

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Budget for the City

Ray Smith, Mayor

The City Council approved the 2022-2023 budget in June for \$17,103,837.

That's a lot of money!

Where does all the money come from and where does it get spent?

The City Budget is a reflection of the values and priorities of the Community. It is based upon carefully planned goals in every department, which are reviewed, discussed, and approved by the City Council.

The City budget is up significantly for a couple of reasons:

1. We are in our "project years" including capital projects listed in our sewer, water, and streets.
2. We are dealing with rising costs due to inflation.

The budget is heavily influenced by projects that were planned years ago. The money has been set aside over the years to support the funding of these projects. In most instances, the City must also rely on grants and loans to complete large projects. Some examples of these projects include:

WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS

- A new third well.
- Placing a large conduit under Interstate 5 to serve the east side of the city with water.
- Replacing water lines throughout town that are over 50 years old. These old lines are rupturing and creating safety issues for our water system.
- Building an elevated water storage tank to increase our fire water storage and reduce the maintenance costs of running our water system.
- Installing new electronic meter reading which also gives us a sensitive leak detection system which is part of our new and improved electronic SCADA system.

Both the Water and Sewer funds are Coburg's "Enterprise Funds". This means the City Council has declared they must be self-reliant and depend on their fees to pay for all service, personnel, operations, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades. Future upgrades are a significant portion of the fees we currently pay. These are usually very costly projects planned and completed over multiple years.



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City Council Brief

Highlights of actions and topics the Coburg City Council has recently addressed and issues likely to be discussed in the next couple of months.



MAY 2022

- Appointed Elise Landry to Budget Committee term expires 6/30/2024
- Adopted Ordinance A-200-K Correcting Scrivener's Errors in Ordinance A-200-J
- Approved Resolution 2022-11 Approving the transfer of appropriations for fiscal year 2021-22
- Budget Committee met twice in May and recommended approved budget for 2022-23 to City Council

JUNE 2022

- Appointed Laura Tryon and Todd Waters to the Budget Committee terms expires 6/30/2025
- Approved Resolution 2022-12 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues
- Approved Resolution 2022-13 Certification of Eligibility for State - Shared Revenues
- Approved Resolution 2022-14 Adopting the Salary and Classification Scheduled for FY 2022-23
- Approved Resolution 2022-15 Adopting the City Budget for FY 2022-23 creating appropriations, setting tax and imposing the tax and categorizing the tax
- Approved Resolution 2022-16 Approving the Amendments to the Lane County Deadly Physical Force Plan
- Approved Resolution 2022-17 Authorizing Funding for \$999,500 for street projects
- Approved Contracts with wildish for Roberts Road Repaving project, LCOG for Telecommunication System Management, City of Cottage Grove for Building Permit Services, London & Paris for City Prosecutor Services and City of Harrisburg to provided Law Enforcement Services
- Approved Resolution 2022-01-U Urban Renewal Agency Adopted the Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 26 - **Special Meeting** - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 pm

2022 General Election

Three (3) City Councilor positions and the position of Mayor for the City of Coburg will be up for election during the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Councilor positions have a term of four years and the Mayor's position has a term of two years.

Completed petitions must be filed with the City Election Official by 5:00 pm on **August 30, 2022**.

There are many steps to completing the petitions, so please allow plenty of time. To schedule an appointment with the City Election Officer, contact City Hall at 541-682-7850.

Coburg Committee Highlights

Updates on what the Coburg Committees have recently accomplished or are currently addressing.

Planning Commission

May/June

- Reviewed proposed zoning code amendments

Park/Tree Committee

May/June

- Oregon22 Heritage Trail Plaque for track and field champion, Annette Peters, installed in Pavilion Park
- Work Party pulled weeds in Johnny Diamond Park on June 20
- Working with a contractor to do more clean up in Johnny Diamond Park
- Multi-use pickleball court to go in near the basketball court location in Norma Pfeiffer Park
- Applied for grant for upgrades to Pavilion Park

Heritage Committee

May/June

- CLG project discussion
- Planning preservation plaque ceremony



City Council to Discuss Measure 109 on Psilocybin Facilities in Coburg

In 2020, Measure 109 legalized Psilocybin dosing facilities. Psilocybin is the active psychedelic chemical in some mushroom varieties and is illegal federally in all circumstances.

