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CITY OF ROSEBURG NEWSLETTER



"With about two-thirds of height erected, the new 800,000 gallon reservoir dwarfs the old reservoir in the background."

WATER RESERVOIR TO HIT NEW HEIGHTS

A new 800,000-gallon steel water reservoir is under construction on Terrace Drive to provide improved domestic water supply and fire flows to the upper elevations of southeast Roseburg. The new tank will replace an existing 100,000-gallon tank constructed in 1967, and will cost \$565,000 when complete. The work is being performed by Reliable Steel, Inc., of Olympia, Washington.

This project is the first phase of a

planned major upgrade to water distribution facilities in southeast Roseburg. Construction will soon begin on a \$579,820 contract recently awarded to Arlyn Davis Construction of Sherwood, Oregon to construct water and sewer improvements between downtown and Reservoir Avenue. Future phases will include a reservoir and pump station replacement on Reservoir Avenue, and a new water transmission main to the Terrace Drive reservoir now under construction.

AIRPORT TAKES OFF!



During the project, almost 700 cubic yards of dirt were removed and redistributed to make way for the Airport improvements.



The construction in the taxiway area included new rock base material and 3.5" of asphalt paving.

Visitors to the Roseburg Regional Airport may have noticed that portions of the airport received a much needed face-lift this past summer. Thanks to a \$1.3 million FAA grant, much of the asphalt surface has been replaced. Other improvements constructed as part of this project included new signage and lighting along the runway and taxiway, new storm drainage facilities, updated obstruction lighting on Mount Nebo, and new fencing and entry gate along the west side of the airport. The Federal Aviation Administration administered the grant which paid up to 90% of the engineering and construction costs. The 10% matching funds were provided by the City through Urban Renewal, Economic Development and Utility funds.

After a formal process of requesting qualifications from interested engineering firms and reviewing past work experience and references, David Evans and Associates from Corvallis was selected to perform the engineering design and construction services for this project. After months of investigation into existing conditions and design and survey work, construction plans were put out to bid. In June 1998, the Roseburg City Council awarded the contract to the low bidder, Roseburg Paving.

To improve the surface characteristics and integrity of the pavement, the entire paved section and base material were removed within the construction area. This included over half the apron and taxi areas. During this time, new storm drainage catch basins, lines and manholes were installed as well as a new fire hydrant. New base material was brought in and compacted to the FAA's stringent standards. The rock actually had to be hauled in from Eugene to meet the FAA's specifications. Nearly 7,000 cubic yards of rock was used for this phase of the project. The area was then paved back, using approximately 6,700 tons of asphalt. Once the asphalt was back in place, new concrete heli-pads were installed, new concrete tie down installations were constructed and the striping was replaced. New fencing was installed between the airport and the main parking area and along Aviation Drive where the overnight parking used to be located. This follows FAA guidelines which encourage the separation of vehicle traffic from the airport facility. The main entrance to the airport was moved to the south where a new security gate was installed. New lighted signs were placed along the runway area. Total project time from start to finish was approximately 120 days.

What's Inside

Dear Residents of Roseburg:

It is with great pleasure that the City of Roseburg presents this inaugural newsletter. During last year's Council Goal Setting, it was determined that it would be helpful to provide the people of Roseburg with information about our City. This is our initial attempt in letting you know more about City operations. It is our intent to publish a newsletter semi-annually; therefore, our second issue will appear this summer.

We hope you enjoy the articles about City projects and operations. To assist with our next edition, please be sure to complete the suggestion box and either mail it, e-mail it or drop it by City Hall.

Larry Rich, Mayor

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VOLUNTEERISM ABOUNDS IN ROSEBURG PARKS!



The sign and flowers welcome thousands of people to the wonderful Music on the Half Shell concert series each year.



This planting area brightens up Riverside Park and welcomes people as they cross the Oak Street Bridge into Downtown Roseburg.

Our Roseburg Parks Department volunteer program has grown tremendously thanks in part to the enthusiastic support of many dedicated citizens. In 1998 over 3,000 hours of volunteer service by more than 300 people was much appreciated. Volunteers help our parks in many different ways, and the Parks Department volunteer program is designed to be flexible so any individual or group that wants to help is welcome.

One of our most popular volunteer formats is the Adopt-A-Park program. In this program a specific area is 'adopted' for a period of two years. The Adopt-A-Park sites range from entire parks to specific flowerbeds. Every area varies in its needs, but a minimum of 5 events each year, such as litter pickup, planting or weeding, is required at the adopted site. In the past two years the number of sites adopted has risen from 12 to 23. It is through the Adopt-A-Park program that most of the flowerbeds in our parks and traffic islands are planted and maintained.

Along with the Adopt-A-Park program, the Parks Department also oversees the Adopt-A-Trail program in which volunteers assist in keeping our City bicycle paths clean and safe. The Roseburg VA Healthcare System employees and the Roseburg BLM employees have adopted large areas of the bike path around Stewart Park. The Riverbend Garden Club does litter pickup along the trail in the Stewart Park Duck Pond area.

An additional way many people volunteer is through special projects. This past year, local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops and church groups, worked with the Parks Department to develop and perform special on-time projects. These efforts ranged from planting trees, bulbs and flowers to clearing blackberry patches. The local Project Leadership group championed the Thompson Park revitalization project. Project Leadership members acquired most of the materials through community support and then spent many hours installing new playground equipment, planting shrubs, spreading bark mulch and more.

Another volunteer program, the 'Greenhouse Project' has truly been a positive effort. This spring will be the third year of growing most of the City's summer annuals through volunteer efforts. The Roseburg VA Healthcare System allows the City to utilize part of a greenhouse on their grounds. Last year the Parks Department grew over 300 flats of flowers, all started from seed, which were used to beautify Roseburg. This saved the City more than \$1,500 in plant costs alone. The work in the greenhouse was performed by volunteers from the Douglas County Mental Health Division and local students in the Middle School Transition Program. The Greenhouse Project has been highly successful, with many benefits to everyone involved.

The Parks Department appreciates all our dedicated volunteers, and we hope that our volunteers enjoy the experiences working in the parks. It is obvious our volunteers appreciate the value of our parks and are united in their desire to improve and beautify our parks and City. If you want to volunteer for Parks Department projects, please contact Barbara Taylor, Parks-Volunteer Coordinator, at 672-7701.

CITIZENS' GUIDE TO 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 Council Chambers at 900 SE Douglas Avenue. Agendas for upcoming Council meetings are available in the City Recorder's Office the Friday 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 will be required to give their name and address for the official record. A minimum of 12

copies should be provided if you are submitting written handouts to Council.

Toward the beginning of each meeting, time is set aside for Audience Participation. At this time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items of interest not included in the agenda may do so. The person addressing the Council shall, when recognized, give his/her name and address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the whole City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action, if required, until such time when they are fully informed on the matter.

Written minutes, not verbatim transcripts, and audiotapes are taken for all public meetings.

Mayor and City Council



Larry Rich, Mayor

**Councilor Ward I
Verna Ward**

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Phil Gale**

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Tom Ryan**

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Paul Sykes**

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Dan Hern**

**Councilor Ward III
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Russ Shilling**

**Councilor Ward IV
Shirley Neal**

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- Ward II: Voting Precincts 36, 37
- Ward III: Voting Precincts 44, 45, 46, 47, 47A
- Ward IV: Voting Precincts 41, 42, 43

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ROSEBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Rates

Crime rates are down in Roseburg; 21% and 37% for person crimes and property crimes respectively through November 1998. These declines continue a trend that started in 1997. Some crimes, such as assault and arson are down over 50% for 1998. Burglary is down nearly 20%, larceny down 18% and auto theft down 32%. These figures are particularly encouraging to our Staff who has been working hard over the past six years to see such results. The Police Department is also working to educate the public in crime prevention techniques, and it finally appears to be paying off. Let's keep up the good work together!

Web Page

For those of you with Internet services, we invite you to visit the Roseburg Police Department Web Page at <http://www.sorcom.com/~cops/>. You can find interesting information including services offered by the department, wanted persons and facts about the department and its members.

Crime Prevention

Are you curious about making yourself or your home a less likely target for crime? Contact the Community Resources Officer at the Police Department for tips on crime prevention measures you can take to do just that. Knowledge is power and you can empower yourself against the criminal element of society. We can also make a presentation to your group or organization or provide information on a number of other services provided by the department. Contact Corporal Mark Nickel at 673-6633 for further information.

In 1997, 140 cars were stolen in Roseburg. In 50% of those cases, the keys had been left somewhere inside the vehicle. Based on those figures, your chances of having your car stolen are reduced by at least 50% simply by taking the keys out of the car when you park it. The chances are even lower if you lock your car and take valuables out of plain view... or better yet, put them in the trunk.

