

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Council President Sloan Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Council Present: Sloan Nelson, James Bradfield, Dan Smith, William Vilaridi, Robert DuPlessis and Steve Massey.

Council Absent: Mayor Cole and Doug Aske.

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

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None.

Mayor's Address: None.

Visitor Comments:

Darrel Whipple, 76439 Alston Mayger Road, Rainier, OR 97048 announced a grant writing workshop on May 12th. Whipple said he is the chairperson of the Columbia County Cultural Coalition that is an advisory group appointed by the County Commissioners. Whipple stated they receive money generated by the Oregon Cultural Trust that is distributed to counties in the State based on population. Whipple said the group puts out competitive grant offers to the non-profits in the County including school districts and cities for \$45 if applications received before April 30th and \$55 if the application is received after April 30th for a day of grant writing skills.

Skip Lahti, 29843 Riverview Drive, Rainier, OR 97048 stated he was interested in an update on the "A" Street project regarding the underground utilities.

Approve Minutes of January 5, 2015 Work Session Minutes: Massey moved, Smith 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed** with Nelson abstaining.

Approve Minutes of February 17, 2015: Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of Agreement with Payne Reforestation for Herbicide Application and Tree Planting in the Watershed as Recommended by our Consultant CBR Forestry:

Massey moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve the agreement – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approve Contractual Step Increase for the Chief: Massey moved, Smith 2nd, to approve the contractual step increase – **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. “A” Street Update: Dudley reported there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks for the agencies to discuss the project. Dudley addressed Lahti’s question regarding the underground utility work by explaining that the project should be bid as one complete unit; daylighting the track and the utility work. As soon as ODOT provides the conceptual plans we can start the public process.

b. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Dahlquist said there is a vault in the basement near one of the businesses and alternative solutions are being researched. Dudley stated that could initiate a change order. Dahlquist stated the project is still on schedule.

Staff Reports:

Dahlquist – everything working well at the water plant, installed 300’ of new water line behind the shop and another 320’ of new water line on View and Hickory Streets to equalize the pressure, sign maintenance, park bathroom project will have one side open by the end of the week, and getting bids on marina bull rails.

Chief Griffith – Will meet with school district regarding response plan.

Dudley – The marina dock was damaged by the sea lions, Dahlquist marked the marina bumper board for safety reasons, there is grant funding available for repairs, still waiting for concrete dock repair bids and working on a grant for cameras at the dock and combining it with the pump out station and porta potty station.

Council Reports:

Vilardi – working on Ipads.

Massey – received bad news on timber bill so Massey is going to recraft it and attempt it again next year.

Nelson – went to Senior Center and it was busy and a nice environment. While at the Senior Center Nelson was asked if the City had put any thought into the propane export terminal in Longview and Nelson said he was not aware of any council involvement but stated he would address it to Council, working on sign banners for “B” Street and would like to get a report from the librarian at the next meeting regarding any kind of numbers. Massey said he is the librarian liaison so he would talk to the librarian about attending the next Council meeting and giving a report.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Next City Council regular meeting is March 16th at 7:00 PM and there is a Wall That Heals event at the city park from March 19th to March 22nd.

Dudley stated once the City Wide Clean Up Day is scheduled and the date confirmed she will notify everyone and a notice will go out in the utility bills.

Sloan Nelson, Council President

Attested by: _____
Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Fin. Director/Recorder