

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
June 3, 2019
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Council Present: Jenna Weaver, Sloan Nelson, Rick Sanders,
James Bradfield Robert duPlessis

Council Absent: Mike Kreger Steve Massey,

City Staff Present: Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director; Gregg Griffith,
Police Chief

City Attorney Present: No

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda- none

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole read the names of fallen service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan and a moment of silence was observed

Visitor Comments: John Marth expressed his concerns regarding the sewer line lateral Earl Scott installed for John Brown and the damage that was caused to his property from the install. Marth questioned if the line was in the City's right of way or on his property and requested a survey been done to see if the pipe was installed on his property or if it is in the City's right of way. After much discussion, Councilman Nelson recommended he measure and find his property lines and noted he would help him find the dimensions of the street.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the May 6th and May 20th , 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes – Weaver moved, Sanders 2nd to approve May 6th and May 20th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented-**motion passed with Nelson abstaining**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- none

b. 'A' Street Update ODOT- Mayor Cole noted the City recently had the required contractor walk through and ODOT stated there would be four solid bidders that are qualified to bid. Mayor Cole noted that he created an 'A' street Facebook page as a way to quickly get information to the public and stated this is just one of the avenues of getting project information out to citizens. Weaver noted that she sees a lot of people going into the businesses along A street to ask what's going on and Weaver recommended leaving informational handouts at the businesses. Lawrence noted the rail work was scheduled to start approximately June 23rd-25th and gave council some approximated dates and locations they will be working through September noting it was every other weekend. Mayor Cole noted that the rails hours of operation are until 10pm at night and if they run into issues, it may go later. Nelson questioned if the rail construction would cause any damage such as cracks to the old masonry buildings in the construction area and Lawrence stated she would check with the rails engineers into getting building assessments before and after the construction. Mayor Cole brought back up the question regarding if east 2nd could be made a one way down or up so there could be diagonal parking all the way up and just wanted everyone to think about it. Lawrence is going to talk to InRoads Credit Union management to see if the City can have after hour parking in their parking lot to provide more public parking.

c. Riverfront Trail- none

d. Fox Creek Update- Lawrence stated the Fox Creek Reservoir line will be charged on June 12th to test it for water leaks. Lawrence also provided council with a copy of the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership for Fox Creek Riparian Planting and noted they would like to do a project in the Fox Creek area above C street for planting and remove invasive plants and to do site maintenance. Nelson moved, Weaver 2nd to approve the Fox Creek Riparian Restoration Plan as presented- **motion passed unanimously**

e. Consultant Discussion- Council and Staff discussed the details of the proposed 90 day Personal Services Agreement to hire Morris Malakoff as a City contractor. After council and staff discussions; Bradfield moved, Sanders 2nd to approve the Personal Services Agreement for Professional Consultant-**motion passed with four ayes and Nelson voting no.**

New Business:

a. Rainier School District Grant Discussion- Mayor noted that Dudley had explained to him the need to set guidelines for the marijuana business license grant the City offers annually. Nelson explained that in previous years, the City had agreed to use half of the \$5,000 marijuana business license fee to provide a grant for any public group to apply for to use for drug and alcohol awareness. Nelson noted that Dudley stated the City never formalized this grant and is recommending a resolution to set the amount and qualifying uses. After discussion, Mayor asked Nelson and Weaver to formalize a grant document to vote on at the next council meeting. Council agreed to give the school district \$2,500 for their grant request from last May 2018 for their after school program last summer.

Staff Reports: Lawrence noted that the marina is currently being repaired and finger floats are being replaced. Lawrence stated fifteen trees in the park and 'B' street have been replaced and that the UV system upgrade has been completed. Lawrence stated this week they are working on the disk filter repairs.

Council Reports: duPlessis stated a local eagle scout is just about finishing up his project of installing new benches tonight at the little league field.

City Calendar/Announcements:

July 17th is the next Regular Council Meeting to approve the budget

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Mayor Jerry Cole

Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder