

**City of Rainier  
Regular City Council Meeting  
August 1, 2016  
7:00 PM  
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Council Present:** Robert DuPlessis, Bill Vilardi, Jim Bradfield

**Council Absent:** Doug Aske, Sloan Nelson, Dan Smith, Steve Massey

**City Staff Present:** Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder;  
Gregg Griffith, Police Chief; Dan Foultnier, Public Works Supervisor

**City Attorney Absent:** Stephen Petersen

**Flag Salute.**

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:** none

**Mayor's Address:** None

**Visitor Comments:** Al Guist; states the chickens we allow are bringing in varmints, mainly skunks and raccoons. He has complained about the skunks before near Fox Creek. This year at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street he saw 6 baby skunks with a momma skunk. Al states they are after the chickens and their eggs. He smells and sees them in various locations in town. He states they need professionally trapped. Debra and Al both noted Columbia County Animal Control won't do anything about the skunks. Dan states he can see if Byron can help. James Bradfield noted he has smelled the skunks also. Al Guist mentioned he has nuisance complaints he turned in recently to the City on A,B,C and D Street. He wants the City to take care of what he deems are ordinance violations. Debbie mentioned Gregg has been working on the violations. Dan Jacobson stated he disagreed with Al, he feels the City's appearance is improving.

**Consider Approval of the July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Bradfield moved, Duplessis 2<sup>nd's</sup>, to approve the minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously.**

**Unfinished Business:**

a."A" Street Update: none

b. View Street Update: Dan stated chip sealing was scheduled for Aug. 11th

**New Business:**

a. Consider Approving Easement with PGE in the Watershed: Dan stated PGE wants to add a power pole adjacent their existing steel pole to relieve tension on the fibre optic pole. Vilardi moved, Bradfield 2<sup>nd's</sup> to approve the easement-**motion passed unanimously**

b. Consider approval of Marijuana Sales Tax Resolution #16-08-01: Mayor Cole explained that in order to tax marijuana sales, it would have to go before the voters. It would be a 3% tax. Debbie confirms the resolution and ordinance go hand in hand and this would allow the City to refer it to the voters. Debbie clarifies that there is currently a state tax but not a local tax and we can't tax unless voters approve the ballot measure. The State set the current local tax at 3%. Duplessis moved, Vilardi 2<sup>nd's</sup> to approve the Marijuana Sales Tax Resolution-**motion passed unanimously**

c. Consider approval of Marijuana Sales Tax Ordinance #1071: Debbie explains this is the second step to Resolution #16-08-01 as provided by the City attorney. This is necessary to place the measure on the ballot in November and must be approved by the voters. Vilardi moved, Duplessis 2<sup>nd's</sup> to approve the Marijuana Sales Tax Ordinance- **motion passed unanimously**

d. Consider Approving the Engineering Agreement with Pat Curran for Waterline Upgrade at D Street Loop: Mayor Cole states D Street loop is in dire need of repairs. Mayor Cole states there are old water lines under the street and this would approve the engineering for the water line upgrade for D Street Loop. Debbie states the improvement will give better fire suppression in that area. Dan states that for us to meet current standards part of the line that is 2" pipe, needs to be 6" pipe and the part of the line that is 4" pipe, needs to be upgraded to 8" pipe. Vilardi moved, Bradfield 2<sup>nd's</sup> to approve the engineering for the Waterline Upgrade not to exceed \$15,000-**motion passed unanimously**

e. Discuss Overnight Camping at the Marina: Debbie notified Council that this needs to be referred to the planning commission, with notice to the adjoining property owners as it is not a permitted use in that zone. Dan Jacobson asked if this meeting would be held before Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, Debbie said she would check with Sarah. Dan states there are some problems down there with dark areas at night (safety). Mayor Cole is for the camping but also wants to pass along the information to the Council who are absent. Mayor Cole read a statement from absent Councilmember Nelson stating we already have a problem down there with transients living in their cars and sketchy people there at night. Nelson states since we can't pick and choose who camps there, he is against the overnight camping at the marina. Mayor Cole states we could easily chase off people who don't have the overnight camping permit. Dan Jacobson states he could go down and ask people if they have a permit and tell them they need to move on if they don't. Al Guist expressed concern about private citizens providing policing. Vilardi moved, Bradfield 2<sup>nd's</sup>, to refer the Overnight Camping at the Marina to the planning commission. Duplessis stated, he is concerned with transients camping down there. Mayor Cole thinks this could improve the transient issue as they won't pay to stay there and it would also give the police officers more enforcement-**motion passed unanimously**

f. Discuss request by the Rainier Garden Club for a Free Library Kiosk in the Park: Mayor Cole states Rainier Garden Club wants to put a free book kiosk in the park. Debbie states the club will pay for it, maintain, and monitor it and if it becomes a problem they will also take it out. Consensus from Council is that this is okay.

**Staff Reports:** Dan; we have completed the reservoir tanks painting, we are currently removing trees at Old Rainier Rd. reservoir, we have removed sediment from the reservoir, View street is

ready to be chipped sealed as of next week, and we have completed the stop bars at the cross walks.

Debbie; the individual we have hired to help us with some of our projects is coordinating with the staff and Oregon Marine Board for selection of the pump out and potty pump unit and cameras. The units should be delivered in a couple of weeks and we are working with the City of Seattle for the security cameras. Continuing to work on bidding requirements for the HVAC systems, originally we had talked about using a ductless system, but the engineering contractor does not think that is going to be the best option for all of the offices. Working with FEMA on the various flood damaged sites for expenditure reimbursement. Waiting for an update on the sink hole project; engineering and funding. Continuing to work with contractors for bid on wood windows, we already have the vinyl window bid. Once the engineered plans are received we will complete the building permit process for our storage building. Oregon DWS has to approve the engineered plans for the Fox Creek Dam Waterline. We will be working with the engineer for an engineered design contract on the Fox Creek Dam Waterline.

**Council Reports:** None

**City Calendar/Announcements:** Mayor Cole announced the Town Hall Meeting with Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici at the Rainier Senior Center tomorrow Aug. 2 from 1:30-2:30pm

Mayor Cole adjourns the meeting at 7:55pm

**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.**

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Mayor Cole

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