

**City of Rainier**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2012**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Rainier City Hall**  
**106 West “B” Street**

Council President Phil Butcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Council Present:** Phil Butcher, Sloan Nelson, James Bradfield, William Vilardi and David Sills.

**Council Absent:** Mayor Jerry Cole, Mike Avent and Scott Cooper.

**City Staff Present:** Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder and Sgt. Murphy.

**City Attorney Absent.**

**Flag Salute.**

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** Nelson moved, Sills 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add a request to use the City Park for the Harvest Festival on October 27, 2012 – **motion passed unanimously.** Item was added as “c” to new business.

**Mayor’s Address:** None.

**Visitor Comments:**

Judith Taylor, commented the reelect Phil Butcher flyer was done in poor taste because it directed negative comments towards a fellow councilor.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Approve October 1, 2012 Work Session Meeting Minutes** – Nelson moved, Vilardi 2<sup>nd</sup> – **motion passed unanimously.** **Approve October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Nelson moved, Sills 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion included Sills stated he talked with Mr. Edwards regarding the cost of the sand and the minutes reflect \$24,000 - \$27,000 and Sills reported Edwards told him the sand would cost \$2,400 - \$2,700. Dudley stated the minutes need to reflect what was said but Sills could address the matter under volleyball update, item “d” on the agenda. Butcher added the minutes gave a good description regarding the EDU committee. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. **View Street Update** – Dudley reported there was no update at this time and should have some information at the next meeting.

- c. **Utility Rate Committee Update** – Dr. Michael Carter, Committee Chairperson, reported a meeting is scheduled for next week, trying to get information from the old council to get to the fact finding committee, Dudley is getting some information for them and present to the Council. Dudley added the committee had two tasks; the first task was to identify and agree upon a methodology for rates which was done, the last meeting was very productive, and the second phase is to look into where we are at now so Councilor Butcher was asked for some information and he was requested to ask some of the prior committee members, Lockard or Moon, for any information that determined where they got the formula currently used. Carter added it would be beneficial to find out how the prior committee determined the formula used because there is not any records or historic information available. Dudley said to make sure of the resolution intent is the next phase and any discrepancy discovered will be brought to Council for review and discussion. Butcher said there was one other person that was on the prior committee and he confirmed with Lockard that Vilardi participated in some of those discussions and Councilor Moon was not on the committee at any time. Carter added the records reflect that Councilor Langford and Councilor Moon both were on the committee. Dudley stated the records do not indicate Vilardi was on the committee. Butcher said the way he understood it was Councilor Langford was the public works liaison at the time, Dudley agreed, and Councilor Moon was on the EDU committee in 2010. Nelson asked if it mattered and Butcher said he is trying to establish who was on the committee because somebody has given him information and he wants to know what is accurate. Nelson said they are just asking for an update. Butcher said he has been requested to provide information to the City Administrator for follow-up to the EDU committee and he will present the information he has at the EDU committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00. Dudley announced there is a fact finding meeting regarding the EDUs on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, City Hall, at 6:00 PM.
- d. **Volley Ball Court Update** – Sills said the numbers of \$24,000 - \$27,000 are not accurate but contact needs to be made with Councilor Cooper and the Edwards' again to double check the numbers, Dudley said a bid from a local contractor reflected \$14,000.

**New Business:**

- a. **Risk Management Assessment** – Dudley reported the insurance rates need to be discussed annually to determine if they are adequate so one of the things she will be doing for the next meeting is to see if our insurance carrier is available to come in and talk about the limits and whether or not they are adequate. Dudley mentioned the auditors want the Councilors to have the discussion at least annually regarding limits. Dudley has asked City County Insurance to provide some proposals; she wants to make sure the City is in compliance with the statutes. Dudley said this is part of the audit procedures and the auditors will be here in November for the final field work and they will be presenting a report to Council in December.

