

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
May 7, 2018
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

Council Present: Jenna Weaver, Robert duPlessis, Sloan Nelson

Council Absent: James Bradfield, Steve Massey, Mike Kreger

City Staff Present: Debra (Debbie) Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder; Gregg Griffith, Police Chief

City Attorney Present: No

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:

Mayor's Address: A moment of silence was observed for Mrs. Paddock, a Rainier grade school teacher who recently passed away. Mayor Cole introduced Taylor Elliott, he is the new owner of the Grocery Outlet in Rainier. Taylor stated he is from Centralia Washington and has been the owner of a Grocery Outlet in San Diego the last two years and that he is glad to be back home. Mayor Cole noted there is a job fair for the hiring of Grocery Outlet employees on May 9th at City Hall.

Visitor Comments: none

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes & Financials- Nelson moved, Weaver 2nd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes & Financials as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. Consider Approval of the Hudson Garbage Franchise Addendum- Mayor Cole explained the franchise agreement addendum is very similar to what it City of Rainier

has been. This would renew the existing agreement. Mayor Cole noted that he requested a time of work change since the garbage trucks come as early as 4:30am and that he considers livability as being very important to our community and stated the times would be 6am for commercial and 7am for residential garbage pickup. duPlessis stated he noticed the early hours and that his statement stated he had until 6am to get his garbage out. Mayor Cole also asked that a container be available for grass clippings and yard waste type items. Herb from Hudson garbage stated they are will to try a pilot program for taking in yard debris. Mayor Cole stated that the City has an agreement with the County that stated any transferee we use has to use the Columbia County Transfer Station. Herb stated that at the last meeting Nelson made a really good point that pertains to Hudson Garbage's involvement in the community and that they are making a commitment to be more involved in the Rainier community. duPlessis inquired about what the cost would be for a can just for yard debris (in St.Helens currently) and Herb stated it is approximately three dollars more if you have all three services and if yard debris is your only service, it would be about eight dollars. duPlessis asked when the new carts would be in and stated worse case would be fifty to sixty days. Nelson stated he would still like to go out and see what other opportunities are out there and to see if we are getting the best value we can get. Nelson noted he feels they do a great job, just that he does not know what else is out there. Weaver motioned, Kreger 2nd to Approve the Hudson Garbage Franchise Addendum as presented. Weaver asked how long it would take to get another RFP and Debbie stated about two months. Herb mentioned a work session might be a good idea. Nelson noted we could take a survey on the back of our water/sewer bills. Council and Herb further discussed various ideas about pricing standards and request for quotes **-motion passed with Nelson voting no, Kreger casting a yes vote via phone conference call**

Consider Approval of Hudson Garbage Rate Increase- Council and Herb discussed the increase costs and concerns of keeping the recycling program going. duPlessis moved to accept the Hudson Garbage Rate Increase due to recycling reasons, Weaver 2nd to accept the new rate- **motion passed unanimously**

b. Affordable/Senior Housing- no updates

c. 'A' Street Update- Mayor Cole stated ODOT gave an update presentation at the work session

d. 'A' Street Plaza Update- Mayor Cole stated AES Contractors are onsite and working on the project in two phases. Phase 1 is from the dental office to the

back of the appliance store and then Phase 2 is the remainder down to the Eagle's.

New Business: none

Staff Reports: Thomas Merrell read his Public Works Report:

- The City has three new hires
- PW has processed 155 locate requests in the past three months
- Surplus property should be ready after July 1st
- Plaza project is under way and to be completed August 3rd
- Hoping to get Fox Creek online this week.
- Maintenance has been completed on the Columbia water intake, one pump was rebuilt
- Park will be getting bark dust spread next week
- Irrigation maintenance has started and should be functional this week
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Mayor Cole asked if there is a plan to inspect the culvert behind Don Pedros where the sink hole was so it does not get blocked up anymore and that the summer time is best since Fox Creek is barely running. Thomas stated he was not aware of that project but that he will look into it.

Thomas noted regarding the retaining wall at the Plaza project and that they are going to use the engineer's recommended GeoGrid product due to the other options needing additional engineering costs and other added work to the sidewalks increasing the costs. Nelson asked if they had gotten up Lewis Rd. and Thomas stated yes it was all rocked. Nelson also asked if they looked at the suspended sewer line and Thomas said it is on his to do list.

Council Reports: duPlessis stated he was in DC last week and visited the fallen officers memorial and was able to see Ralph Painters name on the wall.

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City Calendar/Announcements:

Regular City Council Meeting is June 4th 2018 at 7pm

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 8:15pm

Mayor Cole

Debra Dudley, City Administrator /Finance
Director/Recorder