Seat Belts

If you follow the local media you are probably aware of the efforts the Police Department is making to get motorists to buckle up. We are participating in a nationwide campaign which includes public education and enforcement of Oregon's seat belt laws. Our Traffic Division is putting forth a "special effort" to encourage drivers and passengers to comply with the law and wear their seatbelts every time they get into a car. Don't risk a citation...do the right thing and be safe.

Technology

In 1996, the Police Department received a grant from the United States Department of Justice which was earmarked to put computers into our police cars. The laptops are specially designed for law enforcement use and include software that allows officers immediate access to DMV and other state and national computerized databases. Officers will also be able to write reports and have direct car to car communications simply by typing a message on the keyboard. The installation should be completed by early spring.

NEW AND IMPROVED PARKS FOR ROSEBURG

The citizens of the City of Roseburg approved a \$2.5 million parks general obligation bond levy on November 3, 1998. The levy will be used to upgrade existing parks, provide for expanded trails and to acquire and develop a new community park.

Based on the number of current users and population growth expectations for the next 10 years, the Park's master plan identified a need for a number of facilities, including the following: 2 new 30-acre community parks, 3 new neighborhood parks, 4 miles of trails, upgrading of existing small parks and providing for special facilities such as a large playground and skate park. The total cost for this improvement plan is estimated to be about \$5,640,000.

After a joint meeting with the Parks Commission, the City Council voted to ask the voters to consider a bond levy in the amount of \$2.5 million which would fund one community park, upgrade three small parks and provide for some additional trails. A citizens committee was formed to help inform the voters on the importance of this issue. Through their efforts and the community's support, the levy passed by a 55% - 45% margin.

City Staffers are now identifying various properties in the City or within the urban growth boundary that would satisfy the requirements for a large, active recreation park. Once the properties have been identified the Parks Commission will hold a public meeting to consider the merits of the various properties.

The Commission will then pass its recommendation on to the City Council. Council will hold discussions on the properties and then direct staff on the purchase of a suitable parcel.

Parks Staff, the Parks Commission and City Council will also be reviewing the qualifications of landscape architects interested in designing the community park.

Park construction is scheduled to begin by mid summer and ideally there will be fields ready for play by both adults and youth during the summer of 2000.

WETLANDS BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE

When you drive around town you may notice certain changes in the landscape. We don't mean the new development or construction that occurred during 1998, we mean wetlands!

The City has been involved in at least four areas of wetland development during 1998. Each of these wetland projects involved permit requirements for development or infrastructure development. With all wetland impacts created by development projects, the City is required to obtain a wetland fill permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Division of State Lands. Each of the projects had specific project and permit results in mind.

Stewart Park Wetland Pond - Located just north of the Stewart Park Driving Range, this pond was constructed as wetland mitigation for five street construction projects including the Garden Valley/Stewart Parkway Intersection, Stewart Parkway Frontage Improvements, Aviation Drive, Edenbower Bridge and the Rennan Street project.

The new Stewart Park pond is approximately 3.5 acres and contains 3.2 acre feet of water supplied by overflow from the Duck Pond. Excess water from the pond empties into Newton Creek near the northwest edge of the pond. Average water depth is 1.5 feet although the pond generally looks much deeper.

Located in the center of the pond is a habitat island that numerous geese, ducks, killdeer and other waterfowl use. The pond has been a positive addition to the Stewart Park Natural Habitat Area.

Newton Creek Channel - When the City reconstructed the Garden Valley/Stewart Parkway intersection, Newton Creek received a new channel. Ironically, the new channel is in a similar location to the original channel that was removed and/or moved during numerous construction projects in the late 1960's and 1970's.

During 1998 various trees were planted throughout the new channel



Habitat Enhancement - Conifer logs, stumps and large boulders were placed within the new channel to enhance fish and wildlife habitat.



New Channel - Newton Creek's new meandering channel and wide flood way was constructed where Valley View Drive once was as part of the Garden Valley Boulevard and Stewart Parkway intersection reconstruction project.

and the fish habitat logs were replaced. Irrigation and additional planting will be installed in early 1999. The Parks Department constructed a new nature trail connection through the area providing access to Stewart Parkway.

Additional wetland work occurred just south of the new channel near Stewart Parkway in the fall of 1998. This project was conducted privately.

In exchange for using a portion of the Preservation Area for wetland mitigation, the City will receive a paved parking lot for the Duck Pond near the Fred Meyer Store.

Edenbower Wetland - The final wetland project the City was involved in is difficult to see yet very interesting because it is located on a hillside. The Edenbower wetland is a linear wetland located north of Edenbower Boulevard near the Roseburg Regional Airport. This wetland was required in exchange for opening up City owned property for future development.

These wetlands were designed specifically to not contain much standing water due to the proximity to the Airport Clear Zone. Standing water attracts waterfowl! Runoff and drainage water is directed to hillside linear depressions and seeps beyond the depressions prior to entering Sweetbrier Creek near Aviation Drive. The best vantage point to see this wetland is from the sidewalk along Edenbower Boulevard and Aviation Drive.

Permitting - When development impacts wetlands or stream courses, permits are required from the Oregon Division of State Lands (DSL) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). As part of the permitting process the applicant must determine how many acres are going to be impacted and how the impact will be mitigated.

The City has followed this process for each wetland and stream impacted as part of the previously mentioned projects. The new pond, Newton Creek channel improvements and the associated vegetation is all mitigation for infrastructure impacts on wetlands and streams.

Private developments such as Wal-Mart, Food World and Office Max have also followed the wetland permitting process prior to beginning work.

The goal is to continue protecting and upgrading wetlands and wildlife areas in the Stewart Park Natural Preservation Area as well as create an enhanced greenway for Newton Creek. In some ways development can enhance or provide the opportunity to enhance natural areas.

HOUSING REHABILITATION

Since 1988 the City of Roseburg has repaired over one hundred homes through the Roseburg Housing Improvement Program and the Roseburg Rental Rehabilitation Program. The programs were initiated by the City's applications for Community Development Block Grants, which are awarded by the Oregon Economic Development Department. These programs, which focused on southeast Roseburg, were followed four years later by another Block Grant, funding owner-occupied housing rehabilitation for the northeast portion of our community.

Both the owner-occupied and rental programs offer zero percent interest home repair loans. Owners of rental units may apply for a loan that equals up to one-half of the units repair costs. The loans are repaid over a period not to exceed ten years. Owner-occupied loans require no repayment until the property is transferred to another owner or is converted to another use. The proceeds from repaid loans are then used to fund additional home repair projects.

Since the projects have focused on older neighborhoods, some have come to associate the programs' purpose with historic preservation. Historic properties do receive some defer-

ential treatment, and the opportunity to preserve homes have had a part in Roseburg's past is always rewarding. However, owning a home that has been designated as historic is not a requirement. In order to qualify, a homeowner's income may not exceed eighty percent of the median family income for Douglas County. Rental units must be affordable to tenants whose incomes do not exceed those same limits.

For the past several years, both programs have operated on the limited funds obtained through loan repayments. With this is still the case with the rental program, the owner-occupied program received a major boost this past September when the City received its contract from the Oregon Economic Development Department for a new program which once again is targeted to southeast Roseburg.

At present, the City is working on several projects in various parts of the community which have been on a waiting list some time. The concentrated efforts in the southeast Roseburg target area will be most noticeable as the weather permits exterior repairs. Those seeking additional information on Roseburg's housing rehabilitation activities may contact Community Planner Mark Stephens at 440-1177.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Delivered by Mayor Larry Rich on January 11, 1999

As 1998 closes and the new year begins, I want to personally thank the previous Mayor, past Council members and all the City employees for their hard work and dedication this past year. On behalf of the citizens of Roseburg, I say "Thank You" for helping make Roseburg a great place to live and raise children and to promise my assistance in making 1999 an even better year.

Oftentimes it is easy to see government as one large entity whose sole responsibility is to provide us with aggravation, bureaucratic headaches or sources for late-night monologues. It is equally easy to overlook those functions of government that fail to make the headlines because they don't incur cost overruns or spur controversy.

Yet, behind the scenes there are numbers of highly dedicated public servants that are working with citizens and private industry to help improve the standard of living for all. They maintain our roads and infrastructure, provide emergency medical and fire services, strive to improve the overall efficiency of city government and safeguard our open spaces and parks. I am honored to begin my tenure as Mayor of Roseburg by delivering the State of the City Address.

