

Roll Call

Present

Jerry Cole, Mayor
Randy Hamlin
Ralph Painter
Scott Taggart

John Slape
Steve Martin
Robert Piercy
Mike Avent

Others Present

Chad Olsen, City Administrator
Steve Petersen, City Attorney
Dwayne Barnes, Public Works Director
H.B. Hamilton, Chief of Police
Michelle Archibald, City Recorder

Visitors Comments

Paul Langner, representing Teevin Brothers handed out attached comments regarding the plan for the future growth of the log yard on the waterfront which will include a Barge Dock facility.

Connie Budge commented that the strategic plan for the library is finished and Craig Smith will be going over it with the Council on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Shawn Teevin, owner of Teevin Brothers Log Yard, introduced himself and stated that Paul Langner is new to the company and comes to them from the Port of St Helens. He added that their main office is located in Knappa and they have been in business since 1977. He voiced that he is hoping to relocate their main office to Rainier.

Mayor Address

Newly Elected Officials Swearing In Ceremony

Petersen swore in Mayor Cole along with Council Members Piercy, Avent, and Taggart for their new terms.

Cole honored the fallen soldiers since the last Council meeting totaling thirty names.

Unfinished Business

Approval of December 20, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Martin to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Election of Council President

Motion by Painter, 2nd by Slape to nominate Councilor Martin as Council President. Motion passed unanimously.

Change Of Areas That The Council Oversees

Cole stated that if any Council Member would like to change what they are in charge of let him know at the next meeting. He added that the parks department is vacant at this time.

Resolution #968 Establishing Rainier City Council Regular Meetings the First and Third Monday's of Each Month

Motion by Taggart, 2nd by Avent to Adopt the Resolution Establishing Rainier City Council Regular Meetings the First and Third Monday's of Each Month. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #969 Establishing Rainier City Council Special Meeting Work Session the First Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Taggart, 2nd by Martin to adopt Resolution Establishing Rainier City Council Special Meeting Work Session the First Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #970 Establishing the Clatskanie Chief as the Official Paper of Notice

Motion by Martin, 2nd by Taggart to adopt Resolution Establishing the Clatskanie Chief as the Official Paper of Notice. Motion passed unanimously.

Declaration of Surplus Property: Fuel Tank

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Piercy to declare the fueling station at the City Shop as surplus property. Motion passed unanimously

Staff Reports

Barnes: Closed the park restrooms today due to the weather. Christmas decorations came down. Put de-icer on the roads. TFT pouring curbs.

Avent directed Cole to direct staff to put in the work session to discuss putting packets together for anything to do with the building and planning department.

Hamilton: Asked for the council's help to get out the word that the Police Department has cases of gun locks that are free to the public through a federal program called Project Child Safe. Cole asked if this was something that could be put in the water bill and Hamilton encouraged that.

Administrator's Report

Olsen: Work Session on Tuesday, January 18th to go over the strategic planning results. Bergerson started construction today on the boat launch project. Olsen commented that there would be a sign installed at the boat launch that would say "Rainier Riverfront Boat Launch" and recognize the different financing partners for the project. Olsen is also trying to get a bid from the current contractor to put some rock in for bank stabilization near the launch.

Council Reports

Hamlin: Talked to Mr. Hanley regarding the postmaster position at the Rainier Post Office and he stated that he is interested in the position.

Slape: Planning Commission meeting is postponed until February 2, 2005. Read about the Mayor getting beat up in the Daily News letters to the editors regarding enacting the collection process for water/sewer and court, Slape invited those people who are writing the letters to come to the Council meetings so that the Council can respond to their issues. Slape mentioned that Olson needs an evaluation. Hamlin suggested that Petersen should do an evaluation on the Judge.

Painter: Commented that the Council needs to evaluate the Administrator to see what goals he has achieved and what he still needs to do. Also look at equivalent pay scales for the supervisors to make sure they are in line with like positions in the area.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660 (1)(e) Real Property Transactions

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Petersen stated that he met with Cole, Olsen, Taggart, Barnes and TFT Construction and came up with some figures for the riverfront trail. Petersen recommended that the City's share be \$20,075.50.

Avent declared a conflict of interest.

Motion by Painter, 2nd by Hamlin to approve \$20,075.50 for the City's cost portion of the TFT riverfront trail expansion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested:

Michelle Archibald, City Recorder