

City of Rainier
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2015
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

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

Council Absent: None.

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

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: None.

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole reported there were no fallen military personnel since Council last met.

Mayor Cole read an acknowledgement for outstanding achievement by the Rainier High School Music Department for placing in the 2015 State Competition. Michael Carter, School Superintendent, stated Rainier was the only public school that placed in the choir competition.

Visitor's Comments: Michael Carter, 30010 Maple Drive, Rainier, OR 97048 stated it is exciting to see all the changes and positive improvements in the town. Carter added the budget was very clear and smooth and he appreciates all the Council's leadership.

Consider Approval of the May 4, 2015 Work Session Minutes: Vilardi moved, Nelson 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously.**

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Unfinished Business:

a. “A” Street Update: Dudley reported a meeting is scheduled with all the partners and there will be a meeting following with the railroad. Dudley added she meet with several agencies to discuss financing options, DEQ will probably be the best rate and option.

b. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Dahlquist stated it is going as planned but there will be a run over of two or three weeks, some of the paving will be on the 21st, wanting to get power by the end of the week to test the lights, and there have been a couple of water leaks associated with the project. Per Nelson’s question regarding striping, Dahlquist stated that would be at the last of the project. Dudley added the contingency has been utilized and the contractor wanted to pave from the sidewalk to the middle line which would be an additional \$9,000 to \$10,000 cost to the City. Council directed Dudley to authorize the contractor to go ahead with the paving in front of J & R Sales. Dudley said she is attempting to find ODOT maintenance money.

c. View Street Update: Dahlquist stated there was nothing new to report. Mayor Cole stated Dahlquist has been reporting to him on View Street and said there was an estimate of \$108,000. Nelson stated View Street contacted him regarding dust control and Dahlquist stated they will try next week but it depends on the weather.

d. IT Update (not on the agenda): Mayor Cole asked Scott Cooper, former councilor and IT liaison, for an update and Cooper said there was a meeting tomorrow.

New Business:

a. Consider Sidewalk Café’s for Business Owners: Mayor Cole said he had been working on this which resulted from a discussion with one of the “B” Street business owners. Mayor Cole said some businesses are currently doing it unofficially. Mayor Cole said he researched Portland sidewalk cafes and referred to the draft information. Mayor Cole added Portland charges and for Rainier business owners he said it would be free. Mayor Cole asked Council to review the information and have it for approval at the next meeting then businesses would have the opportunity to use the permit this summer. Juilene Wuollette, Interstate Tavern owner, said outdoor seating would be treated the same as indoor seating. Mayor Cole stated the OLCC will allow alcohol in the outdoor seating with an alcohol monitor plan. Mayor Cole added there is OLCC information in the packet regarding beer in the outdoor area. Aske moved, Vilardi 2nd, to accept the sidewalk café program with Dudley and Mayor Cole finalizing the information and application in the draft – **motion passed with Nelson abstaining due to an actual conflict, stating he is a current property owner, owning property which may benefit from this action.**

b. Moorage Tour: Mayor Cole announced the walking tour is moved to after staff reports and council reports. Mayor Cole added Council will then return to City Hall for executive session and then the meeting will be adjourned.

Staff Reports:

Dahlquist – water plant operating well; a couple of water leaks repaired; waiting on repair part at the wastewater treatment plant; mowing and repairing irrigation leaks in the welcome to Rainier area; obelisk was pressure washed; and thanked Jan Moon for three trees she donated that the City planted in the obelisk area.

Chief Griffith – Received a \$1,000 grant with a 50% match for body cams and purchasing 40mm non-lethal launchers. Nelson suggested parking the police vehicles at different areas.

Dudley – nothing that wasn't covered in the previous meetings.

Council Reports:

Massey – noticed the State of Minnesota and the City of Scappoose are possibly implementing resolutions to require the oil trains tell them how much liability they have and who has the liability in case of an accident. Massey said he would be willing to have a town hall meeting to see how the citizens felt for transparency reasons. With Council's direction Massey said he would do some more exploring. Massey said he will report back at the next meeting.

Vilardi – met with Clatskanie PUD at the park and they are getting the cost of getting transformers at the park. Vilardi is also researching the cost of a light at the boat launch and working on the IT situation.

Mayor Cole – would be nice if the transient tie-up and the park were hot spots for internet and wi-fi.

Nelson – has been working with the banners for the highway project and they are on order and talked with the high school art teacher for students coming up with an idea for banners along "A" Street. Nelson added there are 13 banner poles on the highway and 33 poles in the park.

City Calendar/Announcements: (Not Discussed).

The Council did a walking tour of the moorage then returned to City Hall prior to Executive Session.

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.

Reconvened Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve Resolution #15-05-01, Declaring That an Emergency Condition Exists at the City Sewer Main Line and Authorizing Procurement of Repair Services: Vilardi moved, Bradfield 2nd, to approve the resolution as presented – motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Cole

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