

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2013
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, David Sills, Sloan Nelson, William Vilaridi, Judith Taylor and Scott Cooper.

Council Absent: James Bradfield.

City Staff Present: Darlene Lavelle, Clerk; and Police Chief Griffith.

City Attorney Present: Stephen D. Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: Sills moved to postpone item f., Unfinished Business, Senior Center Update, Taylor stated she wanted it left on the agenda – motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

Mayor’s Address: Mayor Cole read the names of five (5) fallen service personnel since the last time Council met and a moment of silence was observed.

Visitors Comments:

Dave Beldin, 31406 Harris Road, Deer Island, OR 97057, expressed concern regarding the 35% increase for the marina slips, lack of security at the marina and the public restrooms not open in the early morning hours. Nelson suggested addressing the timers on the restrooms and setting them to open earlier. Mayor Cole stated the 35% rate increase Beldin referred to was not an increase but a 28.54% discount that is being phased out because Council deemed the discount was not fair. Nelson stated the security gate situation and the timers on the bathrooms would be addressed and clarified with Beldin that 5:00 a.m. would be a convenient time for the bathrooms to be available. Mayor Cole added that the City has one of the least inexpensive moorage rates on the river between Rainier and Portland. Mayor Cole and Chief Griffith asked Beldin to report anyone tied at the transient dock longer than the allowed 72 hours.

Tiffany Fletcher (President) and Keaton Knox (Vice President) of Rainier High School ASB expressed desire for the school to be a resource for the community and for increased involvement.

Unfinished Business:

a. Approve October 7, 2013 Work Session Meeting Minutes: Cooper moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed** with Sills abstaining.

b. Approve October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes: Vilardi moved, Cooper 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed** with Sills abstaining.

c. “A” Street Update: Mayor Cole announced nothing to report.

d. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Nothing to report.

e. Street Improvement Update: Mayor Cole stated a priority list of streets to repair is being compiled. Historical street signs were discussed.

f. Senior Center Update: Cooper stated he knows there has been some discussion on having the senior center inspected regarding maintenance and since it is City owned property he feels Council needs to instruct Dudley to have it inspected. Massey agreed with Cooper. Taylor added the inspector should do a comparison with the original plans. Mayor Cole added a motion was not needed and he will discuss it with Dudley to get the senior center inspected.

New Business:

a. Approve Resolution #13-10-02 Supporting the Jail Levy: Taylor moved, Vilardi 2nd, to support the jail levy – **motion passed unanimously**.

b. Approve Resolution #13-10-03 Establish Person Authorized to Issue Declarations: Vilardi moved, Nelson 2nd, to approve Resolution 13-10-03. Mayor Cole said it allows the Oregon Emergency Management to declare an emergency on the City’s behalf and does not take away the City’s authorization to declare an emergency - **motion passed unanimously**.

c. Approve Resolution #13-10-04 Approving Emergency Plan: Nelson moved, Cooper 2nd, to approve Resolution 13-10-04 – **motion passed unanimously**.

d. Approve Resolution #13-10-05 Establishing a Line of Succession in the Event of Disaster: Vilardi moved, Cooper 2nd, to approve Resolution 13-10-05 – **motion passed unanimously**.

e. Approve Resolution #13-10-06 Adopting the NIMS System: Mayor Cole said this involves a chain of command class. Nelson moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve Resolution 13-10-06 – **motion passed unanimously**.

f. Declare Surplus Property: Chief Griffith requested the Council declare two retired police vehicles as surplus property and to dispose of them as he sees fit. Nelson moved, Taylor 2nd, to declare the two police vehicles as surplus property – **motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Reports:

None.

Council Reports:

Nelson – with Council agreeing Nelson suggested working with Byron Rickert regarding tree planting on property adjacent to the water treatment plant to create a screen. Nelson said he would contact Rickert.

Taylor – reported on the dedication at the park regarding Charles Fox and the “A” Street bridge.

Mayor Cole – stated he would email Council an ordinance to review opposing adult industry and adult shops and is planning on the first reading of the ordinance to be on the next Council meeting agenda. Mayor Cole said if there were any suggested changes to notify him or Dudley of the changes prior to the first reading. Mayor Cole added the Port is having a meeting on Wednesday, 5:00 PM, at the Columbia River PUD building regarding increased rail traffic. Mayor Cole stated Council needs to discuss priorities in regard to the rail because the trains are coming no matter what. Massey questioned whether increased rail was coming no matter what and added he wanted to be on the same page as the rest of the Council. Rail crossings, an overpass and a quiet zone were negotiating ideas discussed. Nelson added the current parking should remain or if it is decreased the rail should provide additional parking. Nelson expressed concern over businesses being able to survive prolonged construction. Nelson added to ask for a time frame and if that time frame gets broken to ask for help for businesses that would be hindered, or ask for support from the City. Mayor Cole encouraged Council to browse the League of Oregon Cities website to review some interesting ordinances regarding train traffic in regard to franchise fees.

City Calendar/Announcements: City Council regular meeting Monday, November 18th at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Mayor Cole

Attested by: _____
Debra Dudley, City Admin./Finance Director/Recorder