

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2013
Rainier City Hall
106 West “B” St.

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Council Present: Mayor Cole, James Bradfield, Judith Taylor, William Vilardi and David Sills.

Council Absent: Sloan Nelson, Scott Cooper and Steve Massey.

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder; Police Chief Gregg Griffith.

City Attorney Present: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Taylor moved, Vilardi 2nd, to add liquor license application for New Sky Deli to the agenda as New Business item e. – **motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor’s Address:

Mayor Cole read the names of three service personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty since the council last met and a moment of silence was observed.

Visitor’s Comments:

Randy Hamlin, 309 West “C” St. #8, Rainier, OR 97048 commented previously Little League made a verbal agreement with the City to not have advertisement at the park baseball field and there are now advertisement signs on the fence surrounding the field. Hamlin requested Council remind Little League of their prior commitment and referenced Municipal Code 10.20.11 and 10.20.40 paragraph 1, stating those particular sections require permits for commercial advertising display. Hamlin stated staff was not aware of any permits currently issued for the advertising in the City park and added the current members of Council who have advertising displayed at this location probably have permits and Hamlin asked Vilardi if that was true. Vilardi answered the sponsors with display banners are based on donation and Mayor Cole added the agreement was that at the end of the season the signs would come down. Hamlin encouraged Council to send letters to those with displayed advertising to acquire a permit.

Robert DuPlessis, 111 East “C” Street, Rainier, OR 97048 stated he had been working with the Scouts during Rainier Days In The Park at J & R Sales regarding parking and he is concerned with the pedestrian crosswalk on Highway 30 near J & R Sales. DuPlessis witnessed the STP bikers not adhering to pedestrian/biker laws and asked if something could be done to increase the enforcement for pedestrian safety. DuPlessis said he was going to contact the organizers of the bike event with his concerns and Mayor Cole said he would write a letter to them expressing concerns. Hamlin stated there is a STP website.

Dearl Taylor, 520 East “E” Street, Rainier, OR 97048 thanked Mayor Cole, the Police Department, Public Works and the Rainier Days In The Park committee for a successful event.

Unfinished Business:

a. Approve July 1, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes: Taylor moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approve July 1, 2013 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes: Vilardi moved, Taylor 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

c. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Mayor Cole said there is no update since he has not heard anything back from ODOT.

New Business:

a. Third Read of Ordinance #1058 Regarding the Regulation of Transient Merchants. Mayor Cole added Ordinance #1058 establishes regulations for transient merchants and repeals the definition of transient merchant in Section 3 of Ordinance #943.

b. Adopt Ordinance #1058 Regarding the Regulation of Transient Merchants: Taylor moved, Vilardi 2nd, to adopt Ordinance #1058 Regarding the Regulation of Transient Merchants. Taylor stated this ordinance will enhance business opportunities. **Motion passed unanimously.**

c. First Read of Ordinance #1059 Regarding City of Rainier Dry RV Camp Rules: Mayor Cole announced this is an ordinance setting up rules and regulations for the use of the city recreational vehicle park and prescribing penalties for the violations of use of the park.

d. First Read of Ordinance #1060 Regarding Regulation Allowing Chickens Within City Limits: Mayor Cole stated this is a backyard chicken ordinance and there are a lot of people involved in backyard chicken farms.

e. Liquor License Application for New Sky Deli, LLC: Mayor Cole stated the location is 223 West “B” Street in Rainier and the application is for limited on premise sale. Mayor introduced the owner, Yin Tom Chiu. Vilardi moved, Sills 2nd, to approve the liquor license application for New Sky Deli. Mr. Chiu, the new owner, said the application was for beer and wine. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Reports:

Dudley - Addressed the May financial statement and stressed it is through the continued effort of Council and Staff that there is a continued trend of revenues exceeding expenditures so more cash is being carried over than in the past. Dudley added the budget variance report indicates the City is in compliance with Oregon Budget Law, the appropriation totals are under the adopted budget. Dudley reminded Council that under the Oregon Budget Law the budget is appropriated by category, not line item so you can be over on a line item but still within state budget requirements as long as the appropriation category is under the adopted budget. Mayor Cole clarified that going over on a line item is not necessarily a negative thing, it is educational on how much was spent or needs to be adjusted next year. Dudley advised Council the City has received the 2011-2012 audit and she and Mayor Council will be reviewing it, then it will go back to the auditing firm for printing and she is working with the auditing firm to schedule their presentation of the audit to Council. Dudley said the auditing team will be at City Hall the week of July 22nd for the field work on the 2012/2013 audit year.

Dudley added she is expecting to have bids for painting City Hall by the end of the month or first week in August and is moving ahead with the windows.

Mayor Cole added that he and Dudley always review the financials monthly.

Chief Griffith – Days In The Park went smoothly with no major incidents and will get the police department statistics to Council this week.

Council Reports:

Bradfield - Visited the reservoir and reported there is a tree over the access road and road work was needed along one side of the reservoir. Bradfield stated the reservoir is one third full of silt and believes elk activity near the water entrance is contributing to erosion. Mayor Cole stated the silt could be used as top soil in the park. Bradfield will meet with Dudley and the timber consultant regarding moving the project forward.

Taylor – Thanked Mayor Cole, Vilardi and all those who worked hard regarding the Days In The Park event. Taylor reported the Senior Center raised around \$1,200 during the event via the parking lot, raffles and pancake breakfast. Taylor thanked Mayor Cole for getting the trail paved. Mayor Cole said the next project he wants to get completed is the top soil which would allow three or four additional carnival rides.

Vilardi – Thanked the police department, Mayor Cole, Taylor and all those who helped with Days In The Park.

Sills – Saw people using the pocket park on West “C” Street, was excited to see the trails paved, and wants Council to keep the Scouts in mind for projects.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Mayor Cole announced the next Council Work Session meeting is August 5th at 6:00 PM followed by the Council Regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Cole announced summer time agendas can sometimes be light and if it appears the agenda is going to be light and Council members are unable to attend the meetings the August 5th meetings might be cancelled.

Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Mayor Cole

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