Local Governments may opt out of allowing this activity and may enact time, place, and manner ordinances that limit where such facilities may be located, and how business may be operated. Ordinances that prohibit Manufactures and Service Centers entirely must be referred to the voters in a November general election.

The City Council will be conducting a first reading and hearing at their July 12 City Council meeting at 7:00 pm. They would like to hear from the public as

to whether Coburg should consider regulating such businesses, or opting out entirely.

The City of Coburg conducts hybrid meetings where a person wanting to comment may do so on Zoom from their home, or they can provide comment in person. In order to provide comment by Zoom, please contact Sammy Egbert at 541-682-7852, or email at Sammy.Egbert@ci.coburg.or.us, by 3:00 pm on the day of any City Council meeting.

Additionally, citizens are welcome to submit written comment to the City by either mailing to PO Box 8316, Coburg, Oregon, 97408, dropping it by City Hall, or by submitting to the above email address.

Thursdays in Coburg

Pavilion Park

Join us every Thursday from **July 21-August 25** for the Coburg Market and Concerts in the Park. The Market will start at 5:00 pm and concerts will start at 6:00 pm. Come out and support our local artists and vendors and stay for a picnic and visit with family and friends while listening to some great music!

See you on Thursday!!

Thursdays in Coburg 

July 21 - Outlaw Shine

July 28 - Greg Nesler

August 4 - Hank Shreve

August 11 - Teresa Cunningham

August 18 - Inner Limits

August 25 - Riffle

Coburg Days



On **July 22 & 23** we will be celebrating Coburg and the charm of living in a small town.

Some of the event's activities include: Kid's Carnival, Teen Garden & DJ, Character appearances, Sluggo, Dinosaurs, Bouncy House, Carnival games, Dunk-a-Cop, Bingo, and a Quilt Display inside the IOOF Hall. There will be multiple event stages with different style bands throughout, Jam Session, a world renowned comedian, and much more.

There will be a **Parade** on Saturday starting at 11:00 am. Staging will begin at 10:00 am in the gravel lot at Truck and Travel.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for updates! Look for us on Facebook and Instagram. Questions/Donations email: coburgdays@gmail.com

Coburg Car Classic

Join us on **Saturday, August 6**, from 7:00 am-7:00 pm for the Coburg Car Classic (coburgcars.com). This is a fun community event for the whole family. We'll have 200 classic cars, kid's games and raffle, Poker Walk, Police and Fire hosting giveaway prizes and the engine blow, along with raffle prizes for the adults. And don't miss the Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner. Hayworth Wine Bar will host a 50/60 Rock n Roll Band immediately after the awards ceremony from 4:00-7:00 pm in Pavilion Park. See you there for a day full of fun!



2022 Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair



The Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair will be back on **Sunday, September 11**, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm in the Coburg City Parks.

The 35th Annual Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair will be a great time to shop through the Coburg historic district for treasures from the past. Enjoy lunch in the park from one of the many food vendors and listen to the great sounds of the band, Vinyl Revival.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Megan Dompe, Coburg Antique Fair Director at 541-913-6570 for more information.

Coburg Utility Rates

COBURG CITY COUNCIL TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON UTILITY RATES

The Coburg City Council began preliminary discussions on critical water projects and the potential impact on utility rates at a work session held on April 26, 2022. There are a couple of important reasons why this discussion is taking place:

1. The cost of goods and services has continued to increase dramatically in 2022. Additionally, the cost of employment has also increased.
2. The elevated storage reservoir in the Water Master Plan has hit some roadblocks that will raise the cost of completing this project.

