

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2015
6:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Sloan Nelson, Council President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Council Present: Sloan Nelson, James Bradfield, William Vilardi, Doug Aske, Dan Smith, Steve Massey and Robert DuPlessis.

Council Absent: Mayor Jerry Cole.

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

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen.

Agenda:

a. Budget Discussion: Dudley reviewed the primary funds (General, Street, Sewer and Water) and explained the functionality of the various funds, line items and variances. Dudley discussed the sewer fund and the reserved funds from the sludge deliveries, and reminded Council it is good to have reserves in case there is an unanticipated expenditure. Dudley stated there has been some issues with machinery and Dahlquist added the trailer is bent and needs to be replaced and the backhoe has had costly repairs and now needs to be repaired at a cost of \$15,000 plus. There was discussion regarding a replacement vs. repairs. Dahlquist stated replacing the dump truck also needs to be considered. Bradfield suggested strategically using the reserves for replacing equipment. Dudley stated Dahlquist and Dan Foultnier, Public Works Lead, are working on a 1, 3 and 5 year maintenance plan. Dudley added some of the reserves will be used in the next year for equipment purchase and capital improvements and said she will be proposing a modest CPI increase which has not been implemented for several years. Nelson said he was not in favor of a CPI increase due to the reserves unless the reserves decrease. Dudley reminded Council the budget is an estimate and we are currently looking at estimates 18 months out. Dudley stated grant options are being researched for various projects and purchases.

b. Liaison Assignments: Not discussed.

President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM.

Sloan Nelson, Council President

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