

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
April 3, 2017
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

Council Present: Mayor Cole, Sloan Nelson, Jim Bradfield, Mike Kreger, Robert dePlessis

Council Absent: Steve Massey, Doug Aske

City Staff Present: Debra (Debbie) Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder, Chief of Police; Gregg Griffith

City Attorney Present: No

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: None

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole read H.O.P.E. Proclamation; Bert from HOPE thanked the Fire Department for the donation and the City for their continued support

Visitor Comments: Byron Rickert from CBR Consulting gave an update on the watershed. Rickert stated the City has approximately 1500 acres of manageable land in the watershed. Rickert explained the goal is to log about 2% of the watershed per year which is about 25-30 acres and includes replanting and maintenance. Rickert stated the City nets about \$180,000 a year from timber sales. Rickert noted the majority of the trees being logged this year will be near the power lines and is approximately 45 year old doug fir and a few other small patches. Rickert noted the future looks really good and there are really nice, sustainable stands of timber in the watershed. Rickert stated he does road improvements in the summer months while the roads are in good condition. Rickert showed Council members a sample of the trees that are replanted in the watershed. Nelson thanked Rickert for his work. Mayor Cole asked Rickert how long he thought he would keep managing the watershed and Rickert stated as long as he stays healthy. Rickert noted he is planting 11,000 tree seedlings this year.

Approve Consent Agenda Items- Consider Approval of the March 6, 2017 Work Session Minutes- Kreger moved, Bradfield 2nd to approve the minutes as presented-**motion passed** with duPlessis abstaining

Consider Approval of the March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes- Kreger moved, duPlessis 2nd to approve the minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Financials (Audited Annual Financial Statement)- Nelson moved to approve Financials, Kreger 2nd to approve Financials as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable / Senior Housing – Debbie handed out a document showing the housing needs at the County level. Debbie stated at our next meeting there will be a developer and a project manager to discuss assisted living ideas and will also be reviewing some possible sites. Debbie noted that they will also be meeting with facility directors and 911 to talk about what might be an obstacle to somebody coming to our area so we are aware of the possible issues. Debbie commented that as seniors residents move into the assisted living facility, that would create housing availability in Rainier as there is a large housing shortage in the County.

b. “A” Street Update- update given in work session

c. Kayak Camping Request Update- Mayor Cole stated Don Mathison the City Planner stated the process would be to have the City apply for a Temporary Use Permit through the Planning Commission. Kreger noted that Paul Langner had a very thorough list of questions for Dan Jacobson to have ready to answer at the hearing. Kreger stated Jacobson was told it would be for a limited amount of time. Kreger stated it went well and Dan walked away very positive. Mayor Cole asked Kreger what he recommended based on the meeting and Kreger stated he would be for approval of the Temporary Use Permit if he was still on the Planning Commission based on the fact that this is only temporary until the County gets Diblee Beach developed. Mayor Cole stated if this was an overwhelming success, we could always keep it. Debbie stated a motion was needed to direct staff to apply for the Temporary Use Permit. Kreger motioned, Bradfield 2nd to approve staff to apply for a Temporary Use Permit for overnight camping at the Marina. Mayor Cole asked what the approximate cost to the City is going to be, Debbie estimated approximately \$500-\$1,000. duPlessis questioned what the motion was for exactly and Mayor Cole explained the history of the overnight camping request and the Temporary Use Permit Application process the City Planner stated the City needed to precede with-**motion passed unanimously**

d. Sinkhole Update- Kari Hollander from Columbia SWDC gave an update on the Fox Creek Sink hole:

Kari stated not a lot has changed since we stopped work in December and we will have contractors out Thursday of this week. Kari stated we are in the final phase in May and June and will be complete with the temporary fix by June 30, 2017 and asked Council if they had any questions. Nelson asked about the deadline and Kari stated we received an extension initially until February to tie up loose ends and June 30, 2017 is the drop dead extension and we have all of our permits extended. Debbie asked Kari if the contractors coming this week were for the pre-bid meeting and Kari replied yes, it is for pre-bid meeting. Kari asked Council knowing that the County has the transit center going on and there is some movement on the shopping center and that there is a lot of infrastructure in that block near where the sink hole exists, and in order to do the daylighting, she would like to recommend that there is some joint discussion and planning so that when all of these projects come together aren't being developed in a box where the pieces don't fit together when everything starts coming to light. Bradfield asked what that had to do with the sink hole, which is a fairly small scope of work. Kari stated it is 700 feet of culvert with $\frac{3}{4}$ of your storm water running through it so it is kind of a big deal and a sewer main running about 4 feet away from where the original edge of the sink hole was and when it is day lighted, in which the City has signed an agreement they will work with us (Columbia SWCD) and ODFW and everyone else involved through 2021 to have that day lighted to meet fish passage and better the stream itself. Bradfield asked if any of the funding has changed. Kari stated no, not as far as the temporary piece is going, we have not even looked at the future; we need to get this first step completed. Mayor Cole stated he wanted the first step completed before he even looked at future work. Kari stated there is a lot going on and a lot of discussion, plans, techs and developers are looking at all of these same systems that need to be handled by state law and there all going to connect to each other and a highway does doesn't mean they aren't touching so I just encourage you to at least bring us into the conversation as to how to do the daylighting properly. Mayor Cole stated that he is not convinced that your (Kari's) idea of buying out all of the businesses along the highway 30 is..... Kari cutoff Mayor Cole and stated that is like one of ten or twenty options. Mayor Cole stated that so is the sewer system and you are narrowing that to one item. Mayor Cole stated he wants to complete the temporary fix then we will have that discussion at that time. Bradfield asked Kari if they were still within the budget and Kari stated yes, they were well within the budget. Bradfield asked so there are no surprises with that then and Kari stated no. Debbie mentioned that the benefit is that the "C" street culvert

will be cleaned; the trash rack on the other side will be ...Kari interjected it will be removed and then replaced. Debbie also stated that area will all be cleaned out and the City asked for and Kari agreed to a settling pond installed before the water reaches the culvert. Kari stated it will be a debris removal area similar to a settling pond. Debbie asked Kari stating she noticed the budget was around one million dollars on the FIA, if that what is left to spend or what has been spent. Kari noted that a good chunk of that has already been spent. Debbie asked Kari if we would have any problems satisfying the project with what is left and Kari stated no, we are well within reason. Kari stated a couple contractors came out about two months ago to look at the project again and some of discovery when we were under construction this last fall and got some really solid answers about what the next phase will look like and how it will be accomplished. Debbie asked how many contractors were interested in the project and Kari stated the bid packets are online so she has no way of knowing how many will bid.

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of the Library Agreement with the Rainier School District- Michael Carter from Rainier School District gave an update on the library. Carter stated it is going very well and there is an average of 15-20 people in the library daily and the library issued 10 new library cards last month. Carter stated there is a temporary librarian and she has the Dolly Parton book program up for the first time in years. Carter noted there are local tutors working in the library twice a week in the evening 3:30-5:30. Carter explained the Imagination Library program. Carter stated there have been a lot of book donations. Debbie stated the library is now open until 7pm two nights a week and it is open on Saturdays and it appears to be very successful. Carter stated they did book the museum for the State to come in for two days and they will bring it artifacts for the kids and it will be tied in to the summer reading program. Carter stated over 700 students have visited the library and have received library cards. Mayor Cole noted he really liked being open on the weekend. Nelson asked if the school board was happy with the relationship and Carter stated yes, very happy and the board passed it at the last meeting and the school is hopeful the City will renew another year. Kreger moved, Nelson 2nd to approve Library Agreement with the Rainier School District as presented. Nelson asked what the rate was last time and Debbie stated it was reduced this year by \$5,000- **motion passed unanimously**

b. Consider Approval of the Agreement with Payne Reforestation as Recommended by our Forester CBR- Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve Agreement with Payne Reforestation- **motion passed unanimously**

c. Consider Acceptance of Budget Schedule- Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to Accept Budget Schedule-**motion passed unanimously**

d. Consider Approval of IGA with Columbia County for Marijuana Tax Collection- Debbie noted it is a one-time fee of \$100 and then 4% of the money collected. Nelson asked how we know if the marijuana business' are being honest about their income. Debbie stated the state and county has checks and balances. Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve IGA with Columbia County for Marijuana Tax Collection-**motion passed unanimously**

e. Consider Approval of IGA with Columbia County Work Crew-Debbie stated it will cost \$375 with a minimum of four workers. Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve IGA with Columbia County Work Crew-**motion passed unanimously**

f. Consider Approval of Agreement with Stettler for Pump Out Station-Debbie stated this is the final stage and the cameras and Wi-Fi are also almost completed. duPlessis asked how we will protect the new station from the sea lions and Debbie stated she is going to work with the marine board on that. Nelson moved, Bradfield 2nd to approve Agreement with Stettler for Pump Out Station-**motion passed unanimously**

Staff Reports: None

Council Reports: duPlessis stated he was at a home show where he saw a company that renovated windows instead of replacing them and this may be an option the city could look into. Debbie stated many of the upstairs windows may not be repairable. Bradfield asked for the status of the reservoir water. Debbie stated we are going out to bid this week and we are online to have it completed this budget year. Nelson asked about bio-solids disposal permit application. Debbie stated it is done and we can't dump up in the watershed until June for a five month window, but we can and we have been dumping at Skeen's tree farm. Debbie noted the watershed area is already prepared for the bio-solids to be dumped there. duPlessis stated the Eagle Scout life jacket station is now completed down at the boat launch and it turned out really well. Nelson asked about the flashing cross walk sign. Debbie stated we had a verbal okay from ODOT, but not in writing. Nelson recommended just sending the person she talked to at ODOT an email stating we were going to install the sign.

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City Calendar/Announcements: City Wide Clean Up Day April 22nd 9 am-noon in the parking lot at the sewer plant. Nelson would like an advertisement in the chief regarding the cleanup day.

Rainier City Council Meeting; Monday May 1, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660 (2) (h) to consult with council concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 8:57pm

Mayor Cole

Debra Dudley, City Administrator /Finance
Director/Recorder