

**City of Rainier  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2011  
7:00 p.m.  
Rainier City Hall  
106 West "B" Street**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Jerry Cole at 7:06 p.m.

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

**Council Absent:**

**City Staff Present:** Lars Gare, Gregg Griffith, Bobby Jo Harding, Darrel Lockard and Debbie Dudley

**City Attorney Present:** Steve Petersen

**Visitors Present:** David Stocker, Robert Lucas, Ron Lucas, Shirley Davis, Arlene Lockard, Bill Grant, Margaret , Robert DuPlessis, Marqise Allen, Longview Daily News, and Debbie Hazen, Clatskanie Chief

**Flag Salute**

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:**

**Motion** by Langford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to add Resolution 11-07-01 Authorizing David Stocker to Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Cascade Kelly Holdings LLC and Second Amendment to Extended Enterprise Zone Exception Agreement.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion** by Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vilardi to consider a Severance Agreement and Full Release with the City Administrator, Lars Gare.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Deletions: (Items will be moved to a future meeting.)**

Discuss Developing an Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking Within 25 Feet of Any Building.

Consider A Request from Columbia County Economic Team for \$2,500 in Funding Assistance.

**Mayor's Address:**

A moment of silence was observed for our fallen soldiers. Mayor Cole announced that Rainier Days in the Park was a huge success, with an estimated 10% in attendance.

**Visitor Comments:**

Bill Kasch from Longview addressed the Council about the proposed Coal Terminal at the Longview Port. He believes the coal dust could be hazardous to health and economic growth. Mr. Kasch encourages the City to become informed and speak up against the plant.

**Motion** by Moon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Avent to approve the July 5, 2011 Work Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion** by Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vilardi to approve the July 5, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion** by Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson to approve the July 12, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Passed with Langford Abstaining**

**Motion** by Moon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cooper accept Kynsi Construction as the lowest responsible bid regarding the "C" Street slippage project subject to the Public Works Director and Gibbs & Olsen's approval in the amount of \$46,247. The attorney will draft an agreement accepting the bid and dismissing the lawsuit. The property owner will be the manager of the project and the cost of the project will be split 50/50 between the property owner and the City.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion** by Moon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cooper to approve the severance agreement with the City Administrator. The agreement was drafted by the City Attorney, and offers 6 months severance, with payout of all accrued vacation. Councilor Langford offered support and will be willing to provide a reference to the City Administrator.

**Passed Unanimously**

**David Stocker** from the Columbia County Economic Team addressed the Council on the activities the group has participated in. Their goals are to help the County retain, expand and attract businesses.

**Motion** by Moon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Langford to approve Resolution 11-07-01 Authorizing David Stocker to Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Cascade Kelly Holdings LLC.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion** by Langford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to approve the Second Amendment to Extended Enterprise Zone Exception Agreement for Cascade Kelly Holdings.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion** by Langford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moon to authorize Chief Griffith to recruit and hire a Police Sergeant from within.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Staff Reports:**

Lockard-recommends setting up an area by the Sewer Treatment Plant for car washes to assist charitable organizations in fund raising. Conrad Wood Products have submitted a sewer rate proposal for storm water that is below our current rates, with a target date of August. Mayor Cole appointed a work group of Moon and Langford to work with Lockard on rates for Conrad Wood and prior Ordinances that may address rates.

Griffith- A memorial badge was given to the City in memory of Chief Painter, will be participating in a parent aid program which will allow parents to bring their children

into the office to be tested for drugs and get help if needed. Recovered stolen motorcycle at Fat Jacks.

**Staff Reports Continued:**

Dudley- Working on looking into what steps the City needs to take to replace the bathrooms at the park. Provided some information to Councilor Vilaridi. There is a company that provides prefab bathrooms meeting the State public contracting laws. There also may be grant funding available to assist in the cost of the project as well as other funding sources.

**Council Reports:**

Langford – What’s the plan for the City Administrator position?

Vilaridi – Rainier Days in the Park was a huge success. The bathroom at the park needs work; we need to identify the project.

Nelson – The Little League want to help with the bathroom improvement project. Rainier Days was a huge success.

Butcher - If anyone has any thoughts or input about the “A” Street project let him know.

Cooper – Working on the boat ramp project, let him know if anyone has information.

Avent – Questioned what is happening with the 25 foot no smoking proposal. Have we checked with business owners?

Moon – Positive comments about Rainier Days in the Park, thanks to everyone who worked on the event. Thanked Gare for his service.

Cole – Also, thanked Gare for his service.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Dudley, Recorder