

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
January 3, 2017
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

Council Present: Mayor Cole, Robert DuPlessis, Sloan Nelson, Jim Bradfield
Steve Massey, Doug Aske and Mike Kreger

Council Absent: None

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance
Director/Recorder, Chief of Police; Gregg Griffith

City Attorney Present: Stephen Petersen

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: Nelson motioned, Massey 2nd to add a
Grant Request from the Rainier School District -**motion passed unanimously.**
It was added as item f. under New Business

Mayor's Address: Swear in New and Incumbent Councilmen- Mayor Jerry
Cole, Councilmen: Steve Massey, Doug Aske, Mike Kreger
Elect Council President, Massey moved to elect Sloan Nelson, Aske 2nd – to
elect Sloan Nelson as Council President- motion **passed unanimously.** Mayor
Cole would like to appoint the council in its entirety as REDCO Board
Members- Massey moved, Aske 2nd to appoint all council members as the
REDCO Board- **motion passed unanimously**
HOPE Presentation by Police Department- will be done next meeting

Visitor Comments: None

Approve Consent Agenda Items- Consider Approval of the December 19, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes – Massey moved, Aske 2nd to approve the minutes as
presented-**motion passed with Kreger/Massey abstaining**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable / Senior Housing Update- Debbie states the need for affordable
housing in Columbia County, there is not enough housing and NOA vouchers
are going back unused as a result. Debbie has asked that the housing
committee

include Rainier's assisted living project as part of the review. The committee will be looking at joining with other counties including Clatsop, in finding a developer that focuses on smaller units of housing. Debbie states they would also like to include affordable housing for Veterans in the assisted living facility.

b. "A" Street Update- Debbie states they are all invited to meet with her and the "A" street engineers; David Evans and Associates concerning options with the railroad for boring under the railroad.

New Business

a. Consider Approval of Annual COG Agreement – Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to accept Approval of Annual COG Agreement-**motion passed unanimously**

b. Consider Resolution #17-01-01 Setting Regular Meetings – Asked moved, Kreger 2nd to accept Resolution #17-01-01 Setting Meeting Meetings-**motion passed unanimously**

c. Consider Resolution #17-01-02 Setting Work Session Meetings- Kreger moved, Aske 2nd to accept Resolution #17-0102 Setting Work Session meetings-**motion passed unanimously**

d. Consider Resolution #17-01-03 Declaring Newspaper of Record- duPlessis moved, Aske 2nd to accept Resolution #17-01-03 Declaring Newspaper of Record-**motion passed unanimously**

e. Appoint 2017/2018 Budget Officer- Massey moved, Kreger 2nd to Appoint Debra Dudley as 2017/2018 Budget Officer-**motion passed unanimously**

f. Rainer School District #13 Grant Request-Nelson explained how half of the city's marijuana licensing tax revenue is to go to drug and alcohol awareness and prevention. Nelson moved to grant the Rainier School District \$2,500 to fund a special drug awareness assembly, Massey 2nd – **motion passed unanimously**

Staff Reports: Debbie stated she spoke with CWCOG, asking them to provide an estimate with regard to assistance in updating the City's strategic plan, reviewing and updating our zoning codes, going over the language and definition of the zoning codes. Debbie states we will be working with the State of Oregon to update our System Transportation Plan; it has not been updated since the late 90's. There is funding available for small cities to update their plans. Debbie states that she will provide Council with the estimated cost of the strategic plan update when she receives it. Debbie notes they are still working on getting fiber optic lines to the marina for the camera installation. Debbie noted that the state of Oregon is willing collect the 3% marijuana tax for the City for a small fee and the County is also a possible option to collect

the tax. Debbie states it is beneficial to have the state do it due to confidentiality laws and enforcement regulations. They have not determined an actual fee; they will assess the fee based on cost recovery. Mayor Cole would like to see what the fees are. Nelson would like to see how the County is collecting the tax.

Council Reports: Nelson stated last week we had an individual plucked from the river near the old transient. He just wants to remind everyone of the need for the life rings being available at the dock. Nelson asked about having a yearly facilities tour. Debbie said she would set it up.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Rainier City Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2017 at 6:00p.m.
Rainier City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 7:40pm

Mayor Cole

Debra Dudley, City Administrator /Finance
Director/Recorder