

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2013
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall
106 West "B" Street

Sgt. at Arms Vilardi called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Council Present: William Vilardi, James Bradfield, David Sills, Scott Cooper, Judith Taylor and Steve Massey.

Council Absent: Mayor Cole and Sloan Nelson.

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Fin. Dir./Recorder; Kevin Patching, Public Works Foreman; Rodney Cook, Public Works Utility Worker, Wayne Smith, Public Works Utility Worker and Chief Gregg Griffith.

City Attorney Present: Stephen Petersen.

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Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Taylor wanted to add support for 9-1-1 levy to the agenda then removed the suggestion since Dudley stated she will prepare a resolution for the council to consider at the next meeting.

Mayor's Address: None due to Mayor Cole's absence.

Visitor's Comments:

Lonnie Richards, Richards Construction, 28934 Grandview Drive, Rainier, OR 97048 expressed concern regarding the City's policy that mandates existing residents to connect to the City's sewer system once their current septic system fails and pay the hook up and system development charge. Massey stated Richards had a point and felt council should research the issue. Taylor asked Richards if he had a solution and Richards said there needs to be a fee but not as strenuous when it is an existing residence. Dudley said she would provide Council with the current system development charge municipal code information. Dudley stated and Richards agreed that the City's SDCs are significantly lower than most other areas. Richards disagreed with the monthly payment option the City offers because it is still a forced situation.

Unfinished Business:

a. Approve February 19, 2013 Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes: Taylor moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Dry RV Camp Update:** Dudley stated public works staff formulated drawings of the proposed site and a public hearing before the planning commission is scheduled for the end of the month.
- c. View Street Update:** Patching reported in the next couple of weeks the ditches on the upper end of View Street will be cleaned and on the lower end there are some water issues and there haven't been any issues from View Street residents.
- d. Highway 30/"B" Street Update:** Dudley reported there will be an in depth discussion in executive session, the process is moving ahead, the people impacted by construction or purchase easements have been notified, she was informed last Friday the offer letters have not gone out yet and they anticipate them mid-March to April, the State was backlogged. The State was informed the City would assist with getting the project moving ahead, still looking at completion by the end of 2013 unless there are some problems with property acquisitions.

New Business:

- a. Approve the Agreement with Payne Reforestation for Tree Planting in the Harvested Units:** Cooper moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the agreement. Dudley said the City's Forester, Byron Rickert, recommended approval of the agreement to plant seedlings in the harvested areas for \$2,025.00. Taylor asked what the time limit was and Dudley term is to begin on February 25 and end on June 1, 2013. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Presentation by Gloria McKenzie on Water Quality:** McKenzie stated she and her husband, Duncan, have been residents for almost 18 years, when she looked at last year's water quality report she felt it was not accurate because it listed Fox Creek as a City water supply and shortly after that a report on the Columbia River contaminants was issued. G. McKenzie said the annual water quality report mentions a source water assessment report and she has requested a 2009 copy from the City, the one that is on line is 2003. G. McKenzie added the intake for the City's water supply is 12 miles upstream. G. McKenzie's concern was that when the stern buoy was put in no one from the City was notified, referred to the stern line buoy in front of Prescott, the deck of the ship being hosed off into the river, and the Cottonwood Island anchorage. D. McKenzie has contacted the Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard regarding notification of the buoy placement and is concerned the vessels are anchored for an extended period of time. Massey added it is rare that as one ship leaves another ship anchors. D. McKenzie asked if there was enough for the City to approach the Corps. G. McKenzie and D. McKenzie stated Homeland Security would also be involved, the Ports of Kalama, Longview, Portland and the federal government. D. McKenzie said there are restrictions regarding the lights and generator usage on the vessels anchored in front of Prescott. G. McKenzie said she and Duncan would be willing to work with someone from the City Council to see what they have researched so far and to speak with the City of Prescott. Dudley offered to contact the Mayor of Prescott and ask about the public notice information on the buoy placement. Dudley asked Patching and Smith if there has been a change in the City's water quality or water since the ships have been in front of Rainier and Smith said there hasn't been anything.

Bradfield added the City is in the process of having two water sources because the water is for free, gravity fed and is better quality water and a savings. G. McKenzie wanted to make sure the water intake being utilized now is protected and safe.

Staff Reports:

Chief Griffith – Officer attended Neighborhood Watch training and will get the program started around April 4th. Also notified the Council that Chief Sallee was retiring.

Patching – introduced Rodney Cook as the new public works employee, finished concrete structure where sludge is dumped, asphalt roller is working, leveling and compacting the ground for the bio-solids building, received a letter stating rates are going to be raised to dispose of the bio-solids, the sooner the bio-solids building is built the sooner the City will save money, received new truck body and it will be painted to match, potholes and storm drains are ongoing, Patching and Foultnier are certified in cross connections, getting parts for the sewer pump out station at the marina, fixing police department sink and toilet, getting started on park bathrooms, getting bid on street signs, getting mowing equipment serviced, and dam inspection tomorrow.

Dudley – Discussed in regular meeting and will be discussed in executive session.

Council Reports:

Sills – Nothing.

Taylor – Staying close to the Senior Center.

Cooper – Mitigation done and looks good, not really a wetland, doesn't follow the plan.

Bradfield – Nothing.

Vilardi – Nothing.

City Calendar Announcements:

Redco meeting Monday, March 18th at 6:00 PM.

City Council Work Session Monday, March 18th at 6:30 PM.

City Council Regular Meeting Monday, March 18th at 7:00 PM.

Executive Session: 8:15 PM – 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.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM.

William Vilardi, Sgt. at Arms

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