Utility Fees

With the increase in costs of goods and services, personal services, and construction costs, the Council must make decisions that ensure the fiscal health of the utility funds now and in the future. This is not a decision the City Council will take lightly, and will provide ample opportunity for public engagement and input. Staff are preparing financial scenarios to be reviewed during the summer with the anticipation that a decision will be made in the late fall. If the Council seeks to raise fees, those increases could be implemented mid-year (January 1, 2023), or wait until the beginning of the fiscal year 2023, which begins July 1, 2023.

Feasibility Study

The City Council has approved a feasibility study which will propose alternative locations to place a 750,000 gallon elevated water reservoir, as well

as investigate the health and useful lives of the two reservoirs currently located at the Sarah Lane water site. Also included in the study will be alternative designs for a third reservoir which will include an elevated water tower much as you might see in many small towns across America. Some property owners in the I-5 area have volunteered their properties to be part of the feasibility study which will give options for the best location of the elevated water storage. Lastly, the feasibility study will consider planned and future development in Coburg to anticipate the current and future need for emergency water storage. Costs associated with the change in the reservoir project will be part of this feasibility study as well. It is anticipated that this study will not be completed until September, 2022, and soon after, the Council will hold discussions and ultimately make a decision regarding recommended changes to the reservoir project.

As more facts become available regarding the water project, as well as the utility fee discussion, the City of Coburg intends to make this information available to the public.

For a full version of this news article, please visit: coburgoregon.org/publicworks/page/water and under supporting documents click on "Letter to Public regarding Utility Fees and Reservoir Project".

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Benefits of Riparian Areas

Land bordering streams, rivers, wetlands, ponds, and lakes are known as riparian areas and provide a number of benefits to ecosystems and society. Riparian areas serve as a transitional zone from aquatic to terrestrial habitats and characteristics. With increasing loss of riparian areas, communities are experiencing reduced water quality, reduced wildlife and fish populations, property damage, bank erosion, soil damage from wind and sunlight, reduced water storage capacity, and shallow stream widening from sediment deposition. Riparian areas are being degraded and lost altogether from development and urbanization, damming, agriculture, and a number of other land use practices. With increasing population growth rates and development needs, why should preserving these areas be a priority?

- **Flood Control Benefits:** Riparian zones allow flood waters to be spread horizontally across the channel or waterbody without negative effects like sediment deposition or nutrient loading.
- **Water Temperature Benefits:** Riparian zones help prevent or reduce water temperature fluctuations and extremes. Riparian zones contain tall, woody vegetation that produces a canopy able to reduce the amount of solar radiation that reaches the surface water. Less radiation means cooler temperatures.
- **Erosion Benefits:** Riparian vegetation dissipates water energy through its deep roots. These roots help to hold soil in place to stabilize the banks and prevent excessive soil loss.
- **Water Filtration Benefits:** Riparian vegetation intercepts, absorbs, and/or filters nutrients, sediment, pesticides, and fertilizers from runoff before they are inputted into the surface water.
- **Habitat Benefits:** Riparian zones can account for up to 99% of energy inputs into waterbodies. This helps provide food and nutrients for in-stream and nearby plants and animals. Riparian zones are also excellent habitats for migratory birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects.

Zoning Code Amendments Proposed

For the past year, Coburg has been working on updating the Coburg Zoning Code (aka Development Code) to establish a form-based code overlay for the Central Business District, prohibit the use of formula-based businesses (also known as chain stores) within the Central Business District, add alternative street standards and a Public Facilities section, as well as other changes.

The proposed Zoning Code amendments relax standards in some cases and add standards in other cases. The amendments may apply to property you own.

All relevant materials and information may be obtained or reviewed at Coburg City Hall. To read the proposed Zoning Code changes online or sign up for updates, please visit: coburgoregon.org/planning/page/development-code-update

Contact Megan Winner, Planner, at megan.winner@ci.coburg.or.us or 541-682-7862 for more information.

Local Thief Caught

Coburg Ice Cream has been missing ice cream cones, but they finally caught the guy with his hands in the cookie jar, or rather, the ice cream jar.

He is now a regular customer!



Photo captured by Walt Grondona

Coburg Main Street

Summer is here and there are many wonderful events taking place over the next few months! We hope you will get out with family and friends and enjoy Coburg's fabulous community festivals.



Main Street has been busy working on a new logo, creating a map/directory of Coburg businesses (coming in July), creating art projects for the downtown, planning events, and updating the Chamber's website (which will now host Coburg Main Street). The website will list events and activities happening in Coburg and have a directory of downtown businesses. The goal is to have a website that is easy to access and provides information for what is happening in Coburg (coburgmainstreet.com). If you would like to learn more about Main Street or get involved, contact Tracey Pugh at tracey.pugh@ci.coburg.or.us. Happy Summer!

Coburg Food Pantry

We at the Coburg Pantry are hoping to spread the word far and wide to make sure everyone in our area knows we are here and available for anyone out there who is needing some food assistance. We are located in the same building as the antique store, Retro Rejuvenation, at 32697 East Pearl Street. We are open the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 2:00-4:00 pm.

We are excited to be hosting a Food Festival this

summer, along with Food For Lane County, to help get the word out. This festival will be held in Norma Pfeiffer Park on **Saturday, July 9th** from 9:00-11:00 am. Please come and find out who we are and what we can do for you, or possibly someone you know.

We will also have volunteers at the farmers markets this summer to answer questions or give information about our program. Stop by our table to get more information or to just say hello.

Coburg Community Grange

Summer is here and the Grange is busy!

Thank you to all who helped with the Circus! Sponsorship by local businesses allowed all the students at the Coburg Community Charter School to go to the show, and we were also able to donate \$3,000 to the school. Thank you also to the Lamont family for allowing us to use their property for special events.

We will be hosting a historic information center during Coburg Days on July 22 & 23, so stop by the Grange and see some of Coburg's great history.

The Coburg Classic Car show will be on Saturday, August 6 from 7:00 am-7:00 pm. See page 4 for more information.

We are also preparing to honor our Veterans again this November. We have the 15 banners made last year, and will add 12 new banners this year. If you are a Veteran, or know a Veteran, who served in the United States

Military prior to 1975, and lives inside the Coburg Rural Fire District, please send a copy of their DD-214 along with a picture of the Veteran in their military uniform to the Coburg Community Grange. If you have an electronic copy, please email to: cnh_iron@yahoo.com (attn: Joe Morneau). Thank you to all Veterans for your service!

The Grange is continuously making upgrades to our building, trying to upgrade it for local organizations, businesses, and individuals to rent for special occasions. Forms and information are available on our website at coburgcommunitygrange.org

Joseph Morneau, President
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Coburg Police Department

Outside Your Home

- Ensure your house number is easy to read from the street to assist responders in locating your home in an emergency.
- Lock all gates and doors after each use. Consider padlocks for gates.
- Utilize outdoor lighting to include motion sensitive lights and porch lights.
- Lock up bikes with heavy-duty locks. If possible, store bikes in the house or in a garage or lockable shed.
- Lock vehicle doors. Do not leave anything in your car. Small items visible from the exterior can be enough to provoke a break-in.
- Keep ladders secured so they don't lend access to upper floors of your home.
- Keep bushes and shrubs pruned to decrease places for an intruder to hide.

While Away On Vacation

- Inform a trusted friend or neighbor that you will be away and have them watch your house.
- Utilize timers for lights to make it appear as though someone is home. Timers can also be used to turn on and off televisions and radios while you are away, making it appear as though you are home.
- Stop your mail and newspaper delivery while you are away or have someone gather them for you.
- Have someone put out your garbage/ recycling/ yard debris on the appropriate days so it appears you are home.



