

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
February 6, 2023
6 p.m.
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Jerry Cole called the council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Council Present: Connie Budge, Robert duPlessis, Jeremy Howell and Mike Kreger

Council Absent: Scott Cooper, Levi Richardson and Denise Watson

City Attorney Present: No

City Staff Present: Sarah Blodgett, City Recorder; Gregg Griffith, Police Chief; W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator; Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: Public Works Director Sue Lawrence said she would like item 6d to be tabled to the next meeting, as she didn't receive the necessary paperwork before the meeting. Council agreed by consensus.

Mayor's Address: Mayor Jerry Cole congratulated the local students who placed second in the recent regional History Bowl.

Visitor Comments: Dan Graham said he thinks there are too many mailboxes on city property and on Highway 30. Cole said the city has been working with the postmaster on related issues.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the January 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financial Statements—Council President Mike Kreger moved to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Councilor Jeremy Howell and adopted unanimously.

New Business

- a. Little League Agreement—Rainier Little League President Kim O'Brien said the agreement expired last October. She met with City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen, and everyone is fine with extending the agreement for another five years. She asked if the storage shed could be replaced with a larger one, as a new mower has been donated and the organization has more equipment than it had before. O'Brien also asked if the organization can use temporary speed bumps during game days to slow down traffic at the park. Council agreed to the requests by consensus. Cole suggested having signage in place to warn drivers about the bumps and asked O'Brien to work with Lawrence on them. Kreger moved to approve the agreement. That motion was seconded by Howell and adopted unanimously.
- b. Liquor License Renewals—Kreger moved to recommend approval of all the renewals. That motion was seconded by Howell and adopted unanimously.

- c. Resolution 23-02-01—Establishing a Policy for Access to Impounded Vehicles Stored at City Facilities—Kreger moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Councilor Robert duPlessis and adopted unanimously.
- d. Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Study
- e. MAO Compliance Payment—Lawrence said the payment to be made to the Department of Environmental Quality under the MAO was approximately \$10,530. duPlessis moved to approve the payment. That motion was seconded by Kreger and adopted unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- a. Fox Creek Update—Lawrence said she and Jorgensen will be meeting with the city’s engineers and officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife later on in the week to discuss the project.
- b. Updated City Administrator Job Description

Staff Report—Police Chief Gregg Griffith said that Officer Phillip George is set to graduate from the police academy February 17. Lawrence said the toilets have been replaced at the senior center. Jorgensen said he’s been speaking with Senator Suzanne Weber about projects the city would like to see funded. There are multiple new businesses set to open in the downtown area around mid-March. He attended the most recent Library Board meeting for the evaluation of the library director, who was given the highest possible marks for his performance. Jorgensen has also been in touch with Columbia Economic Team and Business Oregon about development prospects on the west end of town. He, Cole and Kreger attended City Day at the Capitol January 25.

Council Reports

City Calendar/Announcements—The council goal setting work session is scheduled for March 13 at 6 p.m. at the senior center.

Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor Jerry Cole

W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator