

Roll Call

Present

Jerry Cole, Mayor
John Slape
Rob Piercy

Mike Avent
Randy Hamlin
Scott Taggart

Absent

Steve Martin

Ralph Painter

Others present

Chad Olsen, City Administrator
Dwayne Barnes, Public Works Director

H.B. Hamilton, Chief of Police
Michelle Archibald, City Recorder

Visitors Comments

Ryan Soule asked for the Council's permission to install a flagpole at the Rainier City Park for his Eagle Scout project. He stated that he would like the City to designate a spot for the flagpole and he would install it to the requirements of the City. He added that he would complete this project before March 29, 2006. The Council agreed that this would be a great project.

Mayor's Address

Mayor Cole read the names of 37 fallen soldiers since the last meeting.

Recognition of Volunteers: Rainier Library

Connie Budge recognized the following people for sharing their time and talents with the library in many ways: Harriet Curtis, Margaret Barton-Ross, Hallie Lahti, Kathryn McGee, Tralee Friedlein, Mida Petersen, Lynn Rains, Carolyn Shirley, Robin Erlandson, Sharon Erdman, Jan Kenna, Gary Holcomb, Roger Ege, Carolyn Ege, Scott Taggart, Hannah, Katie, Bethany, Micaiah, Joy, Malia, and Luke Mullins, Pam Russell, Randy Russell, Heidi Russell, Jackie Schiedler, Steve McGee, Mathew Weaver, Patrick Darcy, Kris Guist, Doris Riffle, Aretha Lavell, Anita Williams, Janet Harrison Wade, Thomas Friedlein, Michael Carter, Rebecca Fisher, Ed Hayslip, Betty Mayfield, and Paul Langner. Budge went on to recognize Ingrid Jacobsen as Volunteer of the Month and Citizen of the Month.

Citizen of the Month

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Taggart to approve Ingrid Jacobsen as Citizen of the Month. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

A Street Discussion

After much discussion on the lack of information on the "A" Street rail problem for the downtown businesses, Holcomb voiced that the group that was brought together for the rail problem wants to see the overlay done. Avent stated that Olsen was directed to hire an attorney to find out what the railroad can and can't do as far as opening up the tracks and leaving them open. Olsen stated that his meeting with ODOT rail was rescheduled. Cole stated that the City would be meeting with ODOT rail in a couple of weeks and he wants to get the information back to the group as soon as possible. Cole asked for a consensus from the Council stating that yes the railroad needs to be fixed and to continue in this direction.

Approval of September 19, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Taggart, 2nd by Painter to approve the minutes as written.

Avent and Slape abstained because they were absent at this meeting.

Motion passed.

New Business

Voting Delegate and Alternate: League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference

Hamlin stated that he would not be going to this conference.

Mayor Cole and Councilor Avent volunteered to be voting delegates and alternate.

Motion by Hamlin, 2nd by Taggart to approve Mayor Cole as voting delegate and Councilor Avent as the alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Barnes reported that the work on the new baseball field is underway. He commented that he would have a cost estimate by the next meeting on surfacing "A" Street in the downtown area.

Hamilton reported that the Police Department received a grant to purchase a taser and would like to do a demonstration for the Council.

Administrator's Reports

Olsen reported that he is working with Bo Nevue on the scope of the Riverfront Trail. He also added that the applications have been sent out to the Hwy 30 property owners who need permits for their driveways before work can start on the Hwy 30 project.

Council Reports

Avent - thanked Olsen and Barnes for helping with the City Wide Clean Up. He also added that he is seeing Chief Hamilton out a lot and appreciates that. Avent hopes that the "A" Street issue can have a positive outcome.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(d) Labor Negotiations

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:09 p.m.

No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested:

Michelle Archibald, City Recorder