

**City of Rainier  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 4, 2019  
7:00 PM  
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7pm

**Council Present:** Jenna Weaver, Sloan Nelson, Rick Sanders, Robert duPlessis, Steve Massey

**Council Absent:** James Bradfield, Mike Kreger

**City Staff Present:** Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director

**City Attorney Present:** No

**Flag Salute**

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda-** Mayor Cole requested to add Banking Signers and Visa discussion; Nelson moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to add Banking Signer and Visa discussion to the agenda- **motion passed unanimously**. Mayor Cole requested to add a Sign Variance request; Nelson moved, Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> to add Sign Variance to the agenda- **motion passed unanimously**. Mayor Cole requested to add IGA with Columbia Soil and Water District ; Massey moved, Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> to add IGA with Columbia Soil and Water District to the agenda- **motion passed unanimously**. Mayor Cole requested to add Forestry Agreement for Watershed; Massey moved, Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> to add Forestry Agreement for Watershed to the agenda- **motion passed unanimously**.. Mayor Cole requested to add Executive Session for Personnel Discussion; Nelson moved, Richards 2<sup>nd</sup> to add Executive Session for Personnel Discussion to the agenda- **motion passed unanimously**.

**Mayor's Address:** Mayor Cole read the names of the fallen service personnel since the last meet and a moment of silence was observed

**Visitor Comments:** Unknown person commented about driving to Rainier from Longview, as he drives around the interchange, he noticed the wolf carving and stated he really like it and also a white sign for A&S Septic in which he believes it is ugly and distracting. Mayor Cole noted the City would look into it. Michael Self voiced his concerns in what he has noticed that has changed in the City in the last 14-15 years. Self noted there is a terrible drug usage problem near the area he lives and around the businesses on the West end of town. He stated he has had intruders and people knocking at his door at 2 and 3am. Self stated he has complained to the City for three years about a fire hydrant that needs repaired. Self noted that a car hit a pole recently and it could have started a fire and the fire hydrant is out of service

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and noted that this is a big risk. Mayor Cole asked if we had a work order on it and Lawrence stated it is a 4" line and it has to be upsized. Self complained about code enforcement stating a permit was issued for a mobile home and there has been issues with the property affecting his property as they did non-permitted ground work.

Connie Budge stated there is a pickup that does cookies, and tears up the road near her house nearly every day. Cannot hear Connie as she speaks softly and the fireman's radio was on in the background.

**Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

**Consider Approval of the January 7, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes and Financials-** Massey moved, Weaver and duPlessis 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve January 7, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Affordable/Senior Housing-** none

**b. 'A' Street Update-** Mayor Cole noted he is working on trying to ODOT to come in and give an official update as they are preparing final documents to go out to bid. Mayor noted that Ken Kohl is no longer ODOT's project manager for this project and that he has been trying to connect with the new project manager.

**c. 'A' Street Plaza Update/Riverfront Trail-** none

**New Business:**

**a. Consider Approval of the CWCOG Annual Planning Agreement**  
Nelson moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve CWCOG Annual Planning Agreement as -**motion passed unanimously-**

**b. Consider Appointment of Julie Kauppi and Dena Nordstrom to the Rainier Planning Commission-** Massey moved, Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Appointing Julie Kauppi and Dena Nordstrom to the Rainier Planning Commission- **motion passed unanimously**

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**c. Rainier Diking District Presentation-** Mayor Cole asked if the presentation was any different than what was presented at REDCO. Clarke stated they were just looking for an update on the status and that they are very appreciative of the tentative commitment that the City agreed to. Clarke stated they wanted to make sure the City has received all the documents that the City requested of them relative to their financial requests. Mayor Cole noted the City wanted to make sure that they are solvent and that they can continue to do business and not have to come back and ask for more money in a couple years. Nelson declared an actual conflict of interest and noted that REDCO discussed having the Rainier Diking District change their bylaws so that it forces them to raise their rate should the need arise that they don't have an opportunity to say no, and they have to meet that obligation. Clarke agreed they would re-assess the issue and come up with a different way of assessing and meeting those budgets. Jenna moved to firm the City's commitment to contribute to the Rainier Diking District to certify the dike for the amount previously agreed on with the stipulation that that the RDD add a bylaw that allows them to have a balanced budget, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve as Weaver presented. Nelson questioned if it was a commitment or that the City was actually going to move forward with an actual commitment of the funds. Weaver and Cole stated they felt it was to move forward with the funds. Mayor Cole stated they had previously committed \$50,000.-**motion passed with Nelson abstaining with a declared actual direct conflict of interest**

