

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

Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

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

Council Absent: None

City Staff Present: Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director;
Sarah Blodgett, Office Manager; Gregg Griffith, Police
Chief; Debbie Dudley, Budget Officer-via phone

City Attorney Present: No

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Additions/Deletions from the Agenda- none

Mayor's Address: Mayor Cole thanked everyone for following covid rules and noted the Rainier Days parade was a success

Visitor Comments: None

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Consider Approval of the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes-
Massey moved, Kreger 2nd, to approve minutes as presented. **-motion passed unanimously**

Unfinished Business:

6a. 'A' Street Update-

- 1. Change Order #14-** Lawrence explained this change order is for a sewer main line repair at East 3rd street and Hwy 30 at East 6th Street and that is was a net reduction of \$1867.34
- 2. Change Order #15-** Lawrence explained this was for the additional costs associated with the underground vault at the hardware store and to also compensate the contractor for signs that were deleted from the project after they already purchased

them. Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve change orders #14 and #15 as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

Nelson asked Lawrence to have contractors come give an update as this project is going way beyond too long and the bank (InRoads) is like an island and that road needs to open. Nelson ask for timelines of when things will get done with the project and if they have consequences for not being done on time. Nelson asked if feeder streets will be done at the same time? Lawrence stated yes. Nelson re-iterated how frustrating it is that the contractors are taking so long to complete this (south) side of the street. duPlessis stated he has fielded complaints from citizens about the same issue.

b. Riverfront Trail- Malakoff stated he has a draft letter for Mayor to sign for the property owner of where the city would like the temporary easement

c. Fox Creek Update- Lawrence stated she is working on gathering addresses for partners in the project. Mayor asked Malakoff to do this to help Lawrence out

d. Small City Allotment Grants- Lawrence noted we received two grants this year and plans on doing a water line replacement & paving on west 3rd between E and F streets and then when we receive the 2021 grant, we will do waterline and paving on Fox street

e. Park Ordinance-Malakoff noted it was put on hold from covid and wanted to bring it back for review. Mayor noted we would try to get this finished up in August. Nelson recommended add “banners or ribbons” to regulation A7 and to change City Manager language to City Administrator. Weaver asked about changing park hours from 10pm to 11pm. Malakoff noted these hours were based on council discussion in February. Mayor noted walking is permissible as you are moving through the park. Mayor asked if council wants to change to 11pm, raise your hand. Kreger noted special events were excluded and after discussion it was a consensus to leave it at 10pm. Mayor asked for council to review and again and start process at the next meeting.

f. Don Pedro’s Water Leak Discussion- Lawrence noted we have been dealing with an ongoing water leak issue and have given a few adjustments. Lawrence noted that in April, public works replaced the meter and it documented the leak. Lawrence stated she sent a letter to fix it or get shut off and they found the leak and fixed it. Lawrence stated their repair bill was \$3,044. and that they owe the city is \$7,000. Lawrence is recommending council to approve a

sewer charge adjustment since the leak was going into the ground and that we did not treat the water that leaked. Lawrence noted the 2018 average sewer cost would be used and the adjustment would be \$3,663.99 and that we would not adjust the water because it was delivered. Weaver moved to adjust Don Pedro's bill by \$3663.99, Kreger 2nd to approve motion as presented- **motion passed unanimously**

New Business:

7b. NCL Service Line Warranty Program Presentation- Morris introduced Dennis Lyon of Service Line Warranty Program. Lyon gave his presentation that was summarized from the power point document provided. Nelson asked if businesses were eligible and Lyon stated it is currently not available for businesses. Mayor Cole asked if it is zero cost to the city, and if they do three mailings a year to educate residents and the city does not bill them, correct? Lyons stated correct. Mayor asked in there was a minimum participation required and Lyon stated no. Lawrence asked that if when we (city) are doing main line repairs, can residents with this coverage have their repairs done at the same time? Lyon stated yes and it is only a 30 day wait period, no inspections required. Mayor Cole stated he thinks it is a great program and NCL is backing it. Kreger moved, Massey 2nd to approve bringing forward the program and accept the contract. -**motion passed unanimously**

7b. Discussion on City Hall Office Entry Safety Remodel-Lawrence explained the city hall office entry safety remodel ideas to secure the office and that it could cost \$10-20,000 and that would also create a staff only bathroom. Blodgett gave an overview of her safety concerns regarding open access to the front office and no way to escape the office in an emergency other than the main entrance. General consensus from council was that bulletproof glass need was excessive and standard safety glass would be fine. Mayor Cole stated he rather spend more on the hallway extension, so office staff has an emergency exit. Nelson noted we don't need a fortress and not even banks have bulletproofed glass and that it (bulletproof glass) would make it not welcoming to customers. Sanders moved, Nelson 2nd to have Lawrence get estimates for staff only bathroom with an emergency exit and create a new counter window where the existing window is, and a secure door-**motion passed unanimously**

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Staff Reports: Malakoff stated he applied for a broadband grant and we should know soon if accepted and that it can be installed in about ten days.

Council Reports- Bradfield noted that due to stress of covid, vehicle prowling activity has picked up and that he has witnessed it two times.

7:32pm - Executive Session: ORS 192.610-192.690 (2) (a) To consider employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, (2) (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations

Meeting resumed at 7:45PM

Kreger motioned to enter into the contract with Scott Jorgensen for the City Administrator position, Massey 2nd to approve motion as presented- **motion passed unanimously**

Sanders motioned to offer Malakoff employment until the end of August 2020 with the condition of a handoff to Scott Jorgensen in September to transition Scott, Kreger 2nd to approve the motion as presented- **motion passed unanimously**

City Calendar/Announcements:

City Council Meeting August 17th at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Mayor Jerry Cole

Sarah Blodgett, Interim City Recorder