During the past year, numerous steps were taken to maintain and improve the City's infrastructure and roads. 1998 saw the issuance of a \$6 million Urban Renewal Bond that will fund several infrastructure projects in the next two to three years, and the completion of a mandated Buildable Lands Inventory that will provide us with direction when attempting to meet future growth and housing demands. Along Stewart Parkway, we increased safety and reduced traffic congestion by widening the road and installing a sidewalk, curb and traffic signal. Projects to alleviate the frequent flooding of Airport Road were also completed.

Other focuses for improvement are the downtown area and the airport. A master plan for the downtown area, begun in 1998, will be completed in early 1999 and will include revamping and improving such areas as lighting, streetscape, signage and traffic patterns. With assistance from the FAA in the form of a \$1.2 million grant, the City completed major improvements at the Roseburg Regional Airport that will benefit both local aviators and local industry. The project included reconstructing over half the apron area and taxiways, putting in new storm drainage facilities and improving lighting.

Some of the most vital services provided by the City are those of our police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The City of Roseburg Police Department responded to over 23,000 calls for assistance, ranging from traffic accidents to crimes against persons.

As usual, they helped protect our homes, neighborhoods and businesses. In addition, Roseburg Area Youth Services program was established as a proactive attempt by the City, the School District and Douglas County to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency. Targeting first time offenders, juveniles who voluntarily enter this program perform community service as restitution for their violations while simultaneously receiving counseling.

The Roseburg Fire Department answered approximately 2700 calls. Whether responding to requests for medical assistance, fighting fires, providing hazardous materials assistance or other miscellaneous services, the Fire Department continued to serve the public and deliver quality assistance to those in need. They have worked closely with member other emergency response agencies to improve training and coordinate services which help insure that 1999 marks another year of dedication, sacrifice and protection for its citizens.

1998 also saw a concerted effort on the part of employees to provide more efficient responsiveness and communication. The Recorder's Office, Finance and Personnel worked hard to encourage new business, secure and manage funding and fill positions within the City. All was done with an eye towards making government more efficient with the recognition that tax dollars are not to be wasted.

Roseburg's beautiful parks and open spaces continued to impress both visitors and citizens alike in 1998. Voters supported a bond measure that will enable the City to purchase a community park, the first new major park in over 30 years, that will provide our children with new playing fields. We anticipate strong public participation during selection of a suitable site and hope that by the year 2000, the park will be open for use. This bond also provide for upgrading and maintaining existing parks and trails.

And where would we be without the 300 volunteers who provided over 3500 hours of their time, energy and talents to help keep Roseburg beautiful? With the help of these volunteers, the City planted over 10,000 annual flowers.

As 1999 begins, I want to say that I am looking forward to working with each of you, employee and City Councilor. It is through the actions of all City employees and Council that accomplishments can be achieved. I know that throughout the year there will be times of disagreement and differences. But we need to remember to always see the best in people and to know that by working together, we can make Roseburg the best small town in Oregon.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the first six months of fiscal year 1998/99.

“ORDINANCE”: A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government's boundaries, provided that they do not conflict with a state statute or constitutional provision. An ordinance has two readings at Council 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. 3025: “An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of NE Jackson Street Right-of-Way in the City of Roseburg” Adopted July 13, 1998.

Article 4, Signs, of Land Use and Development Ordinance No. 2891 as Amended” Adopted August 24, 1998.

of NE Stephens Street and NE Neuner Drive Right-of-Way” Adopted October 12, 1998.

Ordinance No. 3026: “An Ordinance Adopting the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code and Amending Roseburg Municipal Code Chapter 10.02, Sections 10.02.005 and 10.02.010” Adopted July 27, 1998.

Ordinance No. 3030; “An Ordinance Amending Roseburg Municipal Code Section 10.02.030 Regarding Storage Limits for Flammable and Combustible Liquids at the Roseburg Regional Airport” Adopted September 14, 1998.

Ordinance No. 3034: “An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation and Amending the Zoning by Consent of the Property Owners of Land Known as the Atkinson Warewood 3 Property Abutting the Present City Limits of the City of Roseburg Oregon; Withdrawing Property from Douglas County Fire District No. 2; Amending the Roseburg Zoning Map; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State” Adopted November 9, 1998.

Ordinance No. 3027: “An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zone Change for Property Known as the RVM II Housing Property, Located South of NW Edenbower Boulevard and East of and Adjacent to the Oakridge Apartment Complex.” Adopted July 27, 1998.

Ordinance No. 3031; “An Ordinance Amending Subsection (F) of Section 3.06.020 of Chapter 3.06, Title 3 of the Roseburg Municipal Code” Adopted September 28, 1998. (Amends contract/purchasing financial limitations.)