Inside Your Home

- Keep house and car keys in a drawer out of plain view from intruders.
- If using a safe for valuables, affix the safe to a wall or shelf to prevent removal.
- Doors should be solid wood or metal so they aren't easily broken.
- The door between the garage and the main home should be locked whenever not in direct use.
- Windows should all have locks and should be locked when not in the open position. Consider windows that can lock in the open position as well for ventilation purposes.
- Keep a log of the serial numbers for electronics such as computers, televisions, and cameras.
- Keep emergency phone numbers near your home phone or programmed into your cell phone.
- If a cell phone is your main phone and you no longer utilize a landline, keep the cell phone near your bed in the evening in case you need to summon assistance.
- Activate your alarm system whenever you leave the house.

BE SAFE

-Larry Larson, Police Chief

Coburg Community Foundation

The Coburg Community Foundation would like to kick off the summer season with the announcement of our first Coburg Community Foundation Scholarship recipients. CCF awarded \$500 scholarships to three local students in June. **Congratulations to our three scholarship recipients: Sophie Ulm, James Woods, and Carly Wheeler.** Here's a little more about two of our recipients:

Sophie Ulm

"I have lived in Coburg my entire life and have volunteered as the Coburg Fire photographer for the past several years. I currently attend school at Seton Hall University, where I am studying International Relations. After that, I hope to attend law school."



James Wood

"After moving to Coburg in 2014 to accompany our grandmother, the question of what I want to do with my career has been stirring in my mind and I figured a good starting point would be at Lane Community College to study physics and eventually transfer to Oregon State."



A special thank you to our scholarship committee members for their thoughtful consideration of our applicants. This scholarship opportunity was made possible by the generous support of community members. Please check our website, coburgfoundation.org, for more information about how to support the Coburg Community Foundation. You can also email us at info@coburgfoundation.org.

RAIN (formerly Oregon RAIN)

Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN) are experienced at building entrepreneurial infrastructure.

RAIN is offering a FREE one-to-one consultation program, RAINdrops, in which entrepreneurs have access to digital marketing, financial, and legal professionals for a determined number of advising sessions paid by RAIN. Go to raincatalysts.org/raindrops for more information.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Ana Navia at ana@oregonrain.org.

Pedestrian Safety

Week of July 11 - Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

At 20 mph you will stop in front of the first child.

At 25 mph you not only will have hit the first two children, but you will have increased their chances of a major injury* to 60%.

It doesn't matter how good a driver you are. The faster you go, the longer it takes to stop.

Driving 5 miles over the speed limit may not seem like a big deal, until someone steps out in front of you.

Killing or injuring a child - now that's a big deal.

Show you CARE! Drive the Speed Limit.

*A "major injury" is an incapacitating injury such as broken bones, severe cuts, and unconsciousness, with the potential for being permanently disabling.

64 feet to stop	Traveling at 20 mph
86 feet to stop	Traveling at 25 mph
112 feet to stop	Traveling at 30 mph
138 feet to stop	Traveling at 35 mph
170 feet to stop	Traveling at 40 mph

GENERAL FUND

The general fund mainly derives funding from property taxes, state shared revenues, and franchise fees. Within the fund are many departments that depend on these revenues to operate including: Police, Planning, Municipal Court, and Parks.

STREET PROJECTS

Our Streets Improvement Committee spent a full year planning and making recommendations for the repair of Coburg's local streets. Public Works and Engineering are doing their best to align the schedules of water line replacements with street upgrades and reconstruction. They have not been successful in coordinating all of the projects, but we will be able to save a substantial amount of money through coordination of several of these projects.

Streets are paid through State shared highway funds including state fuel tax, highway project dollars, City Fuel Tax, and other sources.

