

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
October 16, 2017
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Council Present: Mike Kreger, James Bradfield, Sloan Nelson, Robert duPlessis,

Council Absent: Jenna Weaver, Steve Massey

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

City Attorney Present: No

Flag Salute.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole reported that there were no fallen service persons names to read.

Visitor Comments: none

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the September 25, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes- Kreger moved, duPlessis 2nd to approve minutes as presented. - **motion passed unanimously**

Kreger moved, Bradfield 2nd to approve financials as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable / Senior Housing – no update

b. 'A' Street Update- Mayor Cole moved New Business **b. ODOT's Request for Sidewalk Crossing Closures to 'A' street update**; Mayor Cole displayed and reviewed a map of 'A' Rail Safety Improvements. Mayor Cole stated ODOT has a request to remove certain sidewalk crossings because there will be a new pedestrian crosswalk across the railroad tracks. Nelson voiced his concerns

regarding the new pedestrian crosswalk and that to legally cross the road, you would have to walk a great distance just to cross the road and he noted most people are not going to go down to the new pedestrian crosswalk to cross, they will just jaywalk across the street. Kreger agreed. Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve ODOT's Request for Sidewalk Crossing Closures request excluding the removal of the East 5th Street crossing closure and Mayor Cole would like further clarification as to why ODOT wants the street crossing closure at East 5th Street- **motion passed unanimously**

c. **Sinkhole Update-** Debbie stated the documents for the payment request was submitted and the City should have payment this week. Debbie stated she got a call from Tom with Oregon Fish and Wildlife and that they are already interested in make Fox Creek fish friendly and would like to meet with the City regarding fish passage. It was discussed to remove sinkhole update from old business and add 'A' Street Plaza.

New Business:

a. **Consider Approval of the Agreement with Althof Contracting for Road Work-** Kreger moved, Bradfield 2nd to approve Althof Contract for Road Work as presented- **motion passed unanimously**

b. **Consider ODOT's Request for Sidewalk Crossing Closures-** was moved to Unfinished Business 'A' Street Update

Staff Reports: Chief Griffith reported that security lighting was assessed and will have a report soon for Council to review. Mayor Cole stated he has a vendor coming in that was at the Oregon League of Cities Conference to give a demonstration of a hi-tech portable camera surveillance system and Cole explained how the system worked to the Council members.

Council Reports: Nelson stated that one of the property owners (regarding 'A' Street Project) has been working with a designer to make sure the businesses get as much parking as possible. Mayor Cole asked if they had talked about the railroad box and Nelson stated yes and that they were going to be moving the railroad box onto City property. Nelson stated the parking layout near El Tapatio has been reconfigured. Nelson noted a fuel tank has been discovered on the City's property and stated it was near a power pole at the entrance to the proposed plaza. Nelson recommended having an environmental company come and remove it and do all the work including pulling the permits. Nelson stated he spoke to Columbia County Transit and they said they went out for

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bid and the bid should be awarded in the middle of November for the new transit center in Rainier.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Next Regular City Council Meeting is Monday November 6, 2017 at 7pm

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 7:31pm

Mayor Cole

Debra Dudley, City Administrator /Finance
Director/Recorder