

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
June 4, 2018
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Council Present: Jenna Weaver, Robert duPlessis, Sloan Nelson, Steve Massey, Mike Kreger

Council Absent: James Bradfield

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

City Attorney Present: No

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: none

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole congratulated the Rainier High School girls' softball team for placing 2nd at State. Mayor Cole also congratulated the class of 2018. Mayor Cole stated he and Chief Griffith were going to be meeting with the school district on Thursday to evaluate and brain storm a few school safety ideas.

Visitor Comments: none

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of May 7th, 2018 Work Session Meeting Minutes- Massey moved, duPlessis 2nd to approve the Works Session Meeting Minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Consider Approval of the May 7th, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes- Massey moved, duPlessis 2nd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Consider Approval of the Financials-Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve Financials as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- none

b. 'A' Street Update- Mayor Cole noted the project was set back a year. Debbie noted that regarding the railroad, she was disappointed on the condition of the street and that they came and looked at it, made some repairs, and have not been back to complete the repairs

c. 'A' Street Plaza Update- Mayor Cole stated they are moving along on phase 1 (down by the bathrooms) and that they may be paving this week and then parking will be available again and work will begin on the other end soon. Mayor noted the landscaping will be done at the end of the project. Debbie noted that financially, we have had some cost overruns and we are where we would be if we had done the obelisk, so we are at about break even now. Debbie noted the run overs were not the contractors fault as the elevations given to them by the engineer were not correct, so they dug out dirt and then had to put it back. Debbie noted we are not paying the engineer for the additional work or the new survey. Nelson asked if the benches and garbage bins were specked out and Debbie stated the benches need to be selected within a budget. Nelson stated the Garden Club would like to help with the benches. Debbie stated she has given Candace Forest some information regarding the benches. Weaver mentioned the St. Helens Comm. Credit Union was interested in sponsoring a bench.

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of the DEQ Loan Agreement- Debbie stated this loan agreement is the loan that will support the new sewer line on 'A' street and that the push is to get this loan agreement negotiated and finalized before June 30, 2018 so that we can qualify for a principal forgiveness grant, as it may not be available next year. Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve the DEQ Loan Agreement as proposed and contingent on legal opinion-**motion passed unanimously**

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Staff Reports: Chief Griffith stated the police department is working on National Night Out August 7th at the City Park and he will have more details when it gets closer. Chief stated there will be food and activities. Kreger stated he would gladly help.

Council Reports: duPlessis asked about the flashing crosswalks signs, Debbie noted they are supposed to be put up, it's on the list. Nelson read a text from a resident asking him to bring up at the Council meeting, to get flashing lights over the crosswalk at Chevron as he has seen many dangerous situations and would hate to see someone die. Mayor Cole stated that if we can't get public works to get it done, just hire it out. duPlessis said he looked at the flag lights here at City Hall as they are not very bright and he thinks it may just be the wrong type of light bulb. Nelson would like Council to come up with a plan to see how this is going to happen; Nelson noted there is money in the budget for streets and is afraid these jobs will not get done again this year and would like a plan presented to get the street issues addressed. Nelson stated the money has been put away and the people deserve to have streets that they can drive on.

City Calendar/Announcements:

REDCO Meeting June 18th, 2018 at 6:30pm
Regular City Council Meeting/Budget Hearing is June 18th 2018 at 7pm

Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 8:05pm

Mayor Cole

Debra Dudley, City Administrator /Finance
Director/Recorder