Coburg implemented the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) and a gas tax increase. The TUF is about \$12,000 in revenues used to pay for our local streets upgrades. The priority is to repair the worst streets, but we will also do work that will protect streets that are transitioning into more expensive repairs in the future. This summer you will see our first street projects taking place including:

- Roberts Road and Roberts Court reconstruction
- McKenzie Street on both sides of Willamette Street downtown
- Pavement preservation in the northwest neighborhoods

Continued preservation projects will take place each construction season.

TREES

There is a dedicated fund paid in the utility bill for a \$2 monthly tree fee. This generates \$12,000 in revenues to maintain street trees, remove leaves from the streets, and remove hazardous trees around our city streets and parks. Removing one large hazardous tree can cost \$2,000 to \$6,000 so this budget is always stressed. We do get donations and grants to plant new trees every year. Being a continuous member of the Arbor Day Foundation has helped us plant many new trees and shrubs to help improve Coburg's environment.

PARKS

Parks are funded through our general fund, and grants as they become available. The backbone of the Parks and Trees Committee is the volunteers that have put years of hard work and expertise into making our parks beautiful. Most recently they have worked with engineers to design a downtown park plaza in Pavilion Park. This will add accessible restrooms, walkways, parking and beautification to the park. The City has applied for a grant to make these exciting changes and will hear in September if this project is funded.

POLICE

Our Police Department consists of 4 paid officers and several reserve officers that volunteer their time to the City of Coburg in exchange for training and experience. After losing 4 reserves that were hired by other agencies, we are down to 7 reserve officers that can work solo in the field. The loss of these skilled officers to a

larger entity is a common problem for small cities.

We have implemented data trending in the Police Department to track how our officers are spending their time, what types of calls they are responding to, and time spent in training. This information has shown we were doing a decent job of balancing the needs of public safety.

Our City Budget is reviewed and recommended by a dedicated Budget Committee of citizens. The recently adopted budget is available for public review on the City website at coburgoregon.org, or request a copy at City Hall by stopping by or calling 541-682-7850.

Our small city provides quality services on a limited budget. Our City Councilors, Committees, and Staff work hard to evaluate the needs of the community while considering the stewardship of the assets and infrastructure that will support the needs, health, and wellbeing of the community for years to come.

I hope you have a chance to get out and take in the beauty and historic nature of our community this summer. Enjoy the parks and open space, take in the concerts in the park, and enjoy festivals and events.

Have a Wonderful Summer!



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg
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Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

2nd Mondays
6:00 pm

COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

4th Mondays
7:00 pm, Fire Hall

CITY COUNCIL

2nd Tuesdays
7:00 pm, Coburg City Hall
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder
541-682-7852

PARK/TREE COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesdays
6:00 pm, City Hall
Contact, Brian Harmon, Public Works Director
541-682-7857

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

4th Tuesdays (or as scheduled)
6:30 pm, City Hall
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder
541-682-7852

GRANGE MEETING

2nd Wednesdays
7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

3rd Wednesdays
4:00 PM, I.O.O.F Hall
Contact, Tracey Pugh, Main Street Coordinator
541-682-7858

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesdays
Contact, Megan Winner, Planner
541-682-7862

PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Wednesdays
7:00 pm, City Hall
Contact, Megan Winner, Planner
541-682-7862

METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

1st Thursdays
11:30 am (usually at the Eugene or
Springfield library)
Contact, City Administrator
541-682-7871

SEW 'N SEWS QUILTING GROUP

2nd Thursdays
6:30 pm, Coburg Community Grange

ODDFELLOW MEETING

3rd Saturdays
11:00 am, I.O.O.F Hall

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Questions About City Happenings?



We work for you! The City wants you to get the information you need and care about. Currently, Our Town, the Coburg website coburgoregon.org, the 'City of Coburg, Oregon' Facebook page, 'Coburg Police Department' Facebook page, monthly utility bills, the Post Office (Dari-Mart), and City Hall are all places to get information about what is happening in and around Coburg. Council and committee meetings are also great resources.

What do you want to hear about? How do you like to get information? Let us know.

- Coburg City Staff