

City of Rainier
Work Session Council Minutes
January 6, 2014
6:00 PM
Rainier City Hall
106 West "B" Street

The meeting was called to order.

Council Present: Mayor Cole, Sloan Nelson, Scott Cooper, David Sills, Steve Massey and James Bradfield.

Council Absent: William Vilardi.

a. CBR Forestry Presentation: Byron Rickert, CBR Forestry and City Consultant, gave a historical review of the municipal export rules. Massey added this is a state rather than federal matter. Rickert gave a 2013 review of the City's forest stating there was a harvest in 2012 and in January, 2013 all the harvested units were treated with herbicide to keep the grasses, blackberries and salmonberries from germinating. Rickert added in March, 2013 everything that was harvested the previous year was replanted and adjusted the planting from 10 x 10 to 11 x 11 because the seedlings are genetically improved which provides a seedling and labor cost savings. Rickert stated in May of 2013 twenty-nine acres was harvested and the total harvest for 2013 was 532,000 board feet of saw logs and 871 tons of pulp with pulp prices being depressed in 2013. Rickert stated there will be revenue from some commercial thinning. Rickert added there was 2400 feet of new road construction in September to provide access to this year's harvest and he does not foresee any additional road building this year. Rickert stated the budgets have always reflected money for new road construction and he suggested shifting some of that money for maintenance to include culvert upgrades, road grading and ditch cleaning. Rickert stated the trees will probably be planted the first part of March and stated the forecast for 2014 is looking promising with the prices maintaining and increasing. Rickert is forecasting logging 28 to 30 acres this year. Rickert said he met with the State Patrol Game twice during the year regarding hunting trespassers. Mayor Cole suggested installing the City's jersey barriers on some of the roads and Rickert agreed. Dudley added the City will receive assistance from Fish and Wildlife regarding the permitting process to remove some of the silt and sediment at the dam. Darrel Whipple, Friends of Fox Creek, asked how old the trees were that were going to be harvested this year and Rickert stated they were 50 to 55 years old.

b. Budget Review: Dudley referred to documentation from Sara Jones, engineer from WH Pacific, who is assisting with the "B" Street project. Dudley added there has been a situation with an unresolved property owner. Dudley stated Jones provided three alternatives. The first proposal

indicates there is enough room to move forward with the project without having to pay the owner anything and will remove any parallel parking which was originally proposed. Mayor Cole and Dudley explained there would be no parking in front of the business and ODOT is uncomfortable with vehicles backing up into oncoming traffic. Dudley stated the second proposal indicates the south side of "B" Street would be added back in but would still require some easements. Mayor Cole stated he suggested to Dudley to back away from the property with the issue and possibly add another block to the project. Dudley added the third proposal is the least desirable because it is more costly because of the thickened walk and railing on the north side which would include the block where the Interstate Tavern is located. Dudley added the one advantage of the second proposal is that it is not as invasive to the property owner and it is less expensive than the third proposal. Mayor Cole reiterated the unresolved property can be addressed possibly in the future but this grant has been going on for ten years and needs to move forward. Dudley added the advantage to proposal #2 is that both sides of the street would be done. Mayor Cole said he feels option #1 is too stern. Dudley stated she would like a motion at the regular meeting for one of the proposals to be approved so the project can move forward. Mayor Cole said his vision is to do a block or two at a time until the entire "B" Street is done.

Addressing financial reports and budget expenditures, Dudley said revenue is where it needs to be and added the timber fund indicates expenses but not revenue because the revenue comes in the last of the fiscal year and will be there around June, depending on the weather, or the revenues might all be in the following year.

The work session meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Mayor Cole

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