

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2014
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Council President Sloan Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Council Present: Council President Sloan Nelson, James Bradfield, William Vilardi, Steve Massey and Doug Aske.

Council Absent: Mayor Cole, Scott Cooper and David Sills.

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.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None.

Mayor's Address: Dudley stated Mayor Cole wanted her to express his appreciation to the City and City staff for working diligently in assisting with the Rainier Days In the Park event.

Visitor's Comments:

Michael Kreger and Alan Harbison, on behalf of the Rainier Days in the Park Committee, presented the City with an appreciation plaque. Nelson thanked the committee for their hard work on a successful event.

Dan Jacobsen invited the Council to a Tribe Dinner at the Senior Center, August 22, at 5:00 PM.

Approve Consent Agenda Items:

July 7, 2014 Work Session Meeting Minutes: Massey moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve the minutes – **motion passed unanimously.**

July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes: Massey moved, Vilardi 2nd to approve the minutes – **motion passed unanimously.**

Monthly Financial Reports: Dudley referred to the general fund ledger balances and stated the funds balance with the bank statements. Dudley added the auditors want this information on the agenda for Council awareness. Massey moved, Bradfield 2nd, to acknowledge Council received

the financials for the month. Nelson stated in the future he would like the agenda to reflect “acknowledge” or “accept” in regards to the monthly financial reports– **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. Senior Center Update: Dudley stated there was an election of officers effective July 1st; Bill Diaz is the President, Randy Bailey is an officer and there are other new individuals. Dudley stated she would invite the officers to meet the Council. Dudley added one bid has been received for improvements, calls have been made to two other contractors since the requirement is three bids, and the project should be able to be awarded by the next Council meeting. Nelson directed Dudley to write a welcoming letter to each individual senior center board member.

b. “A” Street Update: Dudley said she and Mayor Cole attended the Connect Oregon hearing in Salem, 120 people testified including opponents and proponents and the next step is it will go to the final selection process in Ontario. Dudley stated the City is still ranked high enough to hopefully receive some funding.

c. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Dudley stated once there is a final new estimate on the cost, Tom Weatherford from ODOT will attend a council meeting and explain what has changed about the project and give an update. Dudley said a completion date is still this fall, it will be going to bid later than anticipated because of ADA ramp issues on some of the sidewalks because there is not enough room to do what needs to be done. Dudley said the numbers are still being worked but at this time the estimate came in around \$100,000 higher. Dudley said as soon as she has the final estimate she will present it to Council.

d. Street Improvement Update: Vilardi moved, Aske 2nd, for Dudley to prepare a resolution to allocate \$70,000 for street improvements – **motion passed unanimously.** Dudley added she will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

New Business:

a. Consider Approval to Proceed with Street Vacation Request and Set Public Hearing Date for September 15, 2014: Dahlquist explained the location of the requested vacation, informed Council of the 10’ utility easement involved, and everything the applicant needs to be done has been completed. Dudley explained the next step is to set a hearing date that will be posted on the site. Amy Painter, applicant, and Lonnie Richards, contractor, answered Council questions regarding the request. Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to set September 15, 2014 as the hearing date for the street vacation request – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approve Personal Services Agreement with Judge Phillips: Massey moved, Aske 2nd, to approve the personal services agreement with Judge Phillips. Dudley reminded Council that Judge Phillips was one of the individuals interviewed two years ago. **Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Consider Request by SW Anglers to Use the Park for a Salmon Derby on August 29 & 30: Dahlquist informed Council the SW Anglers would have several weigh in stations along various locations on the river besides Rainier. Dudley reminded Council in the past the SW Anglers were allowed to hold a derby in Rainier, however it was not on the same dates as the Eagles' fishing derby. Aske moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the request provided the derby is different dates and they provide an insurance certificate of liability – **motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Reports:

Chief Griffith – Rainier Days In The Park went well and had a lot of assistance from the reserve officers and outside agencies. Nelson asked for an update regarding the available beds at the jail and Chief Griffith reported it is the same as it was pre-July. Nelson asked when there would be more available vacancies at the jail and Chief Griffith reported it could take a few months. Nelson asked Chief Griffith to give an update on the jail situation at the next meeting.

Dahlquist – The water treatment passed inspection with a couple of recommendations, computer problems at the water treatment plant, no problems at the wastewater treatment plant, pins replaced at the boat launch walkway, and new life rings and cabinets have been installed at the launch and marina. Nelson suggested installing a sign on the cabinets to deter criminal mischief and order extra life rings. Dahlquist said the street improvement list is done, repaired a section of East 3rd and repairing a storm drain on Maple in preparation of paving and as that date gets closer the manholes will be lifted and water valve lids on the streets to be paved. Dahlquist added all public works employees have completed first aid, CPR and flagging training.

Nelson added he is eagerly awaiting the bio solids application for the power pumps.

Dudley – Received concerns regarding the vegetation at the marina on low tide so she emailed the Oregon Marine Board to see if there is anything that can be done non-invasively.

Nelson asked about the building at the sewer plant. Dahlquist required we have an estimated bid and going to put it out for some others.

Council Reports:

Massey – The carbon units on the watershed have made it past the first elimination and still in the hub to get the grant funding.

Nelson – Excited to say by fall we will have some new streets.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Public Hearing for Street Vacation and City Council Regular Meeting Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Council President Sloan Nelson

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