

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

Council Present: Mayor Jerry Cole, James Bradfield, Sloan Nelson, Steve Massey and Doug Aske.

Council Absent: David Sills, Scott Cooper and William Vilardi.

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder; Jim Dahlquist, Public Works Supervisor; and Police Chief Gregg Griffith.

City Attorney Absent: Stephen D. Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None.

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole recognized three fallen military personnel since Council last met and a moment of silence was observed.

Visitor's Comments:

Darrell Whipple, 76439 Alston-Mayger Road, Rainier, OR 97048 stated he attended a convention as a delegate of Columbia County democrats and read information he presented at the convention declaring a ban or moratorium of shipment of crude oil by rail. Whipple added discussion included the loss of local land use actions via the public hearing process. Whipple stated the City, as an option, could not send a letter of endorsement of support for any of the industrial areas that are within jurisdiction.

Approve Consent Agenda Items:

Approve May 19, 2014 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes and approve May 19, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. Nelson moved, Bradfield 2nd, to approve the consent agenda items – **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. Senior Center Update: Nothing.

b. "A" Street Update: Mayor Cole asked Skip Lahti, representative from the "A" Street Group; if he had anything to report and Lahti said Dan Evans & Associates (DE&A) has completed the interviews and is compiling their findings. Lahti stated, as part of his discussion with DE&A, he

recommended they formulate an estimate for surveying the area and get that done as soon as possible.

c. Highway 30/"B" Street Update: Mayor Cole said the City signed approval for a sidewalk change. Nelson stated originally Council felt there could be a cost savings by contracting the installation the lights. Nelson stated he looked at the lights on "A" Street and they are significantly different. Nelson added Vilardi concurs the Council have ODOT install the fixtures. Nelson added the City still would pick out the light fixtures.

d. Street Improvement Update: Dahlquist will report during staff reports.

New Business:

a. Approve Hudson Garbage Rate Request: Ernie Martin, Hudson Garbage, updated Council on the City-wide cleanup day. Martin requested the Council approve a 1.8% rate increase that would be passed to the City customers since the Columbia County Commissioners approved a 2.8% disposal rate increase at the county transfer station effective 7-1-2014. The increase would be a pass through. Massey moved, Aske 2nd, to approve the Hudson Garbage rate increase – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Discuss Issuing Permit for Country Festival in the Park: David Mack, organizer for the September 6 & 7 Rainier Country Stock music festival, requested Council approval for a beer garden at the event in the park. Dudley said the request for the beer garden needs to be discussed separately. They have complied with everything else requested. Massey moved, Aske 2nd, to approve the permit for the Country Music Festival in the City Park as long as all the conditions are met. Bradfield asked if there were issues at last year's event and Mack said last year's invoice to Hudson Garbage has been paid and they have been prepaid for this year's event. Dudley and Mayor Cole said the park was left in good condition after last year's event. **The motion passed unanimously.**

In regard to the request for a temporary permit for a beer garden at the festival Dudley reported the City's current ordinance does not allow alcohol in the park and would have to be amended or repealed. Dudley clarified alcohol will not be allowed at this year's event in the park. Nelson added Council could work through the public hearing process prior to next year's event regarding alcohol in the park. Mack asked if a beer garden would be allowed on private property and Mayor Cole and Dudley advised that would be up to the OLCC, whoever would be doing the beer garden and the property owner. Dudley clarified the OLCC permit to have the beer garden on private property would need to be approved by the Council.

Mack requested information on the noise ordinance and Dudley deferred to Chief Griffith who stated the times were within the ordinance requirements.

Staff Reports:

Dahlquist - water treatment plant (wtp) is operating good; equipment and maintenance repair scheduled for the wtp; sewer treatment plant (wwtp) working well and working on obtaining estimates on the bio-solids building; parks getting a lot of use and making a list of items to address related to the Days In The Park event; continuing work on prioritizing streets to repair based on funds and need; researching cost of dust control products for gravel roads; demonstration for repairing potholes was done and the area patched will be monitored; and the vfd drives have been installed at the Columbia River pumping station. In regard to park area parking, there are 80 (eighty) free parking spots from 7th Street to the Fox Creek Bridge, including the main parking lot at the park, includes two handicap parking stalls and does not include the parking on the south side of "A" Street. Council agreed to further discuss parking issues and solutions sometime in the future. Nelson expressed concern regarding the sewer plant odor and Dahlquist stated it had to do with the wind.

Chief Griffith – Nothing.

Dudley – in contact with DSL, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and a watershed agency, a state agency out of Washington regarding removing silt at the dam. Dudley clarified to DSL there will be no dredging in the waterway or destroying any habitat. Dudley stated the dry area at the top of the dam is the area to be removed to gain capacity. Dudley said she is working with the agencies regarding clarification. The Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to come out next month and look at the improvements and should be able to move into phase I regarding the dike recertification.

Announcements: Mayor Cole stated the next meeting is Monday, June 16th, beginning with a Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM followed by a regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Cole announced Council was going to go into executive session, ORS 192.610(2)(b), at 7:40 PM with no action afterwards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Mayor Jerry Cole

Attested by: _____
Debra Dudley, City Admin./Fin. Dir./Recorder