

**City of Rainier
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

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

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

City Attorney Present: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from Agenda:

Nelson moved, Smith 2nd, to add union contract to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously** and it was added as New Business, item e.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Cole read the names of three fallen service personnel since Council last met and a moment of silence was observed. Mayor Cole read the names of five fallen military personnel who were murdered last week and a moment of silence was observed. Mayor Cole stated John McCain is a hero.

Visitor Comments:

Dan Jacobson, 233 West "C" Street, Rainier, OR 97048 thanked Council for allowing the Riverfront Project to park cars during Days In The Park, they made a little over \$1600.00 and all of that money will go back into developing the waterfront and promoting the use of the riverfront. Jacobson invited Council to a ribbon cutting ceremony event on Monday, 2:00 PM, August 24th to celebrate the best kayak launching area on the lower Columbia River. Jacobson added the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will also be docking at the transient tie-up on that date, the Cowlitz tribe has been invited to drum, sing and use ancient protocol to welcome the tall ships, kayakers will start at Prescott Beach and paddle to Rainier and a free hot dog lunch will be served.

Mayor Cole said the replica of the America Cups ship will be docking in Rainier on August 4th and they will have a replica of the actual Cup.

Consider Approval of the June 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: Not addressed.

Unfinished Business:

a. “A” Street Update: Mayor Cole announced there will be a work session at 5:00 PM with ODOT at City Hall to answer and field questions. Mayor Cole said there are some updated conceptual maps and maybe they can be tweaked, he is not sure.

b. Highway 30/”B” Street Update:

Mayor Cole said this item can be taken off the agenda. Dudley added we do have a few things that need to be done such as the rail in front of Luigi’s Pizza, brackets to replace and the City is monitoring the plants that are under warranty for a year.

c. Street Update:

Mayor Cole stated there will be a View Street meeting in the next week or so.

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of Electrical Service Agreement with Clatskanie PUD for Two Additional Transformers in the Park at an Estimated Cost of \$14,865.89: Vilardi stated the two transformers will accommodate more power for the park and park events. Vilardi added the cost is the PUD cost and does not include any equipment and mounting the equipment and if the agreement is approved the trenching would start at the end of the event season. Mayor Cole stated it hasn’t been approved yet but he was going to research if Days In The Park could contribute \$3,000 towards the project. Vilardi said Redco was committed to half of the City’s commitment. Nelson moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the agreement and the City share the cost with Redco and Days In The Park and the cost be split with Redco after Days In The Park has committed to a contribution – **motion passed unanimously.**

b. Consider Approval of an Agreement with Waters Technical Forestry for Timber Harvest as Recommended by Our Forester CBR Inc.: Mayor Cole said it is a small tract. Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the Agreement with Waters Technical Forestry for Timber Harvest – **motion passed unanimously.**

c. Consider Approval of the Ford Family Foundation Grant: Mayor Cole said the grant is for \$4800.00 for the technical assistance for the Senior Housing Research. Vilardi moved, Aske 2nd, for approval of the grant – **motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Cole announced he received a grant to attend the 2015 Mayor's convention and it is free.

d. Consider Marijuana Business License Denial Appeal: Merle Thomas, PO Box 247, Colton, OR 97017 distributed handouts regarding the laws in Oregon and recommended the City go through their process and he will inform the Council of his basic business plan. Thomas said he understands Council's concerns, why he got into this business is not over money but because of people's rights and the ability for people to govern the way they want to without pharmaceuticals being involved. Thomas said he has gone through all the proper channels, he has a lengthy legal staff on his team, is trying to offer what the voters have requested what they wanted and that is safe access and is not all about the money. Thomas said he would not allow the business to become a circus, no usage on the premises, there would be no signage and the advertising would be done on a medical website only. Thomas encouraged Council to contact him or a member of his team with any of their concerns. Nelson asked Thomas how many locations has he opened and how many is he in the process of opening. Thomas stated he has two open right now and one additional business will be open in a week. Thomas stated he thinks the tax will be lower in Oregon than the tax in Washington. Bradfield clarified with Thomas it was a cash business. Mayor Cole stated Council, at this time, was going to table the denial appeal pending an ordinance he and Dudley will start working on right away. Mayor Cole added hopefully there would be an ordinance, sooner than later but did not have a date. Mayor Cole stated the ordinance would be presented to Council, he would give a copy of the draft ordinance to Thomas and Thomas would be notified of the date and time of the next meeting.

e. Consider Approval of Union Contract for Public Works: Nelson moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the contract – **motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Reports:

Dahlquist – water treatment plant operating well; replacing waterline and valves on East 3rd Street; no problems at wastewater treatment plant; approved for new sludge site; numerous leaks at park that are being repaired and sprinklers that are failing from either age or damage are being replaced; tree vandalism at park; sign damage; repair work being done at marina; and moving forward with the Fox Creek water source projects.

Sgt. Murphy – Fairly quiet Days In The Park. Dudley asked Murphy to notify the day officers of the vandalism at the park. Nelson asked Murphy how Rainier was involved with the Scappoose incident and Murphy stated Rainier assisted.

Dudley - Reminded Council a couple of years ago the Ford Family Foundation received a grant to put banners on telephone poles and they noticed we have new light poles with new banners

and they wanted to know if the City wants to keep those brackets or they could have them back. Dudley said the City did contribute to that grant. Mayor Cole stated to keep the brackets. Reminded Council the City hired Curran-McLeod Inc. to help with bio-solid and DSL permits. BPA has easements for that area so the city is required to get approval from BPA prior to the permit being issued. The City has submitted the DSL permit application, there are three components to the project; install new water lines, repair the gate and the removal. Curran-McLeod is helping with the bid process and the cost is between \$10,000 and \$12,000 for them to prepare the bid and monitor the project

Council Reports: None.

Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Cole

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