

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
June 17, 2019
7:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole opened the Budget Hearing at 7:01pm

Connie Budge, Budget Committee member stated she was not able to attend the previous budget committee meeting but noted she received her copy of the budget and all her information and appreciated it.

Mayor Cole closed the Budget Hearing at 7:04pm

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Council Present: Robert duPlessis, Sloan Nelson, James Bradfield,
Steve Massey, Rick Sanders

Council Absent: Mike Kreger, Jenna Weaver

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

City Attorney Present: No

Flag Salute

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: none

Mayor's Address: A moment of silence was observed

Visitor Comments: Robert Kaiser, Port of Columbia Commissioner stated he was representing the port as Avent and Trapp terms were ending soon and gave an updated of current happenings at the port

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- no updates

b. 'A' Street Rail Safety Corridor Update- Mayor Cole noted the bids will be opened on June 20th and Lawrence noted rail construction is scheduled to start June 24th. Sanders questioned if the City had asked InRoads Credit Union about the signage they wanted for after-hours parking and Lawrence noted she was in contact with them.

c. Fox Creek Update- Dudley noted there is multiple Fox Creek projects: the culvert (the daylighting), the Fox Creek Mitigation for the DEQ by Grocery Outlet and asked about the riparian work on the City side of the creek. Lawrence stated a riparian group would like to come in and do plantings and take over the maintenance of that upper area. Lawrence noted the DEQ mitigation plantings have been completed and are working on signage. Dudley asked if when they are done if they will submit the information for the DEQ report and Lawrence stated they would. Dudley stated the City needed to look into getting the grant documents satisfied for the project, as it was SWCD's responsibility and Morris Malakoff stated he would work on it.

d. Riverfront Trail Update- Mayor Cole stated that Lawrence, Malakoff and he walked the proposed trail and Lawrence has a surveyor coming out. Malakoff noted the City has until 2021 to satisfy the easement and that there is grant possibilities for a bridge across the fox creek portion of the trail. Malakoff noted that the land behind El Tap and the Post Office will need the bank reinforced

New Business:

a. Consider Approval of Resolution #19-06-01 and Declaring the Tax Levy and General Obligation Bond for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020- Bradfield moved, Massey 2nd to approve Resolution #19-06-01-**motion passed unanimously**

b. Consider Approval of Resolution #19-06-02 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020-Massey moved, Nelson 2nd to approve Resolution #19-06-02-**motion passed unanimously**

c. Consider Approval of Resolution #19-06-03 Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020-Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to approve Resolution #19-06-03-**motion passed unanimously**

d. Consider Approval of Resolution #19-06-04 Resolution Transferring Appropriations for the Fiscal 2018/2019. Dudley explained it was for transferring in the General Fund \$55,000 from contingency to public properties for marina repairs for the missing fingers and significant repairs to the transient tie up in which we are under grant obligation to keep up on its maintenance. Dudley noted insurance was paying \$61,000 for the finger that is gone. Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to approve Resolution #19-06-04 as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

e. Consider Approval of Resolution #19-06-05 Setting Guidelines for City Grant. Dudley explained the need to set guidelines for the marijuana business license grant and this resolution provides these guidelines and the amount of the grant. Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to approve Resolution #19-06-05 as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

f. Consider Approval of Resolution #19-06-06 for the City of Rainier Authorizing Re-designation of the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone. Chuck Daughtry of Columbia County Economic Team provided supporting information for the re-designation of the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone and explained enterprise zone abatement of taxes to promote industry. Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to approve Resolution #19-06-06 as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

g. Consider Approval of Resolution#19-06-07 Declaring Surplus Property-no action taken-Malakoff is working getting a list of surplus items

h. Consider Approval of Budget Officer Employment Agreement. Dudley explained her proposed three year Budget Officer Agreement and after discussion Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to approve the Budget Officer Employment Agreement-**motion passed unanimously**

Staff Reports: Chief Griffith announced that Sergeant Murphy's position ended and his first day as Columbia County Chief Deputy was June 17th. Chief Griffith noted that the Sergeant position was opened up to the full time officers and that will create an open position in which will be opened to the reserve officers.

Lawrence noted that regarding the skunk and raccoon issue, the police went and talked to the owners of the chickens and the chickens are no longer present and she believes this issue is gone. Lawrence stated public works will be doing side arm mowing and that the Fox Creek Reservoir is now online.

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Malakoff noted he will be updating the Council Chambers TV, lectern and adding a staff table. Malakoff stated he is working on a draft for a RV ordinance and stated he is working on updating the City's website soon. Lawrence noted the rail contractors inquired about renting RV space during the entire construction period and Malakoff noted most Cities make contractors exempt from the length of stay restrictions.

Council Reports: Bradfield noted his concerns with homeless camps just outside of town, random cars parked with homeless people in them and the increasing amount of homeless wondering through. Malakoff stated he would look into it

City Calendar/Announcements:

Regular City Council Meeting is July 8th, 2019 at 7pm

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 8:11pm

Mayor Cole

Sarah Blodgett Interim City Recorder