

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2014
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall
106 West "B" Street

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Council Absent: None.

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder; Jim Dahlquist, Public Works Supervisor; and Police Chief Griffith.

City Attorney Absent: Stephen D. Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Cole honored six graduating Rainier High School seniors for being part of the nation RHO Kappa Social Studies Honor Society.

Mayor Cole recognized two fallen military personnel since Council last met and a moment of silence was observed.

Mayor Cole announced the Supreme Court ruled prayer before meetings is a right of public bodies.

Mayor Cole announced May 15th, 7:30 a.m., is the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the Rainier Church of God.

Columbia County Commissioner Earl Fisher and Columbia County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Grant spoke in support of the jail levy.

Mayor Cole announced the clean-up day was a great success and H.O.P.E. benefitted through monetary and food donations, thanked the individuals working Saturday and all who volunteered and supported the event.

Mayor Cole read a proclamation that proclaimed Rip City in Rainier, Oregon in honor of the Portland Trailblazers.

Visitor Comments: None.

Mayor Cole went to **New Business, item d., Discuss Council Vacancy Appointment:** Applicant Douglas Aske introduced himself. Massey moved, Cooper 2nd, to appoint Aske to the vacant City Council position – **motion passed unanimously.** Aske was sworn in by Mayor Cole and joined the council.

Mayor Cole said he would contact the Redco President in regards to adding Aske on the Redco Board.

Approve Consent Agenda Items:

April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financial Reports: Sills moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the consent agenda items. The monthly financial reports were discussed in detail during the work session meeting. – **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. Senior Center Update: None.

b. “A” Street Update: Dudley reported on April 25th she attended the Northwest Area Commission on Transportation meeting and announced the City of Rainier was ranked #1 for Columbia County which means the rail corridor project received 42 points. Dudley said the next phase is additional review by state agencies. Nelson complimented Staff and partners for submitting an adequate application.

c. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Dudley referred to the information in the packet. Council requested clarification on what the itemized budget alignment includes. Nelson requested clarification regarding the UG light equipment. Dudley is going to acquire estimates on installation the poles and Mayor Cole would like clarification on “simplified Chevron corner.”

d. Street Improvement Update: Dahlquist stated he spoke with Dave Hill, Columbia County Road Department, who will get back to Dahlquist regarding the prices of asphalt and replaced a water line on Maple and that line will be used to do a drainage improvement on the lower end of 8th Street.

New Business:

a. Approve Agreement with Gould Sunrise Logging Inc. for Commercial Thinning in the Watershed: Mayor Cole stated this was recommended by Byron Rickert, timber consultant. Nelson moved, Sills 2nd, to approve the agreement – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approve El Tapatio's Temporary Alcohol License for Days in the Park: Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd to approve the temporary alcohol license – **motion passed unanimously.**

c. Discuss Parking Option for Rainier Days in the Park: Mayor Cole stated Dan Jacobson, present, was appointed by the Rainier Days in the Park committee to organize parking for the event. Jacobson distributed parking options and is involved in organizing shuttle service from Longview to attend the event. Nelson moved, Sills 2nd, to approve the recommendation to charge for parking at the boat launch, the increased area for free disabled parking and the transient tie-up parking area be charged a fee that Jacobson would oversee with all proceeds from the parking go towards the Riverfront Park. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Jacobson, a member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, requested permission to hold a Native American Festival in the city park, attended by Cowlitz, Clatsop and Nehalem tribes, August 22 – 24 with music and canoeing. Cooper moved, Vilardi moved, to allow the Native American Festival on August 22 – 24. Nelson suggested they work with Dudley and Mayor as far as any city requirements. Mayor Cole advised they needed to provide a certificate of insurance and contact Dudley for any other requirements rather than attend another Council meeting. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Reports:

Chief Griffith – the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was on Saturday. The police department received children identification kits and parents can now get their children fingerprinted in case they go missing and take the prints and kit with them.

Dahlquist – There is an alarm issue at the water treatment plant that will be addressed. There was a security breach witnessed by one of the public works employees prompting mowing and cutting trees and brush. Installing additional lighting and security measures are being addressed as well as general clean-up and maintenance needs at the wastewater treatment plant. Also looking at marina security concerns. Spring clean-up is complete at the park. Cooper requested Dahlquist look at some of the bull rails at the marina. Nelson added that should be a number one priority and asked if it is protocol that the pump out station be checked and recorded on a weekly basis. Dudley and Dahlquist stated that was part of the rounds and the information is needed for the marina board.

Dudley – Covered in work session and regular meeting.

Council Reports:

Sills – read information where President Kennedy, in 1962, proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week where May 15th falls in National Police Week established by Congress.

Massey – would like a Council consensus to send a letter supporting Eco Trust that is going to give guidance to go through with the inventory of the watershed and progression to take to earn carbon credits. Massey read correspondence from Eco Trust stating the City is only committing to exploring the opportunity. Dudley said once Massey receives the information he will bring it back to Council. Mayor Cole stated it was a good idea.

Cooper – welcomed Aske and thanked Massey for his endless efforts.

Bradfield – said carbon credits are part of the system.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Budget Committee Meeting, Monday, May 19th at 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on the 15th at 7:30 AM.

Mayor Cole announced Council was going to go into executive session with possible action afterwards.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

The regular meeting reconvened after executive session.

Sills moved, Cooper 2nd, to credit the four accounts and make good on the erroneous errors of the past public works administrator and correct the accounts in any way the City Administrator and those involved see fit. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM after executive session.

Mayor Jerry Cole

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