

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2013
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall
106 West “B” Street

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

Council Present: Mayor Cole, Council President Sloan Nelson, James Bradfield, David Sills, William Vilardi, Judith Taylor, and Steve Massey.

Council Absent: Scott Cooper

City Attorney Absent: Stephen D. Petersen

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, Kevin Patching and Gregg Griffith.

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None.

Mayor’s Address: Mayor Cole read the names of two service personnel that were not on the record prior to the last council meeting and a moment of silence was observed.

Visitor’s Comments:

Bud Appleby, 309 West “A” St., Rainier, OR 97048 expressed concern regarding the digging in front of the condominiums and he wanted to know if the City, State or Foss was going to be liable with the soil being moved. Mayor Cole said he did not know who would be liable, did not disagree with Appleby and if something should happen a court of law could decide the liability issues. Patching added the plans include a dike. Appleby added he was concerned because the buffer for wakes was gone.

Robert DuPlessis, 111 East “C” St., Rainier, OR 97048 is the cub master for pack 332 and invited the Council to the blue and gold birthday celebration fundraiser of the cub scouts on Saturday at the Rainier Community Church of God from 4 – 6 PM.

Jubilee Jefferson, 27105 Wonderly Road, Rainier, OR 97048 senior class president would like to meet with the Council to discuss ways the school and City work together to assist each other. Sills suggested this could be a work session item. Mayor Cole conveyed if the student council has potential projects or ideas to bring it to Council.

Unfinished Business:

a. Approve January 7, 2013 Work Session Minutes: Taylor moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approve January 22, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes: Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

c. View Street Update: None.

d. Highway 30/"B" Street Update: Dudley stated the property owners will soon be getting their offer letters, reviewing old records to identify monies previously paid for easements to make sure they are recorded properly.

e. Dry RV Camp Update: Dudley referred to the memos in the packet; the information described the planning process and identified the processes. Once the project goes through the planning process and if it is approved, ordinances will need to be developed to make sure it is a quality park with rules and policies. Dudley stated that the revenue projections in the memo are conservative with potential net revenue estimated at \$20,050. Mayor Cole said the money from the camp could go directly to the park. Massey suggested a winter rate. Dudley stated other agencies with RV camps will be contacted regarding rules. Patching suggested having more discussion at the next work session to include potential revenue from paid parking at this site and present all the questions that were brought to his attention regarding some of the positives and negatives. Mayor Cole said the Planning Commission might have other ideas the Council has not thought of. Patching said there are more ways to generate revenue at the property and he would like to discuss them at the next meeting and added more parking spots available means more fishermen.

New Business:

a. Appoint Planning Commission Member: Dudley stated the City received three applications for the vacancy after advertising. Nelson moved, Judith 2nd, to appoint Albert Guist to the planning commission – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Appoint Columbia County Economic Team Liaison: Dudley said this position was held previously by former City Councilor Phil Butcher, and the City needs someone appointed as the City's representative. Sills moved, Taylor 2nd, to nominate Dudley as the City's liaison – **motion passed unanimously.** Massey volunteered to attend the meetings Dudley cannot attend.

Staff Reports:

Patching – distributed written report (see attached) and discussed highlighted areas of report: Sewer Plant, septic hauler dump area to be kept clean and accessible; Parks, have material for restrooms and start update this week; Boat Launch Bathrooms working and getting price to change to sensor activated light and indicator light outside; Equipment, received quotes regarding a utility box for ¾ ton city

vehicle; Dock/Boat Launch, missing finger, when Bergerson is done at Foss they will put the finger in place; Streets, will get more information regarding "A" Street; RV/Camping will discuss later and interviews for the public works position have been scheduled.

Chief Griffith – officer attending Neighborhood Watch training next week and checking into prescription return at the Senior Center.

Dudley – Most of the staff report was covered in the work session. The sewer rates will be a big part of the budget discussion, identifying various formulas that may be a more equitable way to distribute the charges among the residents.

Council Reports:

Bradfield – nothing.

Sills – nothing.

Vilardi – saw people playing Frisbee golf course and saw people practicing on the Little League field and saw the excavator for the mitigation area.

Taylor – attended a citizen's group meeting that met in Mike Avent's building regarding the railroad and topics discussed were noise, safety and parking.

Massey – saw people using the Frisbee golf course and suggested a tournament. Massey stated at the next meeting he would like to discuss a letter to ODOT regarding no engine braking coming into town and feels the State would put up a sign. Griffith added there is a City ordinance and it would not hurt to put up a sign. Chief Griffith suggested Massey check with ODOT to see if they would pay for the sign and if they would not pay for it they would probably let the City put up the sign. Massey said he would contact the regional manager and report back at the next Council meeting. Dudley stated Griffith would check the ordinance. Bradfield asked what the fine was for noisy trains and Massey said lawsuits have been filed for infringing on peace and happiness. Massey said he knows there is a protocol but he has counted 11 to 26 toots.

Nelson – working with Patching and Dudley regarding painting City Hall and will report back to Council.

Mayor Cole announced City Hall will be closed Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day and the next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th with a Redco meeting prior to the regular council meeting.

Mayor Jerry Cole

Attested: _____
Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Fin. Dir./Recorder