

Roll Call

Present

Jerry Cole, Mayor
John Slape
Russ Moon

Mike Avent
Randy Hamlin
Rob Piercy, present at 8:30 pm

Others Present

Chad Olsen, City Administrator
Ralph Painter, Police Chief

Dwayne Barnes, Public Works Director
Michelle Archibald, City Recorder

Visitors Comments

Swearing In Of New Chief

Cole swore Sergeant Painter in as the new Rainier Police Chief.

Phil Derby, Columbia County Sheriff, handed out some information regarding the Sheriff's Levy and encouraged everyone to get the word out to support this upcoming levy, which would increase the number of deputies from four to twelve. Derby added that at the current time they are so under staffed that they are not able to cover the current area adequately. Derby asked for support from the City. The Council agreed to table this item until the next meeting to have more time for discussion before a motion was made to support this levy.

Whipple, with Rainier 97048 Team, gave a report on the Fox Creek Bridge stating that they are still looking at a railcar for the bridge.

Mayor Address

Cole read the names of 25 fallen soldiers since the last Council meeting and took a moment of silence to remember them.

Unfinished Business

Approval of April 3, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Council Approval Report: March 2006

Motion by Hamlin, 2nd by Avent to approve the bills as paid. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation to Council to Fill Vacant Council Position.

Mayor Cole recommended that David Qualman, the number two person from the original interview group be appointed to the Council.

Motion by Hamlin, and 2nd Moon to appoint David Qualman to the Council in Scott Taggart's Position.

The Council asked if Qualman could still serve on the Planning Commission and the Council. Olsen stated that Qualman would have to step down from the Planning Commission.

Piercy abstained.

Motion passed with one abstention.

Mayor Cole swore in David Qualman as the new appointed Councilor.

Cole asked if any more applications had been turned in regarding the open Council position. Olsen stated that one other application had been received from Dave Langford. Hamlin asked the Council for volunteers to interview Langford. Hamlin stated that the interview committee could meet with Langford the first Friday in May.

New Business

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Request to Use Old Boat Ramp Facility for Pikeminnow Program

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Slape to approve the request from the WDFW to use the old boat ramp for their Pikeminnow Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Portland Spirit: Docking Agreement

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Piercy to accept the docking agreement from the Portland Spirit for the Willamette Star to dock on October 12, 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Barnes reported that the Library carpet is complete. Avent asked if Barnes had spoken to Scott Nelson from Columbia River Mill Outlet regarding the carpet bid and why the other company received the bid. Avent stated that because Columbia River did not receive the bid for the carpet Nelson is not going to support the access on "B" Street, Avent added that Nelson's comment was that the carpet that was chosen to bid on by the other company was not the same one he bid on. Barnes stated that there were two bids submitted for the same carpet and there was a significant difference in the bid price so the lower bid was taken.

Barnes reported that the Timber pre-bid meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. He added that he mailed out twenty-five bid packets. Avent asked for the timber issue to be put on a work session agenda for future harvests.

Barnes stated that the next Wastewater Treatment Plant finance committee meeting will be held April 20, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Rainier Senior Center.

Painter reported that there was an attempted robbery at the St Helens Credit Union but no money was taken. That same day an attempted robbery took place at a bank in Kelso, WA as well and no money was taken there either. Painter stated that all their information has been turned over to the FBI.

Administrator's Report

OECD Grant information for H.O.P.E. Building Maintenance (oral report)

Olsen stated that H.O.P.E has three projects they would like to get underway. Olsen stated that he looked into getting information together for this grant and stated that the ADA project at City Hall would have to be further along to be able to apply for another grant. Olsen estimated that it would take about two hundred hours of his time to put this grant together but H.O.P.E. would be doing a lot of the work. Cole stated that at two hundred hours of Olsen's time it might be more cost affective to just pay for the projects instead of going through the grant process.

Resolution #991 Allowing Property Owners 20 Days To Respond To Offer To Purchase

Olsen handed out this resolution to the Council for discussion. He stated that this is to inform the two property owners that they could be put on notice to acquire their property.

Moon and Avent clarified that the approval of this resolution would just start the process but does not condemn their property. Olsen stated that at another meeting after the twenty days the Council would have take action to do the condemnation.

Motion by Hamlin, 2nd by Piercy to approve the resolution allowing property owners 20 days to respond to offer to purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

Extend Meeting

Motion by Piercy, 2nd by Slape to extend the meeting time up to thirty minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Wastewater Treatment Plant finance Committee meeting at 6:00 pm, 4/20/06 it is open to all citizens of the City to come and give their input.

Noah's Nibblers Authorization For Goats

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Moon to authorize Noah's Nibblers goats to be in the City on Saturday for the Fox Creek clean up. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(b) at 9:45 pm

Meeting reconvened at 9:58 pm

Chief Painter's Salary Approval

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Avent to approve Chief Painter to start May 1, 2006 at a monthly salary of \$4701.31 and on July 1, 2006 step two will be negotiated. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested:

Michelle Archibald, City Recorder