

City of Rainier
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2016
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

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

City Attorney Absent: Stephen Petersen.

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from Agenda:

Aske moved, Massey 2nd, to add appoint budget officer to the agenda – **motion passed unanimously** and it was added as item c. to New Business.

Item b. New Business was deleted.

Mayor's Address: A moment of silence was observed for 13 fallen military personnel since the Council last.

Visitor Comments:

Michael Carter – Library Assistance: Thanked Council for the City's continual support of the school; the school is providing support to the library; and in a couple of weeks school children will be visiting the library.

Kari Hollander – Columbia Soil & Water Conservation District: They are facilitating the property owners regarding the sinkhole situation. Hollander added the final solution has not been decided. Dudley said the City has an interest in the solution because of "C" Street.

Consider Approval of the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes: Vilardi moved, Massey 2nd, to approve the minutes as presented – **motion passed unanimously**.

Unfinished Business:

a. “A” Street Update: Dudley said she attends monthly meetings by telephone; the railroad is working on engineering for the rail design; ODOT Rail will approach the City for easement considerations; and Dudley has asked that as soon as available the City is provided project designs regarding the rail housing and the bio-swells. Dudley added undergrounding the utilities has not been included in ODOT’s cost estimates due to the significant cost. She will ask for an estimate as requested by Council.

b. Highway 30/”B” Street Update: Dudley said still waiting on ODOT to approve the work from the contractor as it relates to the handicap accesses. Mayor Cole directed Dudley to remove the project from the agenda since staff is aware of the access matter.

c. View Street Update: Dudley said if the County Road Department chip seals the City will contract with them and if they don’t the City will have to find a contractor to chip seal and will know probably within the next month.

New Business:

a. Consider Expenditure Authorization for Park Gazebo Project: Council decided to reopen the Redco meeting after the regular council meeting to vote on the gazebo project funding.

b. (Deleted).

c. Appoint Budget Officer: Aske moved, Massey 2nd, to appoint Debra Dudley as the Budget Officer – **motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Reports:

Chief Griffith – Discussed the cage for the new patrol vehicle and an additional check was donated for the donut sale and it was given to H.O.P.E.

Dudley – the auditing firm said the financial statement should be done soon; have started the budget process; the community room continues to be a work in progress; the sea lions are back and she has contacted ODF&W for advice for getting rid of them and the area will be posted with caution signs; the library has helpful volunteers and they have been updating the books and materials; the school’s librarian’s knowledge has been very helpful; there is a library board meeting coming up; and Mayor Cole suggested having a library vision meeting on February 24th at 6:00 PM.

Council Reports:

Nelson - Thanked Dan Jacobsen and Rick Newman for their work at the marina area and some photos; radar equipment has arrived and will be installed in the next couple of weeks; and hopefully at the next meeting he will be able to present some grant material regarding the marijuana ordinance.

Bradfield - Dudley responded to Bradfield's concern regarding the air conditioning for City Hall and she stated it was part of the capital projects and there might be some funding or grants available for the windows and air conditioning. Bradfield asked if anything had been done regarding the reservoir roads and Dudley stated she and Foultnier met with Byron Rickert and there is a temporary fix and the permanent fix is going to be when the rest of the work is done.

There was a discussion regarding the hours, help and updating at the library. Dudley said eventually the hours will be extended to include Saturdays.

The meeting was adjourned and Mayor Cole stated Nelson was going to reconvene the Redco meeting.

Mayor Cole

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