

**City of Rainier**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 3, 2012**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Rainier City Hall**  
**106 West "B" Street**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Council Present:** Mayor Cole, James Bradfield, David Sills, Mike Avent, Phil Butcher, William Vilardi, Sloan Nelson and Scott Cooper.

**Council Absent:** None.

**City Staff Present:** Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder; Chief Griffith and Kevin Patching, Public Works Foreman.

**City Attorney Absent:** Stephen Petersen.

**Flag Salute**

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** Avent moved, Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add certification of the 11-6-12 election results to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously** and was added as item d. under New Business.

**Mayor's Address:** Mayor Cole read the names of two service personnel and a moment of silence was observed.

Council President Phil Butcher and Councilmember Mike Avent were thanked for their years of service and presented plaques.

**Visitor Comments:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Approve November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Avent moved, Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed with Cooper abstaining.**

**b. View Street Update:** Patching reported he met with Connie Budge and looked at the run off issues she and her neighbors are experiencing. Patching said he will meet with the public works crew to gather information, then meet with a local contractor for ideas, there are a lot of things

that need to be done to make it right and there are opportunities to reroute the water by changing the road slope.

**c. EDU Committee Update:** Skip Lahti, Committee Member, reported there are five different rate structure scenarios, several of them may not be of interest to the Council but are useful for comparison. Lahti said they have a suggested consumption rate versus a base rate and tiered and the numbers are mostly for comparison purposes, not a recommendation, the Council will have to decide what the numbers are within those structures. Lahti stated that every one of the scenarios eliminated the EDUs, some of have tiered rate structures so the more water used the higher the sewer consumption rate will be, some had six tiers, three tiers and some had no tiers, one was only base rate and another was only consumption with no base rate. Lahti said two of the scenarios with the number put into them did not meet the budget amount so Dudley and staff will probably have to revise those just to get it to approximate budget. Avent stated he hoped a branch of the community would be involved and stated some people have not been paying their share, have been under the rates and Council will be challenged with this issue. Lahti distributed a hypothetical graph depicting different rate structures, some rates will increase and some will decrease.

**New Business:**

**a. Presentation by Rainier Art Students and Request for Authorization for a Recycling Event to be Held at City Hall.** Beth Bailey, art teacher, stated previously students have designed banners for the City of Rainier Park and would like to redesign some new banners. Bailey stated she was also going to contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding this project. Mayor Cole suggested a different banner for every pole and Bailey stated it would be more cost effective if the number of banners was limited. Bailey stated the art club would like to have permission for a recycling event as a fund raiser in the parking lot behind City Hall. Mayor Cole suggested Bailey work out the details with Dudley and Patching. Bailey was approved to have the event on the 8<sup>th</sup> and again in January.

**b. Approve Annual Agreement with CBR Forestry LLC.** Avent moved, Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the annual agreement with CBR Forestry LLC – **motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Approve Request by Lucky Town Restaurant Inc. for the City to Recommend that an Oregon Liquor License be Granted.** The owner introduced himself and Cooper moved, Vilardi 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the request by Lucky Town Restaurant – **motion passed unanimously.**

**d. Accept Abstract Votes from Columbia County Presidential/General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.** Nelson moved, Bradfield 2<sup>nd</sup> – **motion passed unanimously.**

**Staff Reports:**

Patching - updates regarding the water plant, water leak on Fir Street, repair on easement road near Lewis Road is complete and the cost will be divided with three utilities, turn-around is larger on Lewis Road, getting costs for storage building and tanks at sewer plant, will be able to take several thousand gallons of septic waste from another City which will offset the sewer cost, City Hall Christmas lights will be going up, upstairs flooring will happen after the park bathrooms, replacing tattered flags at park and City Hall, bathrooms are closed for winter and porta-potties are on site, thanked Gary Holcomb of Riverside Auto Body for fixing the dent on a public works vehicle, shoring getting repaired, checking with County Road Department for repairing potholes, met with Connie Budge regarding View Street, working on punch list regarding streets, checking with Byron Rickert regarding tree limbs hanging over streets in some areas, updating procedures, backflow customers were notified for testing, flagger class at City Hall, and 4 or 5 training classes coming up.

Mayor Cole directed Dudley to have a police sub-file and a public works sub-file in the shared drive

Chief Griffith – Upcoming donut sale fund raiser for HOPE.

Dudley – Working on codification of resolutions and ordinances, setting up meetings with the Diking District, FEMA and the diking district person from Scappoose, received report from consultant for water permit and that will be submitted, attended an “A” Street meeting with Mayor Cole, will be working on a capital asset depreciation list, will get a schedule for council training, and met with the Oregon Marine Board who expressed concern about the City using the transient dock for commercial purposes due to the stress on the structure from the ships.

Lahti stated he felt like he left the council hanging regarding the EDU information, Mayor Cole asked if there were any questions, Cooper stated if there was going to be a presentation at the next meeting that might be a better time to follow-up, Lahti said he would be happy to put that presentation together and Sills added that he did not know if Dr. Carter would be back in town for the presentation and Dudley said she would check with Dr. Carter. Lahti asked if council would write their questions on the information he distributed, he would explain it to Dudley and she could explain it to everyone else when it is convenient.

**Council Reports:**

Sills – grateful to see active community people, as well as staff and Council. Thanked Butcher and Avent for their service and excited about street improvements.

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Vilardi – thanked Avent and Butcher for their service.

Nelson – checked out the disc golf course and wanted to invite the Eagle Scout to a council meeting to thank him and thanked everyone on council and especially Avent and Butcher.

Bradfield – acknowledged Avent and Butcher for their contribution to the community and looking forward to being more involved in public works.

Cooper – the disc golf is being utilized, thanked Butcher and Avent, \$45,000 for plan A regarding volleyball court.

Avent – enjoyed being on Council and offered assistance in regards to history.

Butcher – appreciates Council and has enjoyed working with them, it is a well rounded group with diversity and all have the citizens best interest at heart, hopes things work out for Rainier as far as the “A” Street development project.

Mayor Cole – thanked Avent and Butcher, announced there will not be a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> unless there is an emergency; the next regular meeting will be January 6, 2013 with the work session at 6:00 PM and the regular meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(h) Consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.**

Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor Cole

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Dir./Recorder