

**City of Rainier**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**July 7, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

**Council Absent:** David Sills.

**City Staff Present:** Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder; Jim Dahlquist, Public Works Supervisor; and Police Sgt. Ryan Murphy.

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

**Flag Salute.**

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:**

Nelson moved, Vilardi 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add Intergovernmental Agreement For Columbia County Major Crimes Team to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously.**

Vilardi moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup>, to add Executive Session to discuss legal matters to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously.**

**Mayor's Address:**

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

Mayor Cole presented senior statistic data and encouraged Council to review the material. Mayor Cole proposed starting a committee to research grant opportunities and to address the lack of assisted living centers and adult foster care homes for elderly Rainier area residents. Mayor Cole named individuals who are committed to joining the committee are Michael Carter, Russ Clark, Joe Brown and Jim Tierney. Council members joining the committee are Bradfield, Massey and Cooper. Mayor Cole stated one of the first goals of the committee is to support and apply to the Ford Family Foundation for grants. Mayor Cole said senior living in Rainier would be on the agenda for the first work session in September.

**Visitor Comments:**

Jan Moon, 29874 Riverview Drive, Rainier, OR 97048 stated meeting minutes and agendas need to be updated on-line. Cooper stated the websites are going to be restructured.

Skip Lahti, 29843 Riverview Drive, Rainier, OR 97048, complimented Council on the senior projects and wanted to know if the City had a plan to attract younger generations. Cooper stated the City is already underway with that by developing the park, the yearly Rainier Days In the Park event, and access to the waterfront. Lahti agreed with Cooper and said he would like to see young families move to Rainier.

Lahti stated he had not seen Sills at Council meetings for quite awhile, Cooper commented that Sills was a National Guard Reserve and Dudley replied that Sills was on a personal/excused leave of absence.

**Approve Consent Agenda Items:**

June 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, Vilardi moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed** with Cooper abstaining.

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Senior Center Update:** Nothing to report.

**b. “A” Street Update:** Mayor Cole stated there is a meeting with the OTC on July 17<sup>th</sup> in Salem and he and Dudley will attend.

**c. Highway 30/”B” Street Update:** Dudley said the attempt to identify the light poles to match the existing poles would result in a full approval process because that circumvents the public bidding process. Dudley asked for Council’s input that the language in the bid states the light poles have to look similar to the poles on “A” Street. Mayor Cole said that would work. Dudley said it will be sent to the City for approval.

**d. Street Improvement Update:** Dahlquist stated he will check Columbia County regarding their schedule.

**New Business:**

**a. Gazebo Discussion:** Dudley asked for Council’s input regarding the design and then will be measuring for size. Nelson stated if the gazebo was not a prefab construction possibly St. Helens could be contacted for drawings of their gazebo. Moon, visitor, suggested the school shop students might be able to make a gazebo and added covered picnic tables at the park would be nice. Dudley said the gazebo needs to be processed through the public facility bidding process.

**b. Lower Columbia River Water Trail-Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership:** Dudley referred to the information in the packet and stated the estuary wants to include the City of Rainier in their Lower Columbia River Water Trail, there is no cost to the City, and Rainier will be added to the map as the #5

area. Dudley stated, if approved, the estuary would put river mile signs at the marina and the launch. Mayor Cole referred to Dan Jacobsen, citizen and community volunteer, who announced the canoe launch at the marina will open soon. Dudley said the map information will include historic, safety and natural history information to canoe users and kayakers traveling along the river which potentially could provide economic development for the City. At Jacobsen's request, Dudley stated she would research marina bathroom signage. Nelson suggested asking the estuary group to meet with Council with suggestions for any potential improvements. Dudley said she met with them last month and they were very complimentary regarding the City's facility. Massey moved, Aske 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve signage for the Lower Columbia River Water Trail-Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership – **motion passed unanimously.**

**Staff Reports:**

Dahlquist – Water plant is operating well and the tank cleaning and inspection is scheduled for September and there will be a mobilization savings since it will be done in conjunction with the school; bio-solids have been hauled and applied; getting ready for Days In The Park; repairing blowout situation on East 3<sup>rd</sup>; working on town cosmetics; will get striping down after Days In Park; repair catwalk and clean face of dam; and the tennis court lights are shut off since the park is technically closed at 10 PM and it is light until then.

Sgt. Murphy – Everything running smooth and staying busy.

Dudley – Nothing that was not covered previously.

**Council Reports:**

Massey - distributed information regarding carbon credits and stated it could fit for the City.

Mayor Cole – regarding the crude oil train safety, Mayor Cole requested the manager of Columbia Pacific Bio Refinery perform a drill and Mayor Cole received a letter indicating they will do a drill in August or September that will involve all the agencies. Mayor Cole stated he specifically requested a mock scenario in Rainier.

Nelson – the addition of a rail spur at the Teevin Bros. facility and scheduling changes by Portland & Western Railroad will aid in alleviating some of the rail traffic that currently block “A” Street intersections for long periods of time. Nelson to work with Dahlquist regarding some marina projects.

**Executive Session.**

Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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Mayor Cole

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Dudley, City Admin./Fin. Dir./Recorder