

Friday April 15, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone. I am in Salem today to participate in the League of Oregon Cities Finance and Taxation Committee. The F & T Committee gets together in advance of the annual legislative sessions to evaluate issues that are important to cities generally in relation to cost drivers and public finance. In many years, there is just an effort to protect our home rule authority and not go backwards. This year, the two primary finance topics relate to potential property tax changes through the initiative process and use of transient lodging taxes (TLT) for public purposes. The statutes regarding the TLT are very restrictive, but a little vague, and LOC is hoping to either get clarity around the statutory definitions or possibly expand the legislative definition to broaden local government authority regarding the use of the lodging taxes.

Chief Burge and I attended a meeting Wednesday evening of local business and community leaders to discuss questions and concerns related to Council's work study topic from April 4th, transient and criminal behavior downtown. I think we were able to enlighten the group a little as to the differences in criminal and non-criminal behavior. In addition, we shared some of the policy discussion that Council had at the 4th meeting and how some issues may move forward for future consideration. To that end, the Chief and I met with City Attorney Coalwell to talk about development of a couple of ordinances for your consideration in May. We will continue to pursue remedies related to the criminal activities while at the same time working with H-TAG on the other elements of their action plan.

CGI, the firm that has historically developed our website "welcome" information was in town this week. We are firming up the message content and their videographer was here to update the video portion of the content. Mayor Rich participated in updating his video welcome to Roseburg and videos were shot around the community, at our local schools and UCC, as well as a number of residential communities and businesses. The current information can be found at <http://www.cityofroseburg.org/> on the lower left side of the home page under the Video tour of Roseburg. New information should be populated within the next couple months.



Finance Director Ron Harker and I attended a meeting in Salem this week to review information we have received from Douglas County in response to public information requests relating to assessment and taxation information. Ron is continuing to identify needed information and we will continue to evaluate and analyze the information as it becomes available. We continue to be very concerned about the current and future impacts of the lower than anticipated values used to generate property taxes this year

throughout the County, but more importantly within Roseburg city limits. Once we can generate more comprehensive information and draw reliable conclusions, we will present the information in greater detail to Council.

Chief Timm and his entire department took part in training over three days this week with a nationally recognized presenter who was directly involved in a significant fire tragedy. Dr. David Griffin was a Driver/Engineer with the Charleston, SC Fire Department on June 18, 2007 when nine members of his department lost their lives in a furniture store fire. Dr. Griffin walked through the incident, the mistakes made, and the steps his department took to institute corrective action and cultural change to prevent similar tragedies in the future. The goal is for our department to learn and grow from the experience in Charleston on an individual, team and organizational level.

Our Public Works Commission met briefly Thursday to evaluate our bid for the purchase of two dump trucks, one for Public Works and one for the Water Department. Their unanimous recommendation to award the bid will be on your next Council meeting agenda. This month's agenda was pretty light, but we are heading into the busy part of the project year from an award standpoint, so a number of projects and task orders will be in front of the PWC next month. The PWC will have a very busy spring and summer ahead of them.

Councilor Ryan is attending the Purple Heart Trail dedication ceremony next Thursday, April 21st. The ceremony is taking place at the corner of Stewart Parkway and Aviation Drive at the Marion Carl Memorial location by the airport. Everyone is invited to attend the 2:00 p.m. event. Oregon Legislature has recently named I-5 through Oregon as part of the Purple Heart Trail, completing the cross-nation journey extending from Canada to Mexico.



The Roseburg Police Department is having their 3rd annual Police K9s Unleashed event at Legion Field next Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. The Douglas County Sheriff's K9 Team, Springfield K9 teams and one of the Umpqua Search and Rescue teams will all be present to demonstrate their skills on the field while sharing information and stories with the crowd. Presentations in the past have demonstrated drug searches, K9s leaping over vehicle hoods and in truck beds, through windows, tackling suspects and protecting their handler in mock altercations. This is an exciting event for all to see and free to the public. A flyer is attached.



Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the great weather we are supposed to see!

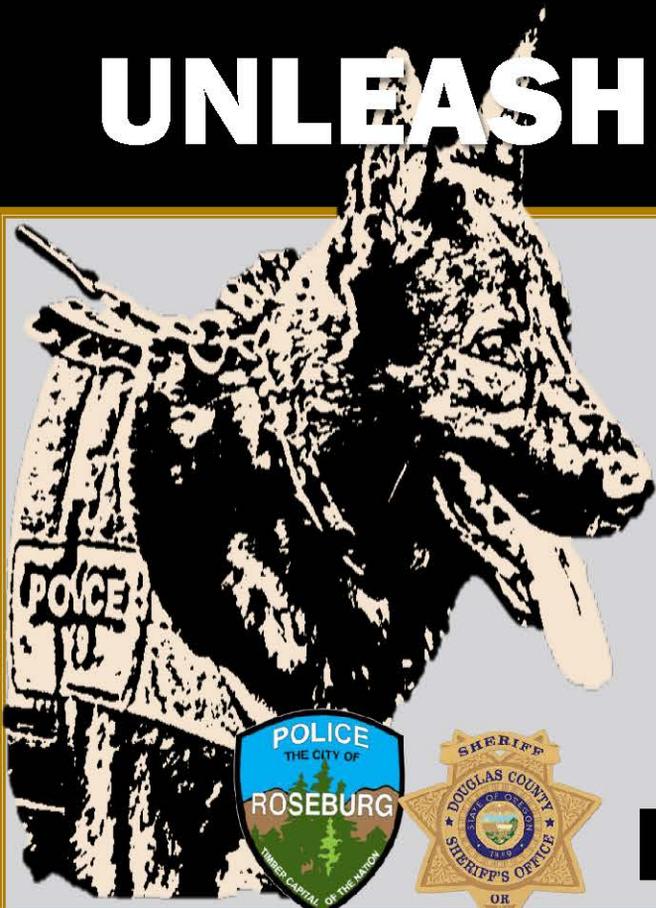
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Friends of Umpqua Valley Police

POLICE K9s UNLEASHED



Programs



**SUNDAY
APRIL 24, 2016**

Legion Field

(across from Stewart Park)

2050 Stewart Park Drive

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION



★ K9 DEMO LIKE NO OTHER ★ MEET K9 TEAMS ★
★ SHIRTS FOR SALE ★ PROGRAM INFORMATION ★
★ RAIN OR SHINE ★

****No Pets Allowed**



This year's shirt features K9 Axel



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