

**City of Rainier  
Regular City Council Meeting  
November 11, 2019  
6:00 PM  
Rainier City Hall**

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

**Council Present:** Mayor Cole, Mike Kreger, Richard Sanders, Sloan Nelson, Robert duPlessis,

**Council Absent:** Jenna Weaver, Steve Massey, James Bradfield

**City Staff Present:** Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director;  
Police Chief, Gregg Griffith

**City Attorney Present:** No

**Flag Salute**

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda-** None

**Mayor's Address:** Mayor Cole thanked all the veterans for their service on this Veteran's day

**Visitor Comments:** none

**New Business:**

**a. Consider Approval of Employment Agreement By and Between City of Rainier Public Works/ Clerical And Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers, Local 58-** Mayor Cole referred to the agreement noting that everything double underlined was new and everything with a line through it is deleted. Mayor Cole noted that the City again hired the labor and negotiation lawyer we have used in the past and the negotiations went smoothly. Nelson stated he noticed there was an additional floater given as well as basically 3% cost of living over the next three years and some real minimal language changes. Nelson stated he noticed a change in the health insurance that we used to pay health insurance equivalent to hours worked and now it changed to if you work half or three quarters time the City will pay 75%, Nelson asked if that was normal. Mayor Cole got Dudley on the phone to explain the health insurance part of the contract. Dudley explained that the City used to have CIS insurance before the last contract and it was based on how much you worked and the City paid for the employee and the employee paid for their family. Dudley explained that with Teamsters, it doesn't matter if it is a family plan or  
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individual, the cost is the same. Nelson asked Dudley if it would be a net wash for the City or an additional cost. Dudley stated it will be an additional cost because we will be paying a little bit more for part time employees but the benefit is that it is an incentive for getting people to work for us. Dudley noted that it will help the City acquire part time, quality applicants. Dudley also noted it is a deterrent in the fact that part time employees that work 20 hours a week or more have to take the insurance as Teamsters has no opt out option, which currently limits our one part time employee to staying under eighty hours per month so she doesn't have to take the insurance. Kreger motioned, Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Employment Agreement By and Between City of Rainier Public Works/Clerical and Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers, Local 58 as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

**b. Consider Approval for Temporary Lighting on 'A' Street-** Lawrence noted that there will be no lighting for the twelve week period unless we go with the temporary lighting. Lawrence noted that she is in discussion with ODOT and the Engineers that no lighting is a safety issue and is trying to get it paid through the project but stated there may be a portion for the City. Lawrence explained there are a couple other ideas going around to try and get lighting down there. Mayor Cole stated he had talked to Brian Fawcett and he advised Lawrence to talk to him about the lighting as he may be able to help at a lower cost. Lawrence asked Council if there is a cost, do they want her to go ahead to get a move on it or bring it back to them. Nelson stated he wants to know if the lighting has been ordered as he stated we could maybe wait twelve weeks but not until June without them. Lawrence said she would find out if they have been ordered. Council asked Lawrence to work with Fawcett from CPUD, see what he comes up with, get a number and shoot it to over everybody and vote over email so we don't have to wait.

**c. Discussion on Cast in Place Pipe for 'A' Street Project-** Lawrence passed out cost estimates to Council. Lawrence reviewed the document of bid items of their best guess of what will need replaced. Lawrence noted these are soft costs and there could potentially be other soft costs added to this. Lawrence stated that the dig and replace original estimate was \$463,318.00. Lawrence noted that there was 219' of pipe added because it had not been videoed in the original contract and it has to be replaced because it is the main overflow for the storm drain that goes to a manhole for the treatment plant. Lawrence stated the Cast in Place Pipe proposal is \$377,382.20, which is an \$115,935.80 net savings over replacement. Lawrence noted CCIP will save time, contaminated soil disposal and flagging costs. Nelson asked if it had the same life span and Lawrence stated yes. Lawrence explained the process of areas that will be replaced, areas that will have the CCIP and the problems with flat ground where there is rock build up in the pipe causing dams and that some of

those areas had been cleaned and had a camera look back in them and stated they looked better. After discussions, Council consensus was that this sounded like a good plan.

**Staff Reports:** Malakoff noted the City is receiving the small city street allotment grant of \$100,000 and will be resurfacing East 2<sup>nd</sup> hopefully in the next year. Malakoff noted the Rainier football team won their first playoff game and will play Saturday at Amity. Nelson noted that the City also still has two \$25,000 grants and that by having this work done while the contractors are here will save on mobilization costs. Lawrence stated there is a \$50,000 pot to do part of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and part of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and then a new \$100,000 that will go to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Nelson stated he would like to see how far they can get on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and see what the costs would be to do the full streets as it would be a cost savings to do it now. duPlessis asked if we had the ability to widen E 2<sup>nd</sup> street for additional parking. Lawrence said she would have to look into it. Council discussed various street parking and directional driving options for E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street area. Lawrence said she could get a couple options drafted. Sidewalk options were discussed for the side streets, regarding having them on both sides or on one side and allow for more parking. Nelson noted that he was happy that the new track installation did not create more vibration for the buildings down town as that had been a concern in the beginning.

**Council Reports:** none

**City Calendar/Announcements:**

Next meeting is Dec. 9th, 2019 at 6PM

Meeting adjourned at

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Mayor Jerry Cole

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Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder