

**City of Rainier  
City Council Meeting  
June 17, 2024  
5:30 p.m.  
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Jerry Cole called the council meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Council Present:** Scott Cooper, Robert duPlessis, Paul Langner and Denise Watson

**Council Absent:** Connie Budge, Jeremy Howell and Mike Kreger

**City Attorney Present:** No

**City Staff Present:** Gregg Griffith, Police Chief; W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator; Russ Reigel, Public Works Director

**Flag Salute**

**Mayor's Address:** Mayor Jerry Cole said that Rainier Days was scheduled to take place July 12-14. The summer concert in the parks series is going well and the organizer is interested in doing a farmer's market.

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:** City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen requested that TGM grant authorization be added to the agenda. Councilor Paul Langner moved to add that item to the agenda. That motion was seconded by Councilor Scott Cooper and adopted unanimously. Langner moved that the second reading of Ordinance 1099 be deleted from the agenda and the formation of a committee to discuss it be added to the agenda. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.

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

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Consider Approval of the June 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Financial Statements—Cooper moved to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.

**New Business**

- a. Award Bid for City Hall Gutter Replacement—Public Works Director Russ Reigel said he received a bid for \$14,461 for city hall and \$5,267 for the water plant and recommends moving forward with it. Cooper moved to approve the bid. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.
- b. Award Contract for Sanitary System Services—Councilor Robert duPlessis moved to approve the contract. That motion was seconded by Councilor Denise Watson and adopted unanimously.
- c. Resolution 24-06-02—Authorizing Interfund Loan Not to Exceed \$130,000 from the Timber Fund to the Special Projects Fund for City Hall Window Restoration—Cooper moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.

- d. TGM Grant Authorization—duPlessis moved to authorize Jorgensen to apply for the grant. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.
- e. Ordinance 1099 Committee—Cooper moved to form a committee to study the lateral connection issue consisting of himself, Jorgensen, Reigel, Langner, Al Guist, Ron Roche and duPlessis, with Watson as an alternate if duPlessis is unavailable. That motion was seconded by Langer and adopted unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

- a. Hudson Garbage Rate Request—Cooper said he met with representatives of Hudson to obtain more information. Hudson has an on-call option, in which customers can have garbage picked up at their convenience rather than weekly or monthly. Hudson District Manager Josh Brown said that option costs \$7.60 per pickup. The monthly rate is \$9.60 for monthly pickup. Cole said a big reason for the rate request is that the county is charging Hudson more. Brown said Hudson does do payment arrangements with customers. Langner moved to approve the rate request. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.
- b. Award RFP for Auditor Services—Langner moved to approve the bid that was submitted by Singer Lewak. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.
- c. Award Bid for Fox Street Paving Project—Reigel said he obtained a bid for \$117,000. That's close to the original estimate of \$20,000. duPlessis moved to approve the bid. That motion was seconded by Watson and adopted unanimously.

Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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Mayor Jerry Cole

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W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator