

City of Rainier
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2015
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Councilmember James Bradfield called the meeting to order.

Council Present: James Bradfield, Steve Massey, Dan Smith, Robert DuPlessis and Doug Aske.

Council Absent: Mayor Cole, Sloan Nelson and William Vilardi.

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator, Finance Director and Recorder; and Chief Gregg Griffith.

City Staff Absent: Jim Dahlquist, Public Works Supervisor.

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: None.

Mayor's Address: None.

Visitor's Comments: None.

Consider Approval of May 18, 2015 Budget Committee Minutes: Massey moved, Smith 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

Consider Approval of May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: Aske moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. "A" Street Update: Dudley reported she attended a meeting in Salem on Tuesday and met with Mayor Cole on Wednesday. Dudley added the conceptual plan had been revised based on the information provided earlier by the City, however some significant components to the project had been omitted, one being bio-swells and the other where the crossing arms and signal boxes are going to be located on "A" Street. Dudley said they hope to meet soon to get more information and then she will report back to Council. Dudley added the start date is at least a year out, probably more, depending on funding.

b. Highway 30/"B" Street Update: Dudley reported the completion date will be approximately two weeks, there will be paving this week and next week the rest of the pour on the concrete and striping.

Dudley added she had spoke with Mayor Cole and originally she reported the cost would be between \$9,000 and \$10,000 for the City to pave the area, there was a miscalculation on the asphalt and the cost is now approximately \$24,000 that is inclusive of other change orders. Dudley said Mayor Cole felt there was money in the street fund to cover the additional cost and it would be a dis-service to the project not to have the area paved from the sidewalk to the middle marker. Massey moved, Smith 2nd, to approve the \$24,000 cost increase – **motion passed unanimously.**

c. View Street Update: Dudley stated nothing new to report.

d. IT Update: Dudley indicated it was not on the agenda due to nothing new to report.

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of Hudson Garbage Service Request for a Pass Through Rate Increase:

Ernie Martin, Site Manager, of Hudson Garbage Service reported on the success of the City Wide Clean-up Day. Martin explained the Columbia County Commissioners approved a 1.1% disposal rate increase at the Columbia County Transfer Station and Martin requested Council approve an increase of \$0.10 per month for a 32 gallon can equivalent and a \$0.64 per month for a 1 yard container. The Council and Martin discussed the cost difference of garbage being self-hauled to Longview vs. self-hauled to the Columbia County Transfer Station. Massey moved, Aske 2nd, to approve the pass through rate increase – **motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Reports:

Dudley – will be attending a Diking District meeting, work in progress on getting the drainage district recertified. Dudley added the diking committee is hoping the City or Redco can help with funding regarding the dike recertification. Dudley said this can be discussed at a council work session.

Chief Griffith – reported a patrol vehicle struck a deer.

Council Reports:

DuPlessis – stated Astoria is dealing with the sea lion issue with beach balls.

Massey – has been talking to St. Helens and Scappoose regarding the liability of the oil trains. Massey stated the gas in the oil, he read, is worth too much to stabilize.

Bradfield – stated when the design is finished and agreed upon it will be interesting to see what we are going to live with regarding the trains and safety.

City Calendar/Announcements: Bradfield reported the Rainier Budget Hearing and City Council Regular Meeting are scheduled for June 15th at 7:00 PM.

Bradfield and Dudley announced Council would be going into Executive Session without any motions afterward.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Executive Session ended at 7:42 PM and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

James Bradfield, Councilmember

Attested by: _____
Debra Dudley, City Admin./Finance Director/Recorder