

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
February 6, 2017
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

Council Present: Sloan Nelson, Jim Bradfield, Steve Massey, Doug Aske, Mike Kreger

Council Absent: Robert duPlessis

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

City Attorney Present:

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: None

Mayor's Address: Hope presentation by Police Department; Police Chief Griffith presented HOPE with a check for \$3,699.66 from the Cops and Donuts Fundraiser

Visitor Comments: None

Approve Consent Agenda Items- Consider Approval of the January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes- Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve the minutes as presented- **motion pass unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable / Senior Housing Update & Expenditure Authorization- Debbie stated that she was working with Jim Tierney from Community Action Team to work with an individual to do a brief market analysis for about \$1500. instead of tens of thousands of dollars. He has been involved in assisted living and the smaller type of units that would fit here. Debbie asked the council for permission to hire this individual for an amount not to exceed \$1500. Nelson moved, Aske 2nd to approve spending up to \$1500 on the housing market analysis- **motion passed unanimously**

b. "A" Street Update- Debbie stated they were moving ahead and starting to work on the funding packet and our current funding source is DEQ for a

variety of reasons and we will also look to see if there has been any rate changes for any of the other agencies. Debbie also stated Doug, our engineer from David Evans and Associates, is working with Dan on alternatives to bio-swells in regard to the storm drains. Debbie noted he will also assist with the permit and application process.

c. Review Kayak Camping Request- leave on for next month, Mayor Cole would like to give him a chance to discuss his proposal. Dan Jacobsen who made the request was not present. The Planning Commission held a Workshop September 15, 2016 to discuss proposed zoning code change to allow overnight camping at the marina and it was an unanimous that no, it is not a permitted use.

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of Volunteer Agreement Resolution #17-2-01- Mayor Cole explained it gives our volunteers workers comprehensive coverage as required by law. Massey moved, Bradfield 2nd to approve Volunteer Agreement Resolution #17-2-01. Mayor Cole asked if this covered City Council Members.. - **motion passed unanimously**

b. Consider Renewal of the HSEMC Agreement- Mayor Cole stated this is the Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission. Debbie stated we get emergency management assistance and access to all of their resources. Debbie stated this does allow for a \$500 annual increase per year for the next three years and is shared all across the board with the other agencies. Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve the Renewal of the HSEMC Agreement- **motion passed unanimously**

c. Consider approval of the Plaza Agreement with DEA- Mayor Cole explained he was working with David Evans and Associates and that one of the key components to making 'A' street successful especially through the business area is developing the Plaza and the area by the hotel and El Tapatio. Cole explains this plan would include the 'A' street loop which is between El Tapatio and the Marina and includes the river side of this area. Mayor Cole stated Mark Ellsworth (Governor's Coordinator; North Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee) is going to find us a grant to help pay for the project. Mayor Cole presented Council with visual aids of possible Plaza project ideas. Massey moved, Kreger 2nd to approve the Plaza Agreement with DEA, Nelson stated there is a potential conflict of interest -**motion passed unanimously**

d. Consider Crosswalk Safety Proposal- Mayor Cole noted we have a dangerous crosswalk on Highway 30. We have found two counter measures to help with the issue. One is the low cost counter measure option costing \$5,000-7500 assuming solar powered can be used, is a rectangular, flashing beacon that flashes 24 hours a day and involves painting the crosswalk. Debbie noted they would also paint stripes within the crosswalk. Massey noted we need a crosswalk sign visible from both directions. The other option is more complicated and has ADA requirements and they may have to add a median. Debbie recommends at least starting with the first option. Mayor Cole asks Police Chief to do a crosswalk sting. Mayor Cole suggested having CPUD look at installing brighter lighting at the crosswalk that protrudes over Highway 30. Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to spend up to \$7,500 on Crosswalk Safety- **motion passed unanimously**

e. Consider Request to Planning Commission for Text Amendment in R-3 and R-2 Zones- Debbie explained these zones allow multi-family dwellings but they do not specify townhouses and we have had a number of inquiries regarding building townhouses. Nelson moved to refer Text Amendment changes in R-3 and R-2 zones to the Planning Commission, Massey 2nd- **motion passed unanimously**

f. Consider Park Use Agreement- Mayor Cole stated that our park does not usually generate money but he has an RV Company that wants to have an RV show at the park for a week in June and they do all the setup, tear down, and staffing and the City would make \$5,000. Bradfield suggested doing something with the park bathrooms, as they are disgusting he stated. Nelson noted that the state corrections facility makes pre-made, bullet proof bathrooms that we may want to look into. Bradfield moved, Aske 2nd to approve Park Use Agreement to allow the RV Company to hold an RV show in the City Park for a week in June-**motion passed unanimously**. Bradfield stated he is going to reach out to the park and recreation people in the Tri-Cities as they have installed several different styles of bathrooms.

Staff Reports: Chief Griffith stated he emailed everyone his 2016 annual report and gave a brief overview of the report to the Council. Mayor Cole voiced that he would like the Police to respond to any of the local Fire Departments police requests for help, as the City can usually respond quicker than the Sheriff's Department.

Debbie stated we are putting in for possible funding from the marine board to chip seal our marina parking lot. Debbie also noted the sea lions are back and the rails we constructed last year are working and she has asked Dan to build

more rails and get them installed and we will have to close the dock for safety while the rails are up as they may be a tripping hazard. Council decided to waive February and March moorage fees. Nelson stated that the smell from the seals and sea lions is really bad and Debbie agreed and said she would try to find a non-toxic cleaner for the docks.

Council Reports: Massey noted that he is still working with Senator Betsy Johnson on trying to have the law changed to allow municipalities to sell their timber to the export market.

Nelson reported that the grant the city awarded to the Rainier School District for a drug/alcohol awareness assembly was very successful and that he was very professional and the kids were very in tuned to what he was teaching them

City Calendar/Announcements: Rainier City Council Meeting, Monday March 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