

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the regular meeting to order.

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

Council Absent: Scott Cooper and David Sills.

City Staff Present: Jim Dahlquist, Public Works Supervisor and Police Chief Gregg Griffith.

City Staff Absent: Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder.

City Attorney Absent: Stephen D. Petersen.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Nelson moved, Vilardi 2nd, to add a timber harvest agreement to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously** and was added as New Business, item d. to the agenda.

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

Mayor Cole informed Council the City received a positive letter from Bill Grant because the City removed some trees on East "E" Street near Neer City Road.

Mayor Cole stated Randy Bonds, retired from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, was hired as a part-time person in the police department.

Visitor Comments: Darrel Whipple, 76439 Alston Mayer Road, Rainier, OR 97048 asked for Council's approval from October through February for a spawning salmon survey from the river to the dam. Whipple informed Council of some private property for sale adjacent to Fox Creek to see if the Council was interested in applying for a grant to purchase the property. Whipple added he has been researching grant information and Mayor Cole said the City, at this time, is not interested in the property and the City does have funds to purchase that type of property since it was not income property. Mayor Cole added the City's forester looked at the property and it is too close to the creek to justify adding to the City's potential timber revenue. Mayor Cole added Council would entertain the idea of meeting with Whipple if he got some grants.

Dan Jacobsen will be talking about the kayak park at the next meeting.

Approve Agenda Items:

September 15, 2014 Work Session Meeting Minutes: Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

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Unfinished Business:

a. Senior Center Maintenance Update: Mayor Cole stated there was nothing to report.

b. “A” Street Update: Mayor Cole stated surveying was being done. Mayor Cole asked Skip Lahti, “A” Street committee member, if he had anything to add and Lahti asked how the undergrounding was going to be paid for. Mayor Cole said it is being worked on and will have to be coordinated with contractors.

In response to a previous question from Lahti, Mayor Cole asked Massey to explain a committee he was on and Massey said it is a state hazmat committee with 34 members represented by people throughout the state with the primary purpose reviewing the regulations for the safety of moving hazardous material by rail. Massey said the committee is reviewing the regulations and revising them to address the volatile cargo that is being hauled, the committee has met once and there will be a total of nine meetings. Massey stated some of the topics are first responders, notification of materials coming through and what the response will be should there be an incident. Lahti asked if that committee would have input on the design and Massey said he did not think they would have anything to do with the design but perhaps speed. Nelson added it is mostly a state level meeting, not specific to this location. Lahti said he talked to Mark Ellsworth and did not have anything to update other than attempting to find someone to coordinate the project.

c. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Mayor Cole stated the bids will be opened sometime this month in Salem and he and Dudley will attend that meeting.

d. Street Improvement Update: Dahlquist added not all the money allocated was used due to a time situation and nine streets were done. Nelson asked if the cuts in the streets can be filled in and Dahlquist said that is being done.

New Business:

a. Approve Agreement with Waters Technical Forest, Inc. for Log Hauling, as Recommended by the City’s Consultant, CBR Forestry: Nelson moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve the agreement – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approve Resolution #14-10-01 Adopting the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Nelson moved, Vilardi 2nd, to approve Resolution #14-10-01. Mayor Cole explained the resolution addresses grants related to various natural disasters. **Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Columbia County and the City of Rainier for Street Paving: Vilardi moved, Aske 2nd, to approve the agreement – **motion passed unanimously.**

d. Approve Agreement with Hadaller Logging for Timber Harvesting Inc. Recommended by the City's Consultant, CBR Forestry: Mayor Cole and Nelson explained the logging is for 4 different locations throughout the watershed. Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to enter into an agreement with the City of Rainier and Hadaller Logging – **motion passed unanimously.**

8. Staff Reports:

Dahlquist – the new turbidity meter will be installed at the water plant, wastewater treatment plant operating good, the park and the marina are getting heavily used, the park bathroom has been vandalized several times, paved nine streets in six days and was approximately 20% under the cost. Nelson said he was eagerly waiting on a bio-solids plan and the building update at the next meeting.

Chief Griffith – The new employee will be able to fill in for vacations and training, two candidates were interviewed, it was unanimous to hire Randy Bonds and now waiting on a background check; going to be reapplying for a traffic safety seatbelt grant. Massey asked how the neighborhood watch program meeting went and Chief said nobody showed up but will attempt it again in a few months.

Council Reports:

Vilardi – met with Karry Kallunki, Clatskanie PUD, regarding undergrounding the park and Kallunki will get back with Vilardi. Vilardi said they also discussed pole lighting at the launch.

Executive Session on the regular meeting agenda was held during the work session prior to the regular meeting.

Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Mayor Cole

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