

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
June 5, 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, Scott Cooper, Robert duPlessis, Jeremy Howell, Mike Kreger, Paul Langner and Denise Watson

Council Absent: None

City Attorney Present: No

City Staff Present: Sarah Blodgett, City Recorder; Gregg Griffith, Police Chief; W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

Flag Salute

OPEN BUDGET HEARING – ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSE BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Jerry Cole opened the hearing on the budget resolution and state revenue sharing at 6:02 p.m. No public comment was given. The hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen asked that West Rainier Urban Growth Management Committee be added as an agenda item. Council President Mike Kreger moved to add it to the agenda. That motion was seconded by Councilor Scott Cooper and adopted unanimously. Cooper said he wanted to add senior center expansion to the agenda and moved to do so. That motion was seconded by Councilor Connie Budge and adopted unanimously.

Mayor’s Address: Mayor Jerry Cole announced that Rainier Days will be taking place July 7, 8 and 9.

Visitor Comments: There were no visitor comments at this time.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the May 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2023 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financial Statements—Kreger moved to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.

New Business

- a. Easement Request for 604 East E Street—Jorgensen and Cole explained the nature of the request. Councilor Paul Langner said that if there is future development, the street should be brought up to city standards. Jorgensen said he could pass that on to the city attorney, who is putting together the easement and its related agreement.
- b. Resolution 23-06-01-Adoption of the 2023-25 Biennial Budget—Budge moved to

- approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Kreger and adopted unanimously.
- c. Resolution 23-06-02-Declaring the City’s Election to Receive State Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 and 2024-25—Kreger moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Councilor Jeremy Howell and adopted unanimously.
 - d. Renewal of Library Services Contract—Cooper moved to approve the contract renewal. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.
 - e. Renewal of Forestry Contract—Kreger moved to approve the contract renewal. That motion was seconded by Councilor Denise Watson and adopted unanimously.
 - f. First Reading of Ordinance 1092—To Allow for the Regulation of Vehicles for Hire
 - g. West Rainier Urban Growth Management Committee—Jorgensen said that Councilor Robert duPlessis was appointed to the committee at the last council meeting, but won’t be able to participate. He asked if anyone else on council would like to represent the city’s interests on the committee. Budge volunteered to do so. Council agreed by consensus to have Budge replace duPlessis on the committee.
 - h. Senior Center Expansion—Cooper said that a grant cycle opens June 30 for funds that could be used to expand the center. The center is requesting a letter of support from the city so it can be included in the grant application. Budge moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Watson and adopted unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- a. Fox Creek Update

Staff Report—Jorgensen said he attended the Mayor’s prayer breakfast May 2 and the League of Oregon Cities meeting May 5 at the Masonic Lodge. He and Cole toured Jack Falls, along with Duane Bernard from the Rainier Oregon Historical Museum. Travel Oregon held a meeting in Clatskanie May 18 about how to market downtown areas as destinations and he attended that, along with the ribbon cutting ceremony for Cherry Bomb’s Café May 26.

Council Reports—duPlessis said he, Cole and Jorgensen toured the city’s disc golf course to look at improvements that could be made there and also went to the potential dog park property under the C Street bridge. Cooper said he and Jorgensen will be working on recommended improvements to the city’s website and will report back at the August meeting.

City Calendar/Announcements—Cole said the groundbreaking for the museum property is scheduled for June 30 at 3 p.m. The next council meeting will be August 7, unless time sensitive items come up between now and then.

Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.