

**City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
November 4, 2019
6:00 PM
Rainier City Hall**

Council President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Council Present: Steve Massey, Jenna Weaver, Richard, Mike Kreger
Sanders, Sloan Nelson, Robert duPlessis, James Bradfield

Council Absent: Mayor Cole

City Staff Present: Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director; Sarah Blodgett,
Office Manager; Police Chief; Gregg Griffith

City Attorney Present: No

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Additions/Deletions from the Agenda- None

Mayor's Address: None

Visitor Comments: Terri Deaton asked if council agendas could be posted on
the website

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes –
Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve October 7th, 2019 Regular Meeting
Minutes and Financials as presented- **motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

a. Affordable/Senior Housing- Malakoff stated there may be possible grant
funding opportunity when it re-opens next finding cycle

b. 'A' Street Update ODOT- Tony Snyder of ODOT gave an 'A' street project
update. Snyder explained that the rail would be moving off the project Friday
and would be back in the spring to install the rail arms. Snyder noted that the
project would not be completed for seven more months.
Snyder explained the financial obligations of each entity and0 who pays for
what. Mayor Cole noted the City has incurred expenses by inconvenience of
other entities like the railroad and stated he feels the City should be
reimbursed. Snyder stated he doesn't believe as far as he know that these

utility expenses would fall under Connect Oregon. Snyder stated he would work with Lawrence and Dudley on what they could or could not do. Nelson let Snyder know that this project has been a huge let down and it was supposed to be done at the end of October (2019) and that it's not even close. Snyder blamed it on the rail not following schedule and not being proficient. Nelson stated the business community has been very gracious and that he can't stress enough that we need to get this project done. Snyder stated final paving would be in May. Snyder explained that there has been a lot more utility work than planned and was not sure about expediting the project. Nelson asked about temporary lighting. Lawrence stated she is working on it.

Thompson Bros. spokesman explained the problems with the complex project and the scheduling around the rail delays. He noted the work would be done in phases doing 1-2 blocks at a time, starting at the west end on the north side and then coming back and starting at the west end on the south side. A business owner asked if they would be working on the weekends and he said they would be working Monday – Friday from about 7:30am to about 4pm and possibly and later in the spring. Darrel Whipple asked if the storm drain was going into Fox creek, Thompson Bros. stated not untreated, water will be treated per DEQ in the man holes and in swales.

c. Riverfront Trail- Lawrence discussed getting an engineer build for a 10% design and possibly a Geo study

d. Fox Creek Update- Mayor Cole opened for comments regarding the letter from concerned citizens regarding Fox Creek flooding. Ian Bledsoe stated he was president of Friends of Fox Creek and Lower Columbia Water Council. Bledsoe noted the creek's potential for fish passage and that the creek needs to be fixed. Barker of Rainer RV stated the City need a process to get other agencies active again and noted the flooding is inconvenient and costly and wants to work with the City to get a final solution. Bud Bass of 233 West C St. is the new owner of this home and was not aware of all the flooding problems and is very concerned with getting it repaired and stated the City is responsible to fix it and wanted to know what the City's plan is as it was not fixed how it was supposed to be done and the culvert was too small. Mayor Cole stated that is not true and stated the grant required it to be replaced the exact same size as before and that the previous culvert was put in by a private home owner and stated that is was also private property. Mayor Cole noted that the recent replacement was done through Columbia Water and Soil Conservation District. Whipple of Friends of Fox Creek asked why the City has not complied with the things it agreed to at the June 20th meeting as pointed out in the letter provided. Whipple namely mentioned a draft scope of work for a feasibility study would be presented by the City and also that the City and ODF&W would

develop joint correspondence for contacting private property owners and that the City would hold a follow up meeting in September with Dept. of State Lands, ODFW, ODOT, County Commissioners, and CSWCD. Whipple noted they are all at risk this winter season since the City hasn't kept its commitment as the temporary culvert cannot handle a 4" rain event. Whipple asked what is the City going to do and they would like a sit down meeting with Council. Whipple asked questions regarding the alarm notification regarding how it will work. Whipple stated his concern that the City needs to make this a priority and Mayor Cole stated it is and that it is on private property and he is happy to know that someone actually owns that property and he has an owner to talk to about it. Mayor stated in the Council's defense, the items on the letter are a result of a meeting with the North Coast Regional Solutions team and that City Council at no time has ever approved engineer cost money. Whipple stated that we agreed to it. Mayor Cole stated no, that's the result that came out of the North Coast Regional team meeting and Whipple stated you (Mayor) were there. Lawrence stated she was there. Mayor Cole noted the only thing he approved was the alarm system.

County Commissioner Margaret Magruder voiced her concerns and that Jennifer Purcell of North Coast Solutions sent out a list of items from the meeting that were discussed and agreed to by the parties. Lawrence noted she talked to the City engineers and a feasibility study would be about \$85,000. Lawrence also stated ODF&W contacted her today and that Malakoff is working on a notification list for the flood alarm. Whipple asked for a meeting for possible solutions. Cole stated other agencies need to be there as a joint collaboration and that cities are not in the business of going onto private property to make repairs as other citizens don't think their money should go to that but noted that 'C' street is a concern as it is a public property. Magruder stated she would like to help facilitate the meeting and that a feasibility study was needed and she could help with obtaining a grant.

Taylor Elliot owner of Grocery Outlet said he a flood issue and fixed his problem and that he wants to help support all the others. Rainier RV person noted the ODOTS high sidewalk is holding the water back and is a huge contributor to the flooding issue. Paul Rice stated that the Hwy 30 sidewalk is holding the water back and is huge contributor to the flooding issue

New Business:

- a. Consider Procurement Policy Resolution-** tabled until next month
- b. Consider Camping Ordinance-** table until next month
- c. Consider Approval of the Public Works/Clerical Contract-**Council stated

they feel they did not have enough time to review the contract and would like to move it to the next meeting

d. Consider Approval of Althof Agreement- Mayor Cole noted this is for repair and maintenance of our watershed roads. Nelson moved, Kreger 2nd to approve the Althof agreement as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Staff Reports: Malakoff noted that Nelson asked him for information on ADU's and that he is doing research on it and stated it is a really complicated process in the state of Oregon but he will get the basics to them next month. Malakoff noted that the two items that were put on hold tonight were mix-ups and that one of the items was a complaint from someone in senior housing thinking that the RV Park being taken over by long term tweakers, campers and that he confirmed with Darlene that they were in compliance. Malakoff noted that they are looking at modifying the number of nights a person can camp in a month. Malakoff noted that the other item, the procurement document, he had added the language about the probationary spending and that it just didn't get on there. Malakoff stated he applied for a grant for eight AED units. Malakoff stated we have a sign at the park that refers to the wrong ordinance regarding dog leash law and we note a number for a traffic ordinance and that we have no enforcement requiring them to pick up their dogs poop. Malakoff noted they have discussed adding a parks ordinance section to address these issues. Malakoff noted the historical society is doing something Saturday for local veterans. Malakoff noted the complaint last meeting from Cathy Derby-Rae regarding barking dog has been checked into several times and no barking dogs have been noted. Malakoff stated there has been no response from CenturyLink regarding the franchise agreement and he is sending a registered letter to the CEO this week. Malakoff noted that he is going to San Antonio for the National League of Cities and that the City is only paying for his time. Malakoff stated the Rainier Columbians will be playing this Friday against Madras in a state playoff game.

Council Reports: Nelson noted he was glad for the update on the A street project and that he stated he wasn't glad what he heard but at least we have more knowledge and hopefully we can stick to this new schedule. Nelson thanked the Fox Creek group for coming. Kreger thanked those involved for taking care of the dog barking situation and noted he had not heard the dog barking and he lives close by. Kreger stated he got the opportunity to sit in on the meeting for the 2020 census and is excited to see how it will work now that

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you can participate electronically. Kreger thanked Mayor Cole and the firefighters that went to California and helped with the fire. Terri Deaton asked if there was an ordinance regarding all the RV's parked down on Mill St. Chief Griffith stated he has talked to the property owner and the owner is going to contact the people in the RV's and tell them that they need to leave and that they are trespassing and if they don't leave, then they can be trespassed.

Mayor Cole noted RHS is selling Christmas wreaths.

City Calendar/Announcements:

Next meeting is November 11, 2019 at 6PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Mayor Jerry Cole

Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder