

City of Shady Cove **INSIDER**



City of Shady Cove *"and a river runs through it!"*

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING : MARCH 5, 2015

Representatives from ODOT presented an update on the planned Highway 62 Enhancement Project. From a positive perspective, in response to a question, they stated unequivocally the project will be done. Disappointingly, the ODOT portion will not commence until, at the earliest, late 2016 and will not be completed before Fall of 2017. Utility relocation activity will take place in 2016.

The Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 was reviewed by the Council but not approved. A later date for the Budget Committee's Meeting was requested. Dates should be confirmed at the next meeting, and announced.

Art Stirling was appointed to fill the Planning Commission vacancy. A brief profile, in his own words, follows: "In the fall of 2005, my wife, Mary and I moved to Shady Cove. Shortly thereafter I retired from the RV industry. During my 40 years of retail and manufacturing experience, I learned a lot about people and what tends to work and what doesn't. Circumstance and timing dictate many outcomes, but I've found when working with people, keeping a positive attitude while using a little common sense goes a long way. We have enjoyed living in Shady Cove and have interests in a number of local activities. I am pleased to have been appointed to the Planning Commission and look forward to the opportunities ahead."



Considerable discussion took place concerning the sale of medicinal marijuana.

Preliminary language for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, permitting the sale of marijuana was accepted by the Council, and will proceed through the land use planning process.

A draft of the Ordinance dealing with licensing marijuana dispensaries was discussed at length. The Council requested revisions to the draft for a first reading at the March 19th Council meeting.

Specifically:

1. The Council discussed the need for additional funds for an anticipated increase in public safety requirements. Rather than take a chance on the uncertainty of a City's ability to tax marijuana sales, language concerning the imposition of a supplemental licensing fee will be included with a provision that the funding method (taxation or supplemental licensing fee, but not both concurrently) can be changed each year effective on July 1st. The agreed upon supplemental fee is \$25,000 per year.
2. A maximum of two dispensaries will be permitted. One North of the bridge and one South, but not within 2500 feet of each other.

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3. The buildings must comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, 2 disabled parking spaces in the front of each building is required.
4. There was some discussion regarding age. It was agreed to stay with the State language of adult vs minor. At no time will anyone under the age of 18 be permitted within a dispensary facility.
5. Dispensers must provide the City with a report of gross sales each month.

While the proposed language was deemed appropriate, emphasis was placed on the control of emissions.

Following the second reading and approval of the ordinance, scheduled for April 2nd, the Council will have 3 Resolutions concerning this subject:

1. Adding the supplemental licensing fee to the City's Fee Schedule.
 2. A requirement that the City Council review the supplemental licensing fee or sales tax option each year, make a selection and adopt the selection by resolution for the ensuing fiscal year.
 3. A resolution opting for the supplemental licensing fee for the fiscal year 2015/2016.
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TOWN HALL MEETING: MARCH 11, 2015

A Town Hall Meeting to receive citizen input on matters they would like the City Council to address in a two and six year time period took place. While not as heavily attended as we had hoped, it did involve good discussion of goals as well as non goal related matters. Several excellent suggestions were made and most, if not all, are included as components of broader goals or individually.

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The Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2015/2016 was approved. The Budget Committee will convene on May 4, 2015 in the City Council Chambers at 9:00 A.M. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public review in City Hall on April 27, 2015.

Council Directives for budget preparation were also approved. The Directives include previously established amounts for such items as debt repayment, employee salaries and benefits, property taxation rates and contracted services.

The City received three responses to the solicitation for proposals to provide attorney services. Following discussion, wherein the Council agreed with the City Administrator's recommendation, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a legal services contract.

The first reading of an Ordinance establishing medical marijuana facility business licenses took place including the aforementioned revisions.

