

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
August 6, 2018
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order 7:07pm

Council Present: Jenna Weaver, Robert duPlessis, Steve Massey, James Bradfield, Sloan Nelson,

Council Absent: Mike Kreger

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

City Attorney Present: No

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Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: none

Mayor's Address: none

Visitor Comments: Grant Eastman of 76575 Heath Rd. Grant of Boy Scout Troop 332 stated he would like Councils approval to install two, fifteen foot player benches at the T-ball field at the City Park for his Eagle Scout project. Grant stated how he came about the project is that he noticed while watching his little brothers play T-ball, there was nowhere for them to sit and that between getting tired and the coaches trying to keep the team organized, he saw a need for the benches. Grant showed the Council his proposal drawings he had of the benches and the location of installations. Grant noted the cost of the project is \$1,500 and that there is no cost to the City. Grant stated he will be doing all the fundraising and work himself. Nelson asked he had already raised the money and Grant stated no, he was waiting for approval first. Massey moved, Weaver 2nd to approve Grant Eastman to make and install player benches at the City Park T-Ball field for his Eagle Scout project. Mayor Cole noted that he would need to have locates called in-**motion passed unanimously**

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval the July 16, 2018 Budget Meeting Minutes- Weaver moved, Massey 2nd to approve July 16, 2018 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- none

b. 'A' Street Update- none

c. 'A' Street Plaza Update- Nelson stated he just talked to Chase of AES today and he said they are struggling to pin down a concrete contractor to do the little plaza area and some various other areas. Nelson noted the landscapers are supposed to start Thursday. Nelson noted Prairie Electric is doing the electrical and the PUD still needs to connect the service, and the lighting has not come in yet. Nelson noted they will manually run the irrigation until the power is installed and that Chase stated the project should be done by August. Nelson mentioned the Eagles are putting on a car show at the end of the month in the Plaza as a welcome to the opening of the Plaza. Weaver asked if there was going to be public parking signs, Mayor Cole noted that we could do that. Nelson stated that areas that will be affected by the 'A' Street project have to be left unfinished for now and suggested putting bark dust down as the least expensive option, Mayor Cole agreed.

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of the ODOT IGA #32538 – Debbie explained this is the agreement that is the City's portion of the project with regards to the street lights and the sewer. Debbie recommended amending two items on the agreement; one being the term of ten years and the reason being that if ODOT doesn't get the project started on time, the City may have to do something with our main sewer line on "A" Street and Debbie recommended agreeing to two years with an automatic renewal of one year so we don't get locked in for ten years. Debbie stated the other consideration she had is the agreement states the City should not contact or communicate with ODOT's contractors without ODOT's consent, Debbie recommends amending that language to say "the City shall not direct" and noted she can't imagine the City not being able to communicate with the contractors. Debbie noted the City already has the DEQ loan for the sewer portion and that the lighting will come out of the general fund and the water portion is \$7,600 and it will come out of the

water fund. Bradfield asked what the City's portion of the project is and Debbie stated \$811,779 and that includes a 20% contingency. Bradfield moved, Massey 2nd to approve the ODOT IGA #32538 with the changes Debbie recommended and having legal review- **motion passed unanimously with Nelson abstaining with actual conflict of interest.**

b. **Consider Approval of loan Agreement #L18007-** Debbie stated this is additional amount needed for the Plaza as the original amount was based on an estimated amount and the bid came in significantly more than the engineer's estimate, so this fills that gap. Debbie noted it is for an additional \$300,000. Massey moved, duPlessis 2nd to approve Loan Agreement #L18007 as presented-**motion passed unanimously with Nelson abstaining with actual conflict of interest**

c. **Consider Approval of Resolution #18-08-01 for Loan Agreement #L18007.** Massey moved, Bradfield 2nd to approve Resolution #18-08-01 as presented-**motion passed unanimously with Nelson abstaining with actual conflict of interest**

d. **Consider Approval of ODOT Crossing Closures Agreement-** Debbie explained that ODOT had to do a public disclosure to find out if there were any comments and now the comment period is closed. Debbie noted because the City agreed to close the one crossing to traffic and have it be pedestrian only, it freed up about \$400,000 for the project. Massey moved, Weaver 2nd to approve ODOT Crossing Closures Agreement contingent on the completion of the project-**motion passed unanimously with Nelson abstaining with actual conflict of interest**

e. **Consider Acceptance of DEA Agreement-** Debbie explained that this is due to an elevations error on the part of the DEA as they developed plans for the Plaza and this refund from them covers the cost of the additional work that was required and DEA also credited the City on their invoice for the engineering part for a total of \$21,000 being refunded. Massey moved, duPlessis 2nd to approve the DEA Agreement as presented-**motion passed unanimously with Nelson abstaining with actual conflict of interest**

f. **Consider Approval of the NPDES Permit 1200-C-** Debbie noted this is for the 'A' street project and that since the City is the property owners, the City has to be the permittee. Debbie noted DEA will file this on the City's behalf and the cost of the permit is part of the project and we need this for our sewer

and storm regardless if the 'A' street project does not happen. Massey moved, Weaver 2nd and Mayor Cole noted the permit has to do with the storm water **-motion passed unanimously with Nelson abstaining with actual conflict of interest**

Staff Reports: Chief Griffith noted that tomorrow is National Night Out that the Police Department is putting on at the park and there will be free hot dogs, beverages, music, animal balloons, a home run derby, raffles, children ID kits will be available, free gunlocks, and a stranger danger class. Griffith noted he is doing a Q&A session and that various booths and vendors including Bell Studios taking photos for the kids' ID kits, CASA, Cornerstone, Humane Society, Dollar General, Class of 2019 Safe and Sober committee, Rainier party rentals will have three bouncy houses, snow cones, and cotton candy, free ice cream bars from the Dairy Women of Columbia County while they last, Mountain Ministries will have a booth and free kettle corn, Ralph Painter Memorial Fund, Fibre Federal will be face painting

Council Reports: Debbie noted that the Rainier/Clatskanie Youth Soccer Club has requested use of the park and they will be using the baseball outfield and the field closest to the tennis courts for practices and games and they provided their insurance information, it will start mid-August and go through October. Debbie mentioned the games are Tues/Thurs. during the months of September and October from 5-7pm.

Debbie announced that city elections are coming up for Mayor and Councilor positions 3,4,5 and 1.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Regular City Council Meeting September 10th, 2018 at 7pm
City/County Dinner at St. Helens on August 21st, let Debbie know if you want to attend

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 7:45pm

Mayor Cole

Debra Dudley, City Administrator /Finance
Director/Recorder