

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
Sept. 16, 2019
6:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

Council Present: Rick Sanders, Steve Massey, Jenna Weaver, Richard

Council Absent: Sloan Nelson, Robert duPlessis, James Bradfield

City Staff Present: Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director; Sarah Blodgett,
Office Manager

City Attorney Present: No

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Additions/Deletions from the Agenda- Mayor Cole asked to add “Consider Memo to Credit Water Customers” as item e. Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve adding agenda item “Consider memo to credit water customers”-
motion passed unanimously

Mayor’s Address: Mayor Cole noted that Greg Buddrius wanted to thank Council for the moment of silence for fallen service personnel. Mayor Cole read the name of fallen service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan and a moment of silence was observed.

Visitor Comments: Connie Budge stated that when City Hall was remodeled many years ago she acquired a handmade, wood drain board. Budge stated she didn’t have a use for it and wanted to give it back to the City to use a shelf in the lobby area. Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to accept the shelf from Connie Budge

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes- Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve August 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented- **motion passed unanimously.**

Consider Approval of the August 22, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes- Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve the August 22nd, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- none

b. 'A' Street Update ODOT- Mayor Cole stated there is an issue with CenturyLink not wanting to underground their utilities. Lawrence noted she looked into the options of leave wire on poles, undergrounding , or? Lawrence stated that they were to move the poles and from her research, council decided at the time to not pay the estimated \$142,000 to have CenturyLink go underground and that we have an expired franchise agreement with them but they are still paying the City the franchise fees. Malakoff mentioned that if they (CenturyLink) want to operate, then they need to negotiate an agreement. Sanders asked if the City could offer CenturyLink twenty years of no franchise fees if they agree to underground the utilities in the project area. Mayor Cole asked Malakoff to get a suitable contract with CenturyLink and bring back to council.

c. Riverfront Trail- Lawrence state she has the engineers working on a scope of work for 10-30% design to allow the City to start applying for grants and it will consist of a geo tech survey and a preliminary outline. Lawrence noted that at ten percent we can actually go to design bid and that the thirty percent design may actually give us a better dollar estimate of the construction and stated that she also requested bids with and without a bridge.

d. Fox Creek Update- Malakoff stated he is in contact with SWCD regarding finishing up on the grant information needed for the City to get reimbursement

New Business:

a. Consideration Ratifying DEA Contract Amendment- Mayor Cole stated in order to get the needed sewer improvements done that were discovered when installing the water lines and not hold up the project, he had to okay this work and sign the contract and now the Council needs to ratify it. Lawrence noted this is for the engineering and slip lining versus total line replacement- Massey moved, Kreger 2nd to approve ratifying DEA Contract Amendment- **motion passed unanimously**

b. Consider DEQ Contract Amendment- Mayor Coled noted this contract amendment will increase the DEQ loan by \$60,000. Lawrence noted this is for the added design and construction of the sewer line change from 3rd street down to Foss. Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve DEQ Contract Amendment- **motion passed unanimously**

c. Rainier Diking District Update – Mayor Cole read the Rainier Diking District update provided to council regarding the diking re-certification progress.

d. Consider Procurement Policy Resolution – Tabled until October meeting

e. Consider Approval of Credit to Water Customers- Lawrence recommended a 10% credit for businesses that were affected during the contractors water line break on ‘A’ street. Lawrence noted the \$700 total credit includes 4 homes that were not turned back on in time and 2 that had other issues from the impact. After council discussion, Kreger moved, Sanders 2nd to approve Credit to Water Customers as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Staff Reports: Malakoff noted he is working on a camping ordinance and handed out a draft to Council members to provide input and stated he will also have the attorney look at it. Blodgett gave an update on the status of the office’s Springbrook software conversion. Lawrence stated that the glass dumpster is getting refurbished and moved to the parking lot on the east side of the Riverside church in about two weeks. Lawrence noted that the ‘A’ street water line is done with the exception of one service and the sewer line repairs are complete other than the slip lining repairs. Lawrence asked council if they would like to see the green water fountain in front of Cornerstone replaced as it is esthetically outdated. Council consensus was yes and stated they would like to see a second one added and to check into the replacement ones having the dog water feature. Mayor Cole suggested a more decorative style. Lawrence gave update on ‘A’ street and asked if council though we should ask to get curb gutter down the center on each side of rail to clean it up and have better traffic flow. Mayor asked if the pedestrian crossings needed arms up and down and suggested to have a pedestrian crossing to the park near the west corner of Grocery Outlet. Lawrence noted that there are several hydrants leaking after they flushed them and that she will be bringing a list to council of what is needed to repair or replace them

Council Reports None

City Calendar/Announcements:

Next meeting is October 7th, 2019 at 6PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Mayor Jerry Cole

Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder