

City of Rainier
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Rainier City Hall
106 West "B" Street

Meeting called to order by Mayor Jerry Cole at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Jerry Cole, Sloan Nelson, Mike Avent, David Langford, Phil Butcher, Russ Moon and Bill Vilardi

Council Absent: Scott Cooper

City Staff Present: Lars Gare, Gregg Griffith, Bobby Jo Harding, Patti Stanley, Wayne Smith, Darrel Lockard and Debbie Dudley

City Attorney Present: Steve Petersen

Visitors Present: Robert Duplessis, Bill Blank, Al Guist, Patrick Trapp, Al Petersen, Amanda Moravec, Clatskanie Chief and Cheryll Borgaard, Longview Dailey News

Flag Salute

Mayor's Address:

A moment of silence was observed for our fallen soldiers and recognized the sacrifice our armed forces made on June 6, 1944.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:

Motion by Nelson, 2nd by Avent to add approval of Eagles OLCC application for the beer gardens during Rainier Days in the Park to the agenda.

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Langford, 2nd by Vilardi to add City Hall maintenance discussion to the agenda.

Passed Unanimously

Visitor Comments:

Mayor Cole introduced Jerry Lamp from Rainier Sound Authority. This company has spent over \$30,000 repairing cars and the building after the tragic incident in January involving our Police Chief. They are part of our community, open for business and invited the community to stop in.

Al Guist, a former City employee provided a letter indentifying concerns about the appearance of the City and the lack of response to maintenance issues and citizen complaints. The Public Works department has the same amount of staff as in the past and he doesn't understand what has changed. Moon reminded the Council that visitor comments have a time limit and suggested a work shop. Mayor Cole asked Langford, as the Public Works liaison to meet with Guist to discuss the concerns. Langford will meet with the Public Works Director and then with Guist. Avent suggested forming advisory groups to assist with areas of the City. Guist offered to serve on a committee if one is appointed.

Patrick Trapp the Executive Director for the Port of St. Helens let the Council know he was available if any questions come up and is helping with the search and rescue demonstration at Rainier Days in the Park.

Motion by Butcher, 2nd by Vilardi to approve the May 16th, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed, with Nelson abstaining

“C” Street Slippage Discussion Summary:

Progress is continuing, legal, getting bids; project may be redesigned for less expense.

Rightline, Inc Sewer Rate Discussion Summary;

At the next meeting the current contract with Rightline will need to be terminated and Gare will prepare a resolution for the rate increase.

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Avent to approve Resolution 10-06-01 Opposing Congressional Redistricting that would place the City of Rainier in a different District. Discussion Summary; the proposed redistricting would place the City in an urban district opposed to the current rural district. Al Petersen advised the Council that there was 5 criteria items that should be included on the redistricting opposition letter. He will provide the list to Gare.

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Langford, 2nd by Moon to approve a \$55,000 contract with Waters Technical Forestry for road construction in the Watershed. The road construction is necessary to facilitate the planned 2011/2012 timber harvest.

Passed Unanimously

Street Banner Funding Request Discussion Summary:

Al Petersen and Bill Blank presented a proposal to the Council with samples of the conceptual design for the banners. The approximate cost for each banner will be \$175. The committee identified 30 potential sites for banner placement and asked for a funding commitment of \$3,000. The request was not a budgeted item and will require a review of estimated expenditures to determine if there is sufficient funding to support the request. The request will be carried forward to the next meeting agenda.

Funding for Public Works Summer Help was moved to the next agenda.

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Nelson to approve the OLCC application for the beer gardens at the Rainer Days in the Park by the Eagles.

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Nelson, 2nd by Avent to ask the Administrator to go out for a proposal to fix exterior (security) lighting, stucco work, power washing and repainting with the money to come from the Timber Fund. Discussion Summary; motion does not include windows (check to see if there is any energy grants/credits available for windows). Nelson; the reason the Timber Fund was suggested is it can be used for capital improvement. Moon; Timber Fund is not an ATM machine, what about other projects; C Street slippage, restroom at the park, when does summer help start, the money for that can come out of the Timber Fund. Cole; I totally disagree with that, that's not a capital project. Avent; No, that's not capital, once we get the scope of work for the City Hall project we can compare it to the other projects that need to be done and be responsible for doing the one that is the most critical. Cole; I think so too, we've come

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a long way with the Timber Revenue, I take slight offense to making an accusation that we're using it as an ATM, haven't seen it in a long time. Moon; talking about the history, I can give facts and figures. Nelson; we've weaned ourselves off from using the Timber Fund.

Aye: Vilardi, Nelson Avent, Cole

Nay: Langford, Butcher, Moon

Motion Passed

Staff Reports:

Lockard – Need to get engineer's estimate for fixing the water line, Nelson; don't want to pay for an engineer to replace line, no money to fix. Nelson; do we only have one water pump? Lockard; maintenance issue with engineer design, the pump is usable for short periods of time, sand in getting into the pump; we need a dive team to come in. Nelson; where are we at in training for the guys to run the plants? Lockard; water plant one person is one endorsement away, one is an endorsement and a certification, the sewer plant is two or three years, the employee has taken the test twice, we continue to pay for the test until he passes it, the other two are level one waiting for test results, they're two to three years out for the water plant. Nelson; the person that didn't pass the last one, have they requested to take it again? Lockard; not yet. Nelson; are we getting closer with the sign post? Lockard; it's getting close. Nelson; how about the biosolids, have we found a place for those? Lockard; we're constantly working on that, we looking at property for a disposal site, we're looking a different options. Nelson; septic dumping, encourage them to come look at our facility. Lockard; the word is out; we have users from the coast.

Dudley – Staff report was covered in the Work Session.

Griffith – Officer Larson assisted the Sheriff's office with an overturned boat in the river, helped save the lives of two young men. His name has been put in for the Oregon Live Saving Award, received the ODOT approval for truck inspections, going around looking for nuisances, worst cases, the vest grant application has been sent in but we won't fine out how much we get until September. Cole; one question about the boat rescue, what kind of training did Larson have before he boarded the boat? No criticism intended, but maybe we should think about providing training to the department in the future.

Gare – Attended the Foss tug boat launch, great opportunity to network with a valuable member of the community, also continuing to work on the Foss mitigation, Public works replaced a water fountain, removed the trash can from in front of the Interstate Tavern based on her complaint, working on REDCO property transfer, received documents form the State stating that marijuana dispensary's are illegal in the State of Oregon. The City did not issue a business license to the business. We don't know what will happen from here. Nelson; is there an update on the Ford Family Foundation Grant and is there a deadline? Do we have any grants we are working on? Where are we at on the West 6th Street, the traffic signal? Gare; Will provide an update on the FFF grant, there is not a deadline that we are aware of, not currently working on any other grants, and we were approved for a signal but funding will be an issue. Avent; where are we at on the Library RFP? Gare; we received one serious inquiry. Cole; the City received a letter from the Union about the RFP. Gare; Thursday will start the Union contract negotiation.

Council Reports:

Cole – if anyone is interested in attending the League of Oregon Cities conference, I would encourage you to complete the volunteer application for the conference. As a volunteer the conference, meals and lodging is free. Cole will be completing the volunteer application.

Moon – Kelly Cascade will be taking employment applications starting July 1. The plant will open in September or October, which means an increase of train traffic.

Avent – REDCO will have a meeting on the 20th, and wants to attend the legal meeting on June 8th.

Butcher – The Ford Leadership Foundation Grant banner project is moving ahead.

Vilardi – Mentioned pot holes and stop sign needing attention.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested: _____
Debra Dudley, Recorder