Ordinance No. 3035: “An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation and Amending the Zoning by Consent of the Property Owners of Land Known as the Fugate Property Abutting the Present City Limits of the City of Roseburg Oregon; Withdrawing Property from Douglas County Fire District No. 2; Amending the Roseburg Zoning Map; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State” Adopted November 23, 1998.

Ordinance No. 3028: “An Ordinance Amending Section 3.22.010 of the Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding the Roseburg Regional Airport” Adopted August 10, 1998 (Designates the airfield as “General Marion E. Carl Memorial Field”)

Ordinance No. 3032: “An Ordinance Regarding Changing the Name of NW Bower Street to NW Aviation Drive Within the City of Roseburg and a Portion of Douglas County” Adopted October 12, 1998.

Ordinance No. 3033: “An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Zoning Map For Property Known as the Roth Property Located on the Northeast Corner

Ordinance No. 3029: “An Ordinance Amending

“RESOLUTION”: An order of a governing body; requires less legal formality than an Ordinance. Statutes or City Charter will specify which actions must be by Ordinance and which may be by Resolution. For cities, revenue-raising measures such as taxes, special assessments and service charges are always 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. 98-10: “A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule by Adding Airport Storage Unit Fees” Adopted July 13, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-13: “A Resolution of the City of Roseburg Oregon, Relating to the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Roseburg Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 1998” Adopted September 14, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-18: “A Resolution Exempting From Competitive Bid Acquisition of an IBM AS400 Minicomputer Through A “State and Local Government Add” Approved IBM Business Partner” Adopted November 23, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-11: “A Resolution Calling a City Election to be Conducted by the Douglas County Election Department on November 3, 1998, in Accordance With ORS Chapter 254 For the Purpose of Referring to the Legal Electors of the City of Roseburg For Their Approval or Rejection a Measure Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,500,000, 10-Year General Obligation Bonds to Fund a New Community Park, Upgrade Existing Parks and Add New Trails Within the City of Roseburg” Adopted July 13, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-14: “A Resolution Opposing Measure 64” Adopted October 12, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-19: “A Resolution Designating Signatures for Bank Accounts” Adopted December 14, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-12: “A Resolution Changing the Boundary of the Roberts Creek Enterprise Zone and Adding the City of Roseburg as a Sponsor” Adopted August 10, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-15: “A Resolution Adopting the City of Roseburg Parks Department Rules and Regulations” Adopted October 12, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-20: “A Resolution Amending Resolution 92-13 Adding a Fee for Non-Sufficient Funds” Adopted December 14, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-16: “A Resolution Approving an Exemption From Property Taxation Under Ordinance No. 2784” Adopted October 26, 1998. (Exempts UCAN Transitional Home on Cecil Avenue From Property Taxes)

Resolution No. 98-21: “A Resolution of the City of Roseburg, Oregon, Expressing the City's Intent to Issue Bonds, to Seek Reimbursement for Certain Expenditures Incurred Prior to Issuance, and Providing for Related Matters” Adopted December 14, 1998.

Resolution No. 98-17: “A Resolution Supporting the Douglas County Juvenile Detention Center and Addressing Parking Issues” Adopted November 9, 1998.

Complete copies of City Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained through the City Recorder's Office in City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue; by calling 672-7701 or requested via e-mail sent to “roseburg@rosenet.net”.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR

City Commissions conduct regular public meetings according to the following schedule

Airport Commission	4th Tuesdays	noon	Conference Room
City Council	2nd & 4th Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Downtown Development	3rd Wednesdays	8:00 a.m.	Conference Room
Economic Development	2nd Tuesdays	noon	Conference Room
Golf Course Commission	3rd Wednesdays	noon	Conference Room
Historic Resources Review	2nd & 4th Fridays	1:00 p.m.	Conference Room
Parks & Recreation	1st Wednesdays	7:30 a.m.	Conference Room
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Public Works Commission	2nd Thursdays	noon	Conference Room
Utility Commission	2nd Thursday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Visitors & Convention	3rd Tuesdays	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room

FEBRUARY 1999

- 1 Planning 7 pm
- 3 Parks 7:30 am
- 8 City Council 7 pm
- 9 Economic Dev noon
- 11 Public Works noon
Utility 3:30 pm
- 12 Historic 1 pm
- 15 Closed for Presidents Day
- 16 Visitors 3:30 pm
- 17 Downtown 8 am
Golf Course noon
- 22 City Council 7 pm
- 23 Airport noon
- 26 Historic 1 pm

MARCH 1999

- 1 Planning 7 pm
- 3 Parks 7:30 am
- 8 City Council 7 pm
- 9 Economic Dev noon
- 11 Public Works noon
Utility 3:30 pm
- 12 Historic 1 pm
- 15 Planning 7 pm
- 16 Visitors 3:30 pm
- 17 Downtown 8 am
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- 22 City Council 7 pm
- 23 Airport noon
- 26 Historic 1 pm

APRIL 1999

- 5 Planning 7 pm
- 7 Parks 7:30 am
- 8 Public Works noon
Utility 3:30 pm
- 9 Historic 1 pm
- 12 City Council 7 pm
- 13 Economic Dev noon
- 19 Planning 7 pm
- 20 Visitors 3:30 pm
- 21 Downtown 7 am
Golf Course noon
- 23 Historic 1 pm
- 26 City Council 7 pm
- 27 Airport noon

Depending upon the number of issues needing attention by the Commissions, special meetings may be scheduled or regular meetings may be cancelled. Upon final ratification, summaries of meeting agendas are published in the News Review's public meeting calendar and are available at City Hall.

STORM DRAINAGE FEES EXPLAINED

Many residents and business owners within the City of Roseburg are often confused by the storm drainage charge that appears on their water bill. The storm drainage system is a utility, much like water or sanitary sewer, which is based on user fees. A person or property owner becomes a user of the system when they change the natural runoff characteristics of the property he/she owns. Generally, water runs off a property and enters the City's storm drainage system, which carries it to one of the local creeks or straight to the South Umpqua River. This water may enter directly into a storm line, or may be collected in a curb or gutter and transported to an inlet, or may run down the street or in a ditch. Somewhere along the way, it will enter a City system unless it is diverted directly to Deer Creek or the South Umpqua River.

Prior to the 1960's, roof drains and other storm drainage facilities were generally tied into the sanitary sewer system. Due to increasing treatment standards and costs, the sanitary system could no longer afford to treat storm water with the wastewater. The

Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Quality passed regulations requiring the separation of storm water from wastewater. Storm water was no longer allowed to be directed to the sanitary sewer system. In the mid-1980's, the City made extensive efforts to separate existing storm lines from the sanitary sewer system and installed many new lines to accommodate these requirements. In 1989, the City of Roseburg established the Storm Drainage Utility to fund the construction and maintenance of storm drainage facilities within the City.

The City's Storm Drainage Utility's fee schedule is based on the impervious surface area created on a given piece of property. Impervious surface is that area of the land that is either no longer penetrable to water or less penetrable than the natural condition. Impervious surfaces include roofs, buildings, asphalt, concrete, gravel, etc. Even grass and landscaping can affect the runoff characteristics of properties.

Storm drainage fees are based around the "Equivalent Residential Unit" or ERU. This is the average amount of impervious surface area created by a single-family residence within the City of Roseburg. For ease in administration, this is the amount charged to every single-family residence within the City Limits. Currently the bimonthly charge for one ERU is \$5.70. An ERU is equivalent to three thousand square feet. Industrial, commercial, and multi-family developments pay fees based on the square footage of the development. For example, a commercial development of 12,000 square feet would be charged 4 ERU's or \$22.80 per billing period. Any commercial or industrial property that has more than sixty percent of the property developed is charged for the entire property.



Large box culverts combine to carry Newton Creek under Garden Valley Boulevard.

The money collected through user fees and development used to maintain the current system as well as upgrade it. The fees fund the cleaning of the ditches, inlets, catch basins, pipes as well as the equipment necessary to perform the functions. These monies also fund storm drainage improvements as those seen at the Garden Valley/Stewart Parkway intersection at Airport Road. Both of these projects included major storm updates that were funded by the Storm Drainage Utility. Storm drainage improvements are often done as part of street projects and may not be easily recognized. The box culverts at Garden Valley/Stewart Parkway have prevented the flooding of Newton Creek historically experienced at this intersection.

Storm drains are intended for rainwater only. Mud, soap, oils, grease, and other toxins should not be dumped into the storm drainage system.

Water entering the storm drainage system is currently not treated prior to entering our local streams and rivers. Therefore, it is vital to keep storm drainage inlets and pipes free from pollutants in order to keep our creeks and rivers clean.

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