City Council Goals were adopted as follows:

Short Term: Through 2016

1. Budget and spend prudently to maintain a financially sound government.
2. Properly equip the single Public Works Employee
3. Establish a Fee Schedule which is fair and equitable.
4. Implement recalculated SDC's which are fair and competitive.
5. Ensure all appropriate language relative to procedures, fees, taxes and personnel are in place for the sale of marijuana.
6. Adopt an updated Comprehensive Plan.
7. Adopt a property owner friendly TMDL Plan.
8. Establish a policy reflecting the use of the City's Brand (Fisherman Statue).
9. Appoint a Citizens Committee to develop recommended building design standards for all structures fronting Highway 62.
10. Work closely with the Chamber to provide business and event support. Budget to provide financial support. Relocate apparatus for event banners over Highway 62. Consider implementation of a reader board at the South end of the City.
11. Develop an easily understood Emergency Management mailer and/or handout to new residents of the City.
12. Assist (as appropriate) with the expansion of Shady Cove Water Works.
13. Continue to make improvements to Aunt Caroline's Park.

Long Term: Through 2020

1. Maintain a financially sound City Government with long term qualified employees. Continue to provide formal training to that end.
 2. Build a Capital Improvement Reserve (cash and/or investments) in the Sewer Fund of at least \$750,000.
 3. Provide training to establish an in-house building planner.
 4. Encourage and work with appropriate organizations to ensure completion of the Highway 62 improvements, including a water line adequately sized for fire hydrants.
 5. All City streets improved to at least a level that includes two layers of chip seal and one layer of fog seal.
 6. Help facilitate a vibrant commercial area with no long term building vacancies.
 7. Provide adequate commercial parking to encourage City shopping and restaurant usage.
 8. Provide assistance to Shady Cove Water Works in the continuing expansion of service.
 9. Reestablish a City Public Works Department.
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UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Bargaining teams for the City and Union met on February 24th. Within 2 hours a handshake agreement was reached. Once the agreement is approved by the represented employees and the City Council, terms of the agreement will be included in the next INSIDER.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Seven City streets will be improved this Summer. Jane Drive, Shirley Lane, Pine Top Terrace and Skyline Blvd. will each be in the maintenance category, wherein the existing asphalt will be removed and ground up for use in the new surface. The other three, Erickson Avenue, Sowell Drive, and Kinworthy Drive are in the gravel street improvement category approved by the City Council last year.

All streets will be graded with an appropriate layer of base rock. The finish will include two layers of chip seal and one layer of fog seal. That process is identical to the work completed on Alder Street and Walnut Lane. Drainage will be included as needed.

K-Shady **94.3 FM**, the voice of the Upper Rogue...

We are extremely excited to announce the following new shows:

Ralph McKechnie, editor for the Upper Rogue Independent, will be joining KSHD 94.3 as a new producer of a weekly news update every Friday evening at 5:30 pm and repeated again on the following Monday at 9:00 am.

Jack McIntosh, Shady Cove resident and Health Educator will have a new health educational program every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm called "Speaking of Health".

Aletha Nowitzky from KSKQ 89.5 FM in Ashland introduces her new weekly production called "Tasty Topics and Tantalizing Treats", a mixture of music and interesting conversation.

Also a heads up to all of our local underwriters. Most underwriting contracts will be up for renewal at the end of February. At that time everyone will be encouraged to stay with us throughout the summer with new contracts. Our rates will continue to remain the lowest in the area's radio market at \$75.00 for the entire months of March through June. The continued support helps with the costs and maintenance of the one of two city owned radio stations throughout our country.

Keep your radio station dial set at KSHD 94.3 FM.

Upcoming Events

April 17

Spaghetti Dinner—URYA

Benefitting the Upper Rogue Youth Program
Upper Rogue Community Center
For info: 541-621-5000

April 18

Aunt Caroline's Park

Clean Up Day for Earth Day
For info: 541-878-2225

May 9-10

34th Annual Wildflower Show

SC Middle School Gym
100 Cleveland Street
For info: Paula 541-326-7494

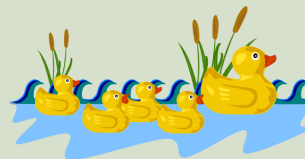
May 16-17

Shady Cove City Wide Yard Sale

June 6

Duck Races

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Shady Cove Regional Park
For info: 541-878-2702



June 6

Salmon Fever

Shady Cove Upper Rogue Chamber
For info: 541-878-2404