

**City of Rainier**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**June 27, 2022**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Rainier City Hall**

**OPEN SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING – ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT –  
CLOSE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING**

Mayor Jerry Cole opened the hearing on the supplemental budget resolution at 6:04 p.m. City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen explained that cities do supplemental budgets prior to the end of the fiscal year. Budgets are based on estimates and the actual amounts spent can change based on unforeseen circumstances. For example, there was a fire at the water treatment plant and the city is incurring expenses for repairs. There were also a couple of nuisance abatements that the city paid to have done that weren't in the original budget. No public comment was given. Cole closed the budget hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Cole called the council meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Council Present:** Connie Budge, Scott Cooper, Robert duPlessis, Jeremy Howell, Mike Kreger and Denise Watson

**Council Absent:** Levi Richardson

**City Attorney Present:** No

**City Staff Present:** Sarah Blodgett, City Recorder; Gregg Griffith, Police Chief; W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator; Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director

**Flag Salute**

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:** There were no additions or deletions.

**Mayor's Address:** Cole recognized the high school trap team for its recent state championship. He also swore in new police officer Phillip George.

**Visitor Comments:** Candis Forrest thanked the public works crew for their recent work around town. She said that the garden club plans to refurbish the blue star memorial and has the funding to take care of it.

**Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Consider Approval of the June 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes— Councilor Connie Budge moved to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Council President Mike Kreger and adopted unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

- a. IGA with Rainier School District #13 Providing the Contracted Service to Manage the City Library—Budge moved to approve the IGA addendum. That motion was seconded by Councilor Scott Cooper and adopted unanimously. Budge thanked Cole for meeting

with the library board. Under the city's municipal code, that body has responsibilities and input on the hiring and contracting for the librarian position. Library Board Chair Marcia Roberts said that body held a meeting the previous Friday and passed a motion to recommend that the city contract for the library services and review it at the end of the next fiscal year. That was a change from the board's previous recommendation. Budge said the board will be involved in formulating the contract. Cole said the city has been using a contract model, with the service being provided by the school district. The board can help establish the hours of library operation. Jorgensen, the board and Budge as library board liaison will all get together to develop the contract. Councilor Robert duPlessis moved to put out an RFP for library services. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously. The library board will meet on Friday, July 1.

### **New Business**

- a. KLTV Agreement—Cole said that what is being proposed is to have a percentage of the franchise fees received by the city from Comcast go towards KLTV instead of paying per televised meeting. KLTV Executive Director Barry Verill said that organization does memorandums of understanding with most of the cities that it provides services to. The cities typically receive around five percent of the revenue from Comcast for its basic services. Most of the MOUs that KLTV has with cities have two or 2.5 percent of those revenues going to KLTV for full service to cover council meetings and other events like graduations. If KLTV is only covering council meetings in Rainier, 1.5 percent would be appropriate, and isn't much more than the city is currently paying. A one-year agreement would work for KLTV. Cole said that under the present arrangement, the city is paying around \$4,000 per year. Under a franchise agreement, council meetings would still be covered, but so would special events like the recent bridge dedication. At 1.5 percent, the amount would be just under \$5,000. Jorgensen said it would basically be a shift. Instead of the city paying KLTV out of the general fund, it would just be receiving less from its franchise agreement with Comcast. Cooper asked who would define what events would be covered. Verrill said council would decide. Cole said KLTV also has remote cameras that could be installed in city hall. Verrill said installing three of them in the council chambers would make it easier for KLTV to cover council meetings. Budge moved to approve a franchise agreement with KLTV. That motion was seconded by Kreger and adopted unanimously.
- b. Contract Agreement for Planning Assistance with CWCOG—Cooper moved to approve the agreement. That motion was seconded by Councilor Denise Watson and adopted unanimously.

Cole said he wanted to add the results of a recent traffic study to the agenda. Kreger moved to do so. That motion was seconded by duPlessis and adopted unanimously.

- c. Consider Approval of Resolution #21-06-04 Resolution Transferring Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2021-22—Cooper moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Kreger and adopted unanimously.
- d. Award Bid for Security Cameras—Jorgensen said that the proposal is for a cloud-based system. It could be used by the police department and live streams could be put on the city's website. Staff received a product demonstration, and the vendor did an on-site visit to city facilities to determine the best locations for the cameras. This would also help crack down on vandalism at city-owned facilities. Cooper asked about the facial recognition and license plate reader technologies. Public Works Director Sue Lawrence said some of the cameras would have those. Police Chief Gregg Griffith said the camera

quality is good. Cooper had questions about the cloud storage. Council agreed by consensus to table the matter so Cooper could get more information about the system.

- e. Award Bid for Boat Launch Repairs—Cole asked if the repairs were included in the budget. Lawrence said they would come out of the special projects line item for the fiscal year 2022-23 budget. Cooper moved to award the \$56,000 bid to Bergerson Construction. That motion was seconded by Watson and adopted unanimously.
- f. Traffic Study Results—Cole said there had been concerns about speeding in some areas of town and requests for speed bumps, but that he wanted council to have data to look at. Griffith provided a handout of the speeds his officers clocked at those locations.

**8. Executive Session**—*The Rainier City Council will hold an executive session under ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.*

Cole, council and staff agreed by consensus to discuss the matter in open session.

**9. New Business**

- g. Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 58—Jorgensen said the agreement has been approved by the employees in the bargaining unit. He went over the major changes to the proposed three-year agreement. They include a definition of temporary worker and timeframes for investigations of alleged misconduct and disciplinary actions. Under grievance procedures, language for a Joint Conference Board was eliminated and replaced with mediation and arbitration clauses. There's clarification on when call outs begin and on call duty pay went up from \$280 to \$300 per week. Priority vacation requests begin in November instead of January or February. Bereavement leave has been expanded to include part-time employees. The employees covered under the agreement will receive a four percent cost of living adjustment for the first year of the contract and 4.5 percent for the remaining two years. The agreement includes the introduction of a Voluntary Employee Benefit Account for employees, with the city contributing \$50 per month. The section on drug testing allows reasonable suspicion to be documented by a person with appropriate training and does not preclude the city from using a law enforcement officer. The clothing payment has increased from \$275 to \$300 and the agreement can only be re-opened to bargain issues related to safety, not compensation. Kreger moved to approve the CBA. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.

**Staff Report**—Griffith gave an overview of recent code enforcement activity and said the police department has focused on nuisances on the streets and at the docks. Officers abated a total of 124 nuisances. They included some involving 18 abandoned vehicles, 23 properties with high grass, four properties with excessive junk and eight with livestock related issues. Griffith said the department has identified three properties that have RVs with people living in them. Letters are being sent to the property owners with copies of the new ordinances. Budge asked if the new ordinances are posted on the city's website. Jorgensen said they are, but he can do a writeup about them. Lawrence said the temporary public works employee started the previous week.

**Council Reports**—There were discussions about cooling centers and the enforcement of overnight parking at the marina.

**City Calendar/Announcements**—Cole said that Rainier Days is scheduled to kick off at 3

p.m. July 8, with the parade scheduled for 10 a.m. and fireworks at 10 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup>, with the event concluding July 10. The next REDCO meeting will be 5 p.m. on July 25, with council scheduled for 6 p.m. that day. The Columbia County Fair will take place from July 20 to 24<sup>th</sup>.

Cole adjourned the regular council meeting at 8 p.m.

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Mayor Jerry Cole

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W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator