

**City of Rainier
Work Session Minutes
June 6, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Rainier City Hall
106 West "B" Street**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Cole at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Jerry Cole, Mike Avent, Sloan Nelson, Bill Vilardi, Phil Butcher

Absent: Scott Cooper, David Langford and Russ Moon

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

Visitors: Amanda Moravec, Clatskanie Chief and Cheryl Borgaard, Longview Daily News

2010/2011 Budget Status and Financial Report Discussion Summary:

Dudley reviewed information provided in Council packets; Revenue & Expenditure Budget Variance Report, Sewer and Water Income and Expense Summary Report, Revenue versus Expenses for All Funds, General Ledger and Bank Statement Reconciliation Report, Check Payables Register for the month of May 2011, 2007 – 2012 Expenditure Percent of Change Report, and a Five Year Expense and Income Projection Summary.

Council; how much loss of revenue from property tax will the City see, what is the required match for "B" Street, suggestion to offer Senior Citizen discount for utility bills, staff answered questions about the checks paid from the payable register.

Rightline, Inc Water/Sewer Rate Discussion Summary:

Lockard met with the Rightline's owner, he is agreeable to the proposed rate increases. Lockard passed out the proposed rate sheet showing Rightline's increases to Council. At the next meeting the current agreement will need to be terminated and a rate increase resolution approved detailing the new rate structure for Rightline.

Public Works Summer Help Discussion Summary:

Lockard; thought that there would be more discussion when he reduced the summer help budget by \$12,000 in the attempt to reach the 10% reduction goal, wants to put it back in. Last year the summer help was terminated after 3 weeks due to funding constraints, most Cities this size have 7 or 8 public works employees. Avent; the City has the same number of employees and was able to keep up what's changed? Lockard; the sewer treatment plant takes 1.8 employees to run which is an increase from prior years, staff training is continuing and priorities have changed. Avent; where is everybody at on the 10% cuts? Lockard; "I cut 10% out of everything except for the sewer fund budget, ...the sewer fund I cut 4.4% or 4.8%". Avent; maybe we should look at contracting the park out. Nelson; it would be nice to do what we did last year. Cole; where would the money come from, come up with options to bring back to the Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested: _____
Debra Dudley, Recorder