

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
October 7, 2019
6:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Council President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Council Present: Steve Massey, Jenna Weaver, Richard, Mike Kreger
Sanders, Sloan Nelson, Robert duPlessis, James Bradfield

Council Absent: Mayor Cole

City Staff Present: Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director; Sarah Blodgett,
Office Manager; Police Chief; Gregg Griffith

City Attorney Present: No

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Additions/Deletions from the Agenda- None

Mayor's Address: None

Visitor Comments: Kathy Derby-Ray of 1204 W C St. Rainier, OR stated she recently purchased a home at this address and has had lots of issues with her neighbors across the street. She and others have had their pit bulls charge/attack them and the renters said they were not their dogs. Kathy also stated homeless people were living there in a tent there and an officer came by and they left but then they returned and kept the dogs in the car day and night barking continually. Kathy stated that recently the tent came down but now they are living in a travel trailer at the property. Nelson told her to talk to Chief regarding the dogs being a nuisance and that the City is working on a camping ordinance. Kathy stated she also noted the 10% landscaping requirement is not being enforced and asked if people can be fined for that and that the area in her neighborhood looks awful and we should be citing people for ordinance violations and Nelson noted that it was complaint driven.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes – Kreger moved, Weaver 2nd to approve September 16th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and Financials as presented- **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- none

b. 'A' Street Update ODOT- Lawrence noted that 'A' street rail line is almost done and getting things cleaned up and moved out. Lawrence stated that Thompson is now the primary contractor on the project and they are cutting around the tracks and prepping to do the curbs on both sides of rail. Lawrence noted that they will start on the north side, west end and do complete sections at a time of sidewalks, storm drains, curbs and gutters-two blocks at a time. Nelson noted it is very dark since the lighting came down. Lawrence noted that she would check with the contractor to see if we can get temporary lighting down there.

c. Riverfront Trail- Lawrence noted a potential crossing point location by using the old bridge. Nelson stated prior history of the bridge being too short, too narrow and problems with abutments in the creek blocking fish passage. Lawrence stated that the engineers are looking at the bridge and that we have drawings on it and that we may be able to use it.

d. Fox Creek Update- Malakoff noted we have the needed paperwork to fulfill the grant requirements and it is going through the process. Lawrence stated she is working on a grant for the riparian work and that she is having Dudley look at some finance modifications and it should be wrapped up soon. Nelson noted Rainier and St. Helens schools were planning on doing some extra riparian work on Fox Creek and possibly Nice Creek.

New Business:

a. Consider Procurement Policy Resolution- Malakoff gave an overview of the Draft procurement policy and his research in creating it and stated that all cities he inquired with had a \$5,000 cap and then it would go to Council for approval. Morris noted that Council did not need to take action tonight, but it needs addressed and stated Deb and you (Council) should all have input. Bradfield noted he emailed Dudley his recommendations and he would like to see two eyes double checking and three eyes when it exceeds a certain amount. Bradfield noted it is for our own protection and we can justify proper approvals and oversight with this process. Nelson stated we want to make sure it works for department heads and it's not restrictive and stated he felt 0- \$5,000 could be spent before approvals and Sanders stated he felt the same based on the current staff he has trust in. Kreger agreed and Sanders remarked that it,

(\$5,000) is not much in the business we are in. Lawrence stated she would like it to be straightforward and simple and does not want it to be too time consuming and stated \$5,000 is fine with her. Lawrence noted that she keeps everyone in the loop on spending needs and it's in the budget and if not, she would go to Mayor Cole. Weaver requested that new department heads have a probation period with buying limits. Bradfield asked to hold over until next meeting and that he wanted it to be fair and equitable without limited constraints. Sanders stated he wanted to hold over since Mayor Cole was not present. Nelson directed Malakoff to change the language to a \$5,000 limit and add the new employee language. No action taken, table until next meeting

b. Consider Camping Ordinance- Malakoff reviewed the camping ordinance he has been working on and noted he had modified it from Astoria's ordinance based on the law research he had done. Council discussed options and possibilities and Malakoff again asked for their input. No action taken, tabled until next meeting.

Staff Reports: Griffith, Blodgett, Lawrence and Malakoff gave brief department updates.

Council Reports Kreger presented the City's Safety Gold Award received at the League of Oregon Conference he and the Mayor recently attended in Bend. Kreger noted he obtained lots of good information, contacts from the workshops.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Next meeting is November 4th, 2019 at 6PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Mayor Jerry Cole

Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder