

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
July 8, 2019
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order

Council Present: Sloan Nelson, Rick Sanders,
Mike Kreger, Robert duPlessis

Council Absent: Steve Massey, Jenna Weaver, James Bradfield

City Staff Present: Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director; Gregg Griffith,
Police Chief, Sarah Blodgett, Office Manager;
City Contractor Morris Malakoff, Administrative and Special Projects Manager

City Attorney Present: No

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda- Lawrence stated she needed the City Engineer Contract added to the agenda. Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to add Consider Agreement for City Engineer to the agenda as item e. under new business

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole read the names of fallen service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan and a moment of silence was observed. Mayor Cole moved **New Business item c. Consider Resolution #19-07-01 Honoring Police Sergeant Ryan Murphy** to Mayor's address and read the resolution and presented Murphy with a Plaque. Mayor Cole swore in new Police Sergeant Peter Manning.

Visitor Comments:

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes – Nelson moved, Sanders 2nd to approve June 3rd Regular Meeting Minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously.**

Consider Approval of the June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes- Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- none

b. 'A' Street Update ODOT- Mayor Cole noted we are in construction mode and contractors are currently working in the area between East 6th & 7th Street.

c. Riverfront Trail- Lawrence noted she has a surveyor coming July 16th to stake the centerline of the trail easement and she is having some of the brush cleared.

d. Fox Creek Update- Lawrence noted the Estuary Contractor is working along Fox Creek planting and removing invasive grass. She also stated she is working with ODFW to resolve a problem with a beaver.

e. Rainier Diking District- Terri Deaton stated their attorney said they (RDIC) did not need to change their bylaws and it is covered in an ORS. She noted the RDIC did hold a meeting regarding the bylaw change but they did not have enough members present to vote. Nelson recommended the Council ask the RDIC for a copy of the check they send to the engineers instead of having the RDIC change their bylaws. Kreger moved to direct staff to pay RDIC (the \$50,000 the City previously pledged to help fund RDIC's dike recertification) and that RDIC provide updates to Council as the project moves along-**motion passed with Nelson abstaining with an actual conflict of interest.**

New Business:

a. Consideration of Ordinance #1074 Shaver Zone Change- Rainier City Planner Skip Urling gave a review of the zone change request stating because of the area and its longtime commercial use, it should have been changed to WC a long time ago. Urling explained that Shaver needed to build a storage warehouse to store tug parts and equipment and it was not permitted in the CBD zone. Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve Ordinance #1074 Shaver Zone Change from CBD to WC-**motion passed unanimously.** Urling noted they could start building after the thirty day period for the ordinance to go into effect.

Jim Owen requested the City let him install a veteran's monument down at the Blue Star Memorial. Mayor Cole told him to work with Lawrence and Malakoff on it.

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b. Consider Request by Hudson Garbage Service for Rate Increase- Herb with Hudson Garbage explained his request for a rate increase that will be ninety cents per month increase. Herb explained the importance of employee longevity and stated that the increase was for wage and benefits and increasing costs to maintain their yards and vehicles. Sanders moved, Kreger 2nd to approve Hudson Garbage Rate Increase as presented- **motion passed with Nelson voting no**

Lawrence stated she has been talking to Herb regarding the glass recycle dumpster and trying to resolve issues with having garbage dumped in it and around it. They are looking into various options.

c. moved to Mayor's Address

d. Consider Resolution #19-07-02 Declaring a Public Contracting Emergency- Lawrence explained they ran into waterline crossing issues during the 'A' Street Project and found lead/sauder pipes which have to be replaced now so it does not hold up the project. After discussion, Kreger moved, Duplessis 2nd to approve Resolution 19-07-02 as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

e. Consider City Engineer Agreement with MurraySmith- Lawrence noted the RFP went out for City Engineer and that only two proposals came in. Lawrence explained that after evaluations were done, they chose to select MurraySmith to contract with. Preston and Kyle from MurraySmith introduced themselves. They explained all the areas of engineering their company provided and stated they had done the Master Storm Water Management Plan for St. Helens. Kreger moved, Sanders 2nd to accept the City Engineer Agreement with MurraySmith-**motion passed unanimously**

Staff Reports: Malakoff stated he is working on IT issues for the City. Lawrence noted that the boat launch and marina would be closed for a day and a half for the filming of a commercial. Lawrence stated they were paying the City \$4,000 for the use of the facilities on June 9th and 10th

Council Reports: duPlessis asked if there were plans for extra crosswalk patrol for the STP bike event this weekend. Chief Griffith stated all officers are

working and they have been successful in the past with controlling the event through town. Malakoff stated he is putting the STP event of the City's webpage.

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Nelson noted that he is working with Rainier Sign to design street and light banners for the Plaza area. Mayor Cole gave an update of what he has been working on.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Next meeting is August 5th, 2019 at 7pm, unless required sooner

Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM

Mayor Jerry Cole

Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder