

**City of Rainier**  
**Budget Hearing and Regular Council Meeting**  
**June 16, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**Council Present:** Mayor Jerry Cole, James Bradfield, Sloan Nelson, Steve Massey, Doug Aske, Scott Cooper and William Vilardi.

**Council Absent:** David Sills.

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

**City Attorney Absent:** Stephen D. Petersen.

**Budget Hearing:** Mayor Cole opened the budget hearing at 7:02 PM.

Skip Lahti, "A" Street Group representative, asked if the "A" Street project was in the budget and Dudley stated it was not since it was scheduled to start in a couple of years.

No other public comment was received and Mayor Cole closed the budget hearing at 7:03 PM.

**Flag Salute.**

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**

Cooper moved, Vilardi 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add discussion of park gazebo to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously**. Mayor Cole added the discussion as New Business, item f.

**Mayor's Address:**

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

Mayor Cole stated the girl's softball team was recognized by adding a sign, donated by Rainier Sign Co., to the existing recognition sign on Veteran's Way. Mayor Cole read a proclamation and proclaimed June, 2014 as Lady Columbian month in honor of the 2014 Rainier High School Lay Columbians Softball Team for winning the Oregon 3A championship for the second consecutive year.

Mayor Cole announced the OTC ranked Rainier as 23<sup>rd</sup> for the "A" Street project and things are looking good.

**Visitors Comments:**

Skip Lahti, 29843 Riverview Drive, Rainier, OR 97048 expressed concern regarding the wastewater treatment plant odor and asked if it was coming from the holding tank. Bradfield clarified the majority of the odor was coming from the bio-solids. Dudley and Dahlquist clarified there is an occasional fragrant when the centrifuge is ran.

**Approve Consent Agenda Items:**

June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, Nelson moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed** with Cooper and Vilardi abstaining.

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Senior Center Update:** Mayor Cole stated the Seniors elected a new board. Massey, at Nelson's suggestion, stated he would let the new board members to contact City Hall if the need assistance. Mayor Cole stated he and Chief Griffith are planning on attending lunch at the Center once a month.

**b. "A" Street Update:** Mayor Cole stated he asked Lahti to report to Council on behalf of the "A" Street group and downtown business association. Lahti stated the OTC did not rank Rainier as #23, the final review committee did and to clarify that in the process there was \$124,000,000 worth of applications that got narrowed down to \$42,000,000 which cut the projects off at around 37 so at the final review committee last week Rainier ranked 23 out of 37 statewide. Lahti added the OTC makes their final decision in August and there will be a public hearing on July 17<sup>th</sup> in Salem. Lahti expressed thanks for Senator Johnson and Mark Ellsworth from the governor's office for their involvement and Mayor Cole added Tony Hyde has also been very helpful. Lahti stated the interviews have been completed with the stakeholders and David Evans and Associates is just about done with their evaluation. Lahti reported they do a site survey prior to the initial designs, he spoke with Larry McKinley who stated he does not have the information from David Evans regarding cost estimates for the survey which is not in the budget. Lahti stated McKinley did not say who was going to pay for the survey. Council advised Dudley to look into the stakeholders interviews since Council was under the impression they would be included. Lahti stated there will be public hearings in the next two months. Dudley added she will be contacted McKinley and in the conversations with Gibbs & Olsen the survey that was in the Redco packet for water, sewer and storm water was done with an estimate. Dudley added Gibbs & Olsen recommended the work be done concurrently with David Evans and Associates so that there is one engineering firm doing everything. Cooper reiterated an overpass is needed. Dudley said she has been in contact with Patrick Kerr regarding this matter and he will be talking with the appropriate personnel. Mayor Cole added, in his opinion, there are two separate projects because the outside folks who are focused on trying to fix "A" Street and as far as they are concerned an overpass is not included in the money they are bringing to the table. Mayor Cole said safety is the foremost concern and an overpass needs to be funded differently. Mayor Cole

stated possibly Teevin might be on board with an overpass because it would increase their access availability.

**c. Highway 30/"B" Street Update:** Dudley reported still working with ODOT on getting plans together to go out for bid for this fall and everything is in the project. Dudley clarified with Nelson the light fixtures would be included. Nelson stated the existing light fixtures are damaged, and/or corroded and some are not centered.

**d. Street Improvement Update:** Dahlquist reported he is waiting on the County for a timeline. Dahlquist stated he is looking for clarification regarding one of the streets, a lot of the approaches that abut Highway 30 are in need of repair and Rainier Blvd. is in bad shape and will try to get the most out of the available money.

**New Business:**

**a. Approve Resolution #14-06-01 Resolution Transferring Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014:** Vilardi moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve Resolution #14-06-01 – **motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Approve Resolution #14-06-02 Adopting Declaring the Tax Levy and General Obligation Bond for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 –** Cooper moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve Resolution #14-06-02 – **motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Approve Resolution #14-06-03 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 –** Massey moved, Vilardi 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve Resolution #14-06-03 – **motion passed unanimously.**

**d. Approve Resolution #14-06-04 Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 –** Vilardi moved, Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve Resolution #14-06-04 – **motion passed unanimously.**

**e. Discuss Fox Creek Dam:** Dudley reported the City is on track, still dealing with some of the agency requirements, Fish & Wildlife won't be a problem, sent pictures of the site to DSL so they understand that the area proposed to have the material removed is outside DSL jurisdiction because it is not in a waterway, above the high water mark and not in a wetland. Dudley added working on decertifying the stream and stated ODF&W has talked to DSL about decertifying a portion of the stream. Dudley stated the in water work is August/September.

**f. Replace Gazebo In Park:** Cooper moved, Vilardi 2<sup>nd</sup>, to direct Dudley to get bids for a sustainable gazebo for the park. Cooper added the gazebo should have water and a power supply. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Council instructed Chief Griffith and Dahlquist to research any additional parking at the boat launch.

**Staff Reports:**

Dudley – There is a tribe at the park. Working to get the volleyball court done prior to Days In The Park however Dudley would like Tina Edwards’ approval of the sand prior to purchase. Mayor Cole suggested if there is money left over it could be used for seeding.

Chief Griffith – Nothing.

Dahlquist – Water treatment plant working good, river pumps are working well, cleaning and maintenance of wastewater treatment plant upcoming, trimming over hanging trees, holes patched on View Street, attempt dust control on View Street, maintenance at park and marina, and hired one summer worker. Nelson asked Dahlquist to have a plan to research permitting and/or permitting to apply bio-solids on City owned property under the power lines. At Cooper’s request Dahlquist said he would see if the lights at the tennis courts turn off.

**Council Reports:**

Nelson - VFW flag recycling bin is located in front of the fire station.

Cooper - asked if the next meeting was a full work session and Mayor Cole said it could possibly be one meeting in July and one meeting in August. Cooper said he would like Ipad training scheduled soon.

Mayor Cole – the school is working on doing a sister City, they received a grant, and Mayor Cole was asked if the City would be interested in participating and he said yes the City would.

**Executive Session:** ORS 192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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Mayor Cole

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