

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2015
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

All Council Present: Mayor Cole, Sloan Nelson, James Bradfield, Dan Smith, Steve Massey, William Vilardi, Doug Aske and Robert DuPlessis.

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

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from Agenda: Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to add forestry agreement to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously** and it was added as item e. to New Business.

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole read the names of six fallen military personnel in December and a moment of silence was observed. Mayor Cole welcomed Council to the New Year.

Chief Griffith presented a donation to HOPE from the recent donut sale.

Visitor Comments:

Darrel Whipple, Friends of Fox Creek, said he would like Council to consider daylighting Fox Creek or a portion of it. Whipple said there is money for salmon restoration.

Consider Approval of the December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed** with Nelson abstaining.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **“A” Street Update:** Nothing new to report per Mayor Cole.
- b. **Highway 30/”B” Street Update:** Nothing new to report per Mayor Cole.
- c. **View Street Update:** Nothing new to report per Mayor Cole.

New Business:

a. Consider Franchise Agreement with Comcast: Mayor Cole said he met with the Comcast representative and his concern was they were not interested in Rainier at all which was not entirely true. Mayor Cole read an email from Tess Fields, Comcast representative, indicating the importance of the agreement and possibly providing services to Rainier in the future. Nelson moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve the franchise agreement – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Ratify In a Public Meeting Resolution #15-12-01 Declaring a State of Emergency for the City of Rainier: Massey moved, Aske 2nd, to ratify Resolution #15-12-01 – **motion passed unanimously.** Mayor Cole thanked all those who helped during the storm.

c. Consider Reappointment of Mike Leiker, Al Guist, Mike Kreger and Steve Hov to the Rainier Planning Commission, Term Expiring 12-31-19: Nelson moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve the reappointments –**motion passed unanimously.**

d. Discuss Library Options: (Discussed after item e.) Mayor Cole stated Patricia Stanley, the librarian, retired December 1st and currently a volunteer, has been staffing the library. Mayor Cole said one option is to possibly have a public forum. Mayor Cole said one of the important things to him has been the possibility of weekend hours with Saturday morning children programs. Vilardi stated he would like to see something consistent for children. Dudley added some of the other libraries offer classes and extracurricular activities. Dudley said Michael Carter, school superintendent, has offered to put together a temporary type package where somebody from the school library would be here and assist to get the program started and evaluate what we have. Dudley stated it would be on a temporary basis to see what we want. Massey added that would be a great opportunity and might encourage young people to use the City library and it would be an opportunity for some of the students to do community service. Dudley said she reached out to some of the other area libraries to see if any of them had anyone who might be interested in picking up some hours at the City library and she has not had any response. Nelson said he would like to see what the library board recommends and Dudley said she would ask them to come to the next meeting and Dr. Carter could have a proposal by then. Dudley said building materials have been purchased to start in the community room project. This room could then be used for activities and meetings. Council discussed placing some of the computers in the hallway and placing an alarm on the back door. Mayor Cole said Rainier has a historical society and they have display cases in the community room and once the community room is finished the historical society will have information in the room.

e. Forestry Agreement: Mayor Cole explained the agreement is to repair the damage caused by the recent storm. Dudley said currently there is not access to the dam and Mayor Cole added the work would be done within the next one to two weeks. Council discussed extending the culvert since the

contractor would be doing work in that area anyway and directed Dudley to work with the City's forestry consultant regarding additional repairs. Smith moved, and Bradfield 2nd, to accept the road damage contract – **motion passed unanimously.**

Council Reports:

Nelson – a local business person who wishes to remain anonymous complimented the public works crew for all the interaction during the storm and would like to buy lunch for the public works crew sometime.

Bradfield – assessed the damage in the watershed and said there was a lot of dirt that came down the creek and it is a lot worse than it was previously. Bradfield proposed that from the 010 location sign for the reservoir becomes a no admittance area except for those who are designated as employees and need access and no one else needs to go up there due to the liability to the City. There is a no trespassing sign on the gate however there are a lot of horse hoof prints and other tracks in the area. Bradfield asked for discussion on whether to restrict all access including environmental lobbyists except for those who are absolutely authorized. Vilardi suggested revisiting the subject after the work is done. Mayor Cole feels it is public property and would rather have a system in place that allows people to be in area but feels there should be a boundary around the reservoir, although he is not opposed to requirements. Nelson suggested possibly putting up signs indicating the danger and “keep away signs” around the dam. Nelson suggested asking Byron Rickert, forestry consultant, his opinion of the danger potential. Mayor Cole said since it is City property Council could put an ordinance on a sign regarding trespassing then the police would be authorized to generate a ticket. Mayor Cole suggested directing the police department to do extra patrol in the area. Vilardi suggested getting Rickert's opinion and placing a sign directing people to get permission from City Hall. Mayor Cole said that until the safety is evaluated no one should be allowed up there. Massey agreed and suggested a discussion at the next meeting.

Smith – a new generator is needed for the pumps. Nelson asked Dudley to advise Council at the next meeting if it is a case of repair, fix or replace the pump.

Staff Reports:

Chief Griffith announced there would be a memorial service for Chief Painter at the City Park.

Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM after executive session.

Mayor Cole

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