

City of Rainier
Regular City Council Meeting
January 13, 2020
6:00 PM
Rainier City Hall

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Council Present: Richard Sanders, Sloan Nelson,
Jenna Weaver, Steve Massey,
James Bradfield

Council Absent: Mike Kreger, Robert duPlessis

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

City Attorney Present: No

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Additions/Deletions from the Agenda- Mayor Cole requested to add executive session ORS 192.660 (2)(h) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to approve adding an executive session- **motion passed unanimously**

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole noted that HDTV is giving away a town makeover and asked everyone to apply and that the deadline is February 7th. Mayor stated he promoted it on his facebook page.

Visitor Comments: Terri Deaton of Dike Rd. noted on Mill Street near Teevin's is flooding really bad and that it appeared the road was cracking. Lawrence stated that public works cleared off as much as they could, but it is very flat and it does not drain in that area. Lawrence noted she would look at it again tomorrow.

Gary Skoch of 622 E. A St. stated he lives at the end of A street and it looks like an artesian well near his house, he has lots of water coming out of the ground and he wants to make sure everything is draining correctly. Mayor Cole noted that public works could look at it. Lawrence stated she would. Skoch stated that at 6th and A street there is a no trespassing sign from the railroad and that it is an easement. Skoch noted that people trespass and litter there and said that Don from P&W said they do not want people trespassing either. Skoch voiced his concerns and suggestions about people turning around in the rocks and

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damaging the road and stated he would like signs posted to deter this from happening.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes-
Nelson moved, Massey 2nd to approve minutes as presented. - **motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

a. 'A' Street Update- Lawrence stated this agreement (see New Business item c. Amendment No 1 to Agreement 32538) is a formality that states we conform with American Iron and Steel requirements. Massey moved, Weaver 2nd to approve Amendment No 1- **motion passed unanimously**
Lawrence stated she is working on getting concrete stamps with original owners and dates in front of the buildings. Lawrence noted a weather delay this week. Lawrence discussed the small city allotment grant and how it could be used. Lawrence stated there has been discussion with ODOT for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th street improvements and also the possible ADA requirements. Lawrence noted that ODOT stated that if anything changes from the original application, then it may have to go back for approvals.

b. Riverfront Trail Update- none

c. Fox Creek Update- Lawrence stated they did a survey and are waiting on some more information to come in and that she should have something at the end of next month and possibly a presentation from the engineers. Terry Deaton asked if it could be a work session and Mayor Cole said it could be. Greg from Rainier RV asked about culvert cleaning and Lawrence said the engineers are looking at it and that it will be part of the presentation.

New Business:

1. Consider adopting Resolution 20-01-01 Approval of City Council Meeting Times and Dates – Resolution 20-01-01 was read, Sanders moved and Massey 2nd to approved resolution 20-01-01 as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

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2. Consider Approval of Resolution 20-01-02 Boat Launch/Parking Pass Changing Pass from Fiscal to Calendar Year- Resolution 20-01-02 was read, Massey moved, Weaver 2nd to approve Resolution 20-01-02 as presented-
motion passed unanimously

3. Consider Approval of Amendment No 1 to Agreement 32538 “Cooperative Improvement (Utility) Agreement” - this item was addressed in unfinished business, a. ‘A’ Street Update

4. Consider Appointment of City Budget Officer for 2020-2021 Budget Year- Mayor Cole noted that a motion is needed to appoint Debra Dudley as the Budget Officer for 2020/2021. Weaver motioned to appoint Dudley as the Budget Officer for 2020/2021, Massey 2nd to approve the motion-**motion passed unanimously**

5. Preliminary Discussion of 2020-2021 City Budget- Lawrence read Dudley’s topics and Mayor Cole mentioned that everyone needs to get their items together for Dudley.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660 (2)(h) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Staff Reports: Lawrence discussed water leaks in the areas of Mill, Fir and Washington Way streets. Lawrence stated the water lines are deep and the City does not have the staffing and the work will need to be done by a contractor. Lawrence noted it is complicated as the USG water main line running runs through there and it is also against a bank. Nelson commented that area has always had so many problems. Lawrence stated it needs a new water line off of the main. Nelson recommended putting in all new 2” line. Mayor Cole told Lawrence to look into it and after discussion Lawrence stated she would bring in a leak detection company and start working on it right away and email everyone the options she comes up with.

Mayor Cole noted food carts keep coming up and we don’t have an ordinance. Council discussed it and there is so many questions to be answered about water, sewer, power, do we even want them, staff time to work on an ordinance, Lawrence noted they need guidelines, is it fair to other businesses who pay taxes, utilities etc.

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Council Reports: Weaver noted that she is on the Chamber representing InRoads Credit Union. Mayor Cole asked Weaver if she would also represent the City. Griffith announced two upcoming vacancies in the police department and asked if he can start posting the jobs to be prepared, noting that they were contingent on them passing their background checks at the background checks. Council agreed the Griffith could start preparing for the job replacements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

City Calendar/Announcements:

Next Meeting February 3, 2020 at 6pm

Mayor Jerry Cole

Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder