

**City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2015
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Council President Sloan Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Council Absent: Mayor Cole.

City Staff Present: Debra Dudley, City Administrator, Finance Director, and Recorder; and Police Chief Griffith.

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None.

Mayor's Address: None.

Visitor Comments:

Skip Lahti, 29843 Riverview Drive, Rainier, OR 97048 requested a written summary of the ODOT meeting held approximately one month ago. Nelson said the summary was in the corner of the map that depicted things to be worked on. Lahti said it is not legible and asked for a larger copy of the 8" x 10". Dudley stated Mayor Cole was going to email Lahti the information and Lahti said he had the means to enlarge it. Lahti said a couple of years ago Council formed a list of projects and asked if it had been updated and if it has he would like a copy of it. Nelson said he did not think it had been updated and Dudley added that is something that is done budgetary and when that is done Lahti can have a copy. Lahti asked if he could get the list from the last budget process and Dudley said he could.

Shelly Funkhouser, 631 West "C" Street, Rainier, OR 97048 requested permission to walk the power line on Neer City. Dudley advised Funkhouser the City has a liability waiver and if she would be willing to sign it that would preclude any problems. Funkhouser was advised the water

reservoir and dam area would be excluded from access and if there was any active logging going on that area would not be accessible.

Postpone Approval of April 6, 2015 Work Session Minutes and Postpone Approval of April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: Massey moved, Vilardi 2nd, to postpone approval of the minutes – **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. “A” Street Update: Dudley thanked Lahti for volunteering to get information regarding types of fencing for the rail corridor. Dudley said David Evans & Associates are working on updating the first proposal based on Councilor comments and as soon as that is received it will be made public. Nelson advised Dudley that if that information is not available by the next meeting to find out what date the information will be available. Dudley reported David Evans & Associates called to inquire about the City’s parking restrictions and requirements.

Lahti reminded the City to set up a public meeting regarding “A” Street. Dudley added once the City receives the information and has something to show the public, meetings will be scheduled. Nelson added that once the City received the 2nd draft from the State they would have something that would be a little more meaningful to present.

Kevin Wardle, 303 West “F” Street, Rainier, OR 97048 suggested having a public meeting to see what the members of the City want. Nelson and Dudley reiterated that is the City’s intention.

b. Highway 30/”B” Street Update:

Dudley reported the City is working with the property owner regarding the issue reported at the last meeting regarding a basement. Dudley said there was an issue at Fox Creek because the storm drain was deeper than what was originally considered. Dudley said when she receives more information she will email the Council about a situation involving the basement at Luigi’s Pizza and it appears it will use up the contingency and the project may end up costing more. Dudley said the project was scheduled to be completed by the end of May but because of the problems encountered there may be an extension request. Nelson advised if there is a time extension request that the property owners be notified. Nelson said he will present designs for the streetlight banners at the next Council meetings.

c. View Street Update:

Nelson said he and Mayor Cole made it a point to make this project a priority. Nelson added they are meeting with the owners once there is a plan in place.

d. SDC Discussion: Dudley is moving forward with amending the existing ordinances and requested clarification. Dudley said there was discussion with regard to “like for like” and Nelson added if there was an additional charge it would be beyond what they already had to pay. Dudley said once she is done she will send Council the ordinances for review and then they will be brought to Council hopefully at the next meeting.

e. Postpone Liaison Appointments:

Dudley advised the Mayor makes the appointments and since he is not present the appointments be postponed and Council agreed.

New Business:

a. Consider Request by American Tower: Dudley requested Council to postpone any decision since she has not received the information from them she requested and feels the information would be pertinent prior to a decision and Council agreed.

b. Consider Request to Dispose of Dysfunctional Office Equipment: Massey stated there is a lot of equipment such as computers that are no longer a use to anyone and he would like them to be disposed. Massey has removed the hard drives from the computers. Aske moved, Vilardi 2nd, to dispose of the equipment – **motion passed unanimously.**

c. Consider Recommendation for Technology Needs: Dudley stated several different companies have been interviewed to update the server and address the City’s needs. Dudley reported there is a company they are comfortable going with and they currently serve Clatskanie, 911 and St. Helens. Dudley said the cost could be between \$15,000 and \$18,000 for servers, new computers and labor to install. Dudley said there continues to be ongoing problems and the new company is highly recommended and already serves municipalities. Dudley said this will be part of the budget discussion, we are also looking at upgrading Springbrook and the current server will not support the Springbrook upgrade. Dudley said we are currently negotiating a service agreement and once a successful negotiation is reached it will be brought to Council.

Staff Reports:

Chief Griffith – Working on nuisances and the DEA is discontinuing the drug take back program.

Dudley – Working on a drop box system for Councilmembers. Vilardi said once it is setup on Dudley’s computer she will be host and distributing council information will be easier. Lahti stated that system is not free and Vilardi and Dudley advised it is free. Lahti suggested using Amazon web-services then a physical server would not be needed. Dudley said this year there is concern the vegetation in the water is going to be worse at the marina. To date there has not been

an easy way to correct the situation short of dredging and dredging would require permits. Dudley added it may be that we send out warning letters to the individuals who are moored at the marina. Someone in the audience said he has slip #5 and previously had about \$1,000 damage to the boat because of the weeds. Dudley said they have talked to the Oregon Marine Board to see if there are any viable options and she was given a contact. Someone in the audience asked how many slips the City rented and what was the fee to which Dudley answered. The same person asked if there was a waiting list which Dudley said there was. Nelson advised Dudley to change the code on the gate at the marina.

Council Reports: None.

City Calendar/Announcements: Nelson announced the City Clean Up Day is May 2nd, 9AM to 1PM; Council Work Session Meeting May 4th at 6:00 PM; City Council Regular Meeting May 4th at 7:00 PM; and a City/County Dinner May 26th at 6:00 PM.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

The meeting adjourned after Executive Session with no further action taken.

Sloan Nelson, Council President

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