**d. Hamlet Community Software Presentation-** Craig Marquardo of Hamlet Community Software passed out a handout and gave a presentation to the City Council promoting Hamlet Software Application for the City of Rainier for marketing purposes of economic development, public communication and tourism. Mayor Cole noted we are open for any proposals as long as we can say no at any time.

**e. Appoint Budget Officer-** Mayor Cole stated Dudley is still the Finance person for the next year and would like to appoint her. Weaver moved to appoint Dudley as the Budget Officer for Fiscal year 19/20, Massey moved-**motion passed unanimously**

**f. City Banking Signers and Visa** – Weaver noted that check signers for the City's bank account are Mayor Cole, Steve Massey, Robert duPlessis, Sloan Nelson and Gregg Griffith and InRoads Credit Union needed a couple of signatures for that. Weaver stated that for REDCO they do not have an agreed list of signers and asked if they were the same. Nelson recommended that he, Massey and duPlessis fill out the signer forms. Weaver stated they need to identify one person with significant control. Nelson motioned for all those in favor of having Nelson, Massey and duPlessis as signers for REDCO, Weaver

2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Nelson, Massey and duPlessis as signers for REDCO- **motion passed unanimously**

Weaver noted that the City only has one person that has a City visa card and that it needs to be discussed to add more authorized users to the visa account. Weaver stated it is the same account and it was discussed to add Sue Lawrence, Sarah Blodgett and Jerry Cole. Nelson questioned if it was one account with multiple cards and Weaver stated that was correct and it is a total limit of \$5,000. Weaver moved to add authorized users in the name of Sue Lawrence, Jerry Cole and Sarah Blodgett and that Gregg Griffith already has a visa card in his name, Sander 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve visa authorized users motion by Weaver. Nelson asked what was the need for more cards since we have had one card previously. Weaver and Mayor stated it is easier to track who spent what and it eliminates people using their own visa card and then having to be reimbursed or the issue if a person does not have a visa card and needs to attend a conference or a meeting. Lawrence stated she is not comfortable using a visa that has Gregg Griffith on it and signing the charge- **motion passed unanimously**

**g. Sign Variance-** Mayor Cole stated that he supported this variance request made by Sheryl Teuscher to extend her sign permit for Relay for Life Can Drive as the sign has brought in so much in donations and Mayor stated she asked him to keep it up longer than the permitted 60 days. Council discussed how long to leave it up and it was decided to allow 120 days and then have her re-apply. Massey moved to give Sheryl Teuscher a variance to extend the 60 day sign permit to 120 days, Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the motion as presented- **motion passed unanimously**

**h. Consider Approval of Columbia Soil and Water District IGA-** Mayor Cole noted this is needed legal document for CSWD allowing them access to do riparian work on Fox Creek. Nelson moved, duPlessis 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve CSWD IGA as presented -**motion passed unanimously**. Lawrence stated that CSWD has reached out and stated they have some additional partners and we may be possibly looking at additional riparian restoration throughout the City.

**i. Consider Approval of Forestry Agreement for Watershed-** Mayor Cole stated this is a planting agreement of labor and materials for tree planting, brush control, spraying and thinning, and recommended from our contracted City Forester, Byron Rickert Nelson moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve agreement as proposed **motion passed unanimously** -

**Staff Reports:** Chief Griffith asked Mr. Self if he was interested in Neighborhood watch that there is a program the City can get him involved, and that the City provides signage and noted that this could be a piece to the puzzle where he can help out.

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**Council Reports:** none

**City Calendar/Announcements:**

February 19, 2019 REDCO Meeting at 6:30pm

Executive Session: ORS 192.610-192.690 (2) (a) To consider employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

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Mayor Cole

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Sarah Blodgett, Interim Recorder