using an electronic benefits transfer.

How will this be enforced?
A violation of the provisions of HB 2509 is a Class D violation subject to a maximum fine of $250. Class D violations are enforced by law enforcement officers, who may issue a citation to a retailer or restaurant. Each day a retailer or restaurant commits a violation is considered a new offense. HB 2509 allows a different penalty to be set under local provisions, so check with local jurisdictions for specific questions about enforcement. A restaurant or retail store can be charged with a violation under either the local provision or the penalty specified in HB 2509, but not both.

Are there any reporting requirements?
Yes. By September 15, 2024, grocers must provide the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality with information on collection of bag fees and customers’ usage of recycled paper, reusable fabric and reusable plastic checkout bags. DEQ must submit a report about this information to the legislature by September 15, 2025.

What else do local governments need to know?
HB 2509 generally preempts, or overrides, any existing local bag policy. Aside from setting a higher fee and penalty in their jurisdictions, local governments may not adopt local provisions with definitions, requirements or restrictions that differ from HB 2509.

For additional information on HB 2509, visit the Oregon Legislative Information System website at https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB2509 to access the full bill and materials.
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Commission | Day of Month | Time/Location
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Airport | 3rd Thursday of February, April, June, August, October, December | 3:30 pm Conference Room
City Council | 2nd & 4th Monday | 7:00 pm Council Chamber
Economic Development | 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July, October | 3:30 pm Conference Room
Historic Resource Review | 3rd Wednesday | 3:30 pm Conference Room
Library | 3rd Tuesday | 4:00 pm Library Ford Room
Parks and Recreation | 1st Wednesday | 8:15 am Conference Room
Planning | 1st Monday | 7:00 pm Council Chamber
Public Works | 2nd Thursday | 3:30 pm Conference Room

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Public participation is an important part of City government. Citizen’s views and comments on the issues facing our community are valued by both the Council and staff. One opportunity to provide input to the Council is during the Regular City Council meetings.

Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 900 SE Douglas Avenue. Agendas for upcoming Council meetings are available on our website and in the City Recorder’s Office the Thursday prior to the meeting. Current agendas are also available at the meeting. In rare instances, the Council may deal with agenda items out of order.

Citizens attending Council meetings may speak on any item on the agenda, unless the item is the subject of an executive session or a public hearing where comments have been taken and the hearing has closed. Citizens may speak when recognized by the chair and are required to give their name and address for the official record. A minimum of 12 copies should be provided if you are submitting handouts to the City Council.

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Alison Eggers

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Linda Fisher-Fowler

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Precinct
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Position 1
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Andrea Zielinski

Ward II
Voting
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Bob Cotterell

Councilor Ward III
Position 2
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