

**City of Rainier
Work Session Minutes
May 7, 2018
Rainier City Hall
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

Council Members Present: Mayor Cole, Robert duPlessis, Sloan Nelson, Jenna Weaver

Council Members Absent: James Bradfield, Steve Massey, Mike Kreger

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen

Agenda:

- a. ODOT Presentation
- b. Diking District Presentation
- c. Budget Discussion

Ken Kohl from ODOT provided an ‘A’ Street Rail Safety Improvements’ informational handout that provided a project update including: project purpose, funding, rail crossing improvement details, street improvements, and permit and construction schedule. Engineering, bidding, funding, work schedule, and other related project details were discussed.

Rainier Drainage Improvement Company (Rainier Diking District) provided a proposal from RDIC to Rainier City Council including maps and information on property owners/business in the Diking area. Terry Deaton spoke to the City Council and read through the proposal asking the City of Rainier to help fund the Diking District Phase 2 Levee Certification. Deaton stated that REDCO receives \$300,000 annual tax revenue and \$200,000 of that goes to USG’s property payment agreement. Dudley corrected Deaton stating that REDCO does not collect \$300,000 in tax revenue because of compression and that the USG payment is \$275,000. Mayor Cole asked

how much money do they need, Deaton explained that after the \$1000, 000 Oregon Biz Grant that they would need \$100-150,000 more for Phase 2. Mayor Cole asked if they had checked into getting like a twenty year loan. Deaton explained that they can only address Phase 1-maintenance, not Phase 2 because they cannot assess taxes for anything other than maintenance and operations. Mayor Cole stated he feels the same as he has for the last ten years and that he does not mind being a partner, but the City should not be left with the entire bill. Mayor Cole asked if they had asked Rightline Equipment for funding help, Deaton stated she had talked to them. Mayor Cole encouraged they talk to him about helping with funding. Mayor Cole noted that we do not have the extra money in our general fund to provide them with the amount they are asking for. Deaton stated the City has reserves in the REDCO account and that the City could move some of their line items and possibly help them. Nelson stated he thought it was unrealistic for the City to come up with \$150,000 to facilitate the completion of Phase 2 and that maybe taking the approach of spreading this out to reach little milestones like they did for Phase 1. After further discussion, Mayor Cole noted that this work session is the City Council not REDCO and that they cannot speak for REDCO, but the City does not have the funds to give them the money they are asking for and that he wants to be a partner and is hoping that there will be other partners from down there. Dudley stated the City could provide a letter of support for the grant they are applying for.

Mayor Cole Adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm

Mayor Cole

Debra Dudley, City Admin./Finance Director/Recorder