- b. Approve Contract with Althof Contracting for Watershed Road Construction as Recommended by Byron Rickert, CBR Forestry** – Nelson moved, Vilaridi 2<sup>nd</sup> – Butcher read a note from Rickert that the road extension should be covered over 50% by log sale approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 and the reason for the extension is for future logging and to be able to work on the damn. Dudley said this will save money in the long run since they are already mobilized. Sills asked if this was budgeted and Dudley indicated it was. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Harvest Festival** – Talina Aubian, representing the Chamber of Commerce, requested closing “A” Street near the City Park for the Harvest Festival from noon to 8:00 PM on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Sgt. Murphy said the request would not cause a problem if the temporary barricades were used in case of an emergency. Nelson moved, Sills 2<sup>nd</sup>, to grant permission for park usage, parking on both sides of “A” Street and blocking off “A” Street for the Harvest Festival. Nelson thanked Aubian for her work and Butcher added they are doing a wonderful job. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Staff Reports:**

Sgt. Murphy – Nothing to report.

Dudley – No public works update.

Dudley – Administration – The wall for the third floor future community room to prevent public access was discussed at the last meeting and one of the public works temporary workers will be installing the wall for nominal cost and it will include double doors. Dudley complimented the public works crew for working effectively and efficiently even though they are short handed. Dudley added the goal at the WWTP was to get the sludge removed and that was accomplished for a significant savings. Dudley mentioned that she had been notified that someone is circulating negative comments and she extended an invitation to the citizens of Rainier, that if anyone has any questions about anything the city is doing the door is always open and the records are always open so if anyone has any questions please call City Hall since we are here to serve the citizens. Dudley added she has a meeting scheduled with Steve Lovegren to discuss options regarding past due utility accounts, one of his disadvantages is that as a one man show, other public agencies can't advertise his website and accept donations for his cause, because they are governed by auditors and a board of directors. Dudley said she is going to be working with Lovegren to do something that would help the community but still is in compliance with statutes and Lovegren is a great asset to the community.

#### **Council Reports:**

Bradfield - reported public works is putting together plans to repair the reservoir and getting a dual source of water for the City is at the top of his agenda.

Sills – thanked Dr. Carter for his efforts on the utility rate committee and it is a work in progress and thanked the council for working together even though there may be differences of opinions.

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Vilardi – thanked Dr. Carked for his time on the utility rate committee, asked Butcher to check his sources on where he gets his information, Vilardi wasn't on the Council when the EDU committee was formed. Vilardi is looking forward to the Harvest Festival and thanked the volunteers, because it is great for the community.

Nelson – reminded everyone that the EDU thing has spun out of control a little and if one of the members on the committee gets out of hand, the Council needs to remember that when someone is volunteering they should not have to be abused by other members of the committee and that goes for anyone that should volunteer and he feels Council let that slide last time and should it come up again it needs to be stopped. Nelson said he has sat on Council for awhile and he remembers not so long ago that check for \$20,000+, maybe closer to \$30,000 were written to get rid of the sludge. Dudley said she would pass the compliment on to the public works crew.

Butcher – thanked Dr. Carter for working on the committee and bringing progress to the committee and he is in a turnaround between Moon and Vilardi because Moon had a conflict of interest and he was replaced at the meeting that night and he still has to resolve that issue.

Dudley reminded the audience and the Clatskanie Chief a candidate forum is scheduled for this Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Rainier Senior Center, and Mayor Cole will be the host since he is running unopposed.

Bradfield said that being on the EDU committee has been an interesting experience and he is impressed with Dr. Carter for being the lead, the meetings are ran efficiently and the agendas are adhered to. Bradfield said personal agendas are not appropriate because the consequence is that people in the community lose and he finds it a privilege to serve with the Council and serve the public.

**City Calendar:**

City Council Work Session Meeting November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and City Council Regular Meeting November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Executive Session:** None.

Council President Butcher adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

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Council President Phil Butcher

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Dudley, City Administrator, Recorder, Fin. Director