

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Present

Jerry Cole, Mayor
Randy Hamlin
Rob Piercy
David Langford

John Slape present at 7:15 pm
Russ Moon
David Qualman

Absent

Mike Avent

Others Present

Chad Olsen, City Administrator
Ralph Painter, Police Chief
Michelle Archibald, City Recorder

Steve Petersen, City Attorney
Dwayne Barnes, Public Works Director

Public Hearing: Petition For Street Vacation In West Rainier, Block 32: Jim Caldwell/Brian Thomas

Olsen stated that the petitioners would like to develop a piece of property on Washington Way between the Minit Mart and Tobacco Shop and would like to vacate a ten foot strip fronting the property. Olsen stated that the background information is included in the packets.

Opened public hearing at 7:03 pm

Jim Caldwell, petitioner, stated that they are petitioning for a partial street vacation to create more room for parking after the model home is built.

Barnes noted that by vacating a portion of the street it would bring the street width in compliance with the street standards. The street is now seventy feet wide.

There were no comments for or against the petition for street vacation.

Public hearing closed at 7:11 pm

Mayor Address

Mayor Cole read the names of eighty-two fallen soldiers since the last meeting and took a moment of silence.

Visitors Comments

Kathryn McGee, Rainier resident, stated that she is attending a State of Old Tourism class offered by RDI and they have been discussing the concept of

green toilets and would like to know if the City would want to consider something like this for the public restrooms at the City Park so they would not have to be closed down during the winter months. These toilets are a modernized non flush toilet. Cole stated that she could gather more information regarding the green toilets and submit it to Barnes. She also questioned if there was a fee for overnight docking at the transient tie-up. Olsen stated that the voluntary fee is six dollars per night. Lastly McGee commented that she has been working with the historical materials in the library and would like to display them somewhere in City Hall.

Darrell and Judith Taylor, Rainier residents, commented on the condition of the current bathrooms at the City Park. Mr. Taylor asked why the restrooms were locked during the winter. Barnes stated that it is because there is no heat and the pipes could freeze and break. Ms. Taylor thinks that the bathrooms are in terrible shape and would like to know what it would take to build new ones. Olsen commented that the new restrooms would cost about one hundred thousand dollars to build and they are part of the last phase of the park but there is no money for this project at this time. The Taylor's would like to look into get a community volunteer group together to donate time and materials to build new restrooms.

Shirley Bartholomew, Rainier resident, asked the Council if they would like to be present at the Saturday Markets In The Park so that she can advertise noting this. Bartholomew also asked if they could store the PA System for Saturday Market at City Hall.

Invited Reports

FY08 Harvest Plan: Byron Rickert

Rickert stated that he has been looking at the timber in the watershed area and the roads are so bad that there is not anyway to get into harvest trees. He added that with the blown down trees from the storm in the Watershed and taking out the trees in the triangle left by the old dump site on Fern Hill Road along with thinning some trees in the Watershed there would be about seventy-five thousand dollars worth of trees. Rickert suggested to the Council that some of the harvest money should be put back into the timber land for road improvements. Cole asked Rickert if he would recommend doing a harvest as it was done for FY07 as a buyout of the timber. Rickert commented that he does not recommend that the harvest be done as it was for FY07 as a buy out of the timber.

Approval For Forrester to Continue With Harvest Plan Scope

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Slape to approve Byron Rickert to put together a harvest plan for the City to net seventy-five thousand dollars for the FY08 budget. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business

Approval of January 2, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Piercy to approve the minutes as written for January 2, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Financial Report: December 2006

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Langford to approve the monthly financial report as presented for December 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee Appointments

Mayor Cole recommended Michael Carter, Jan Kenna, and William Grant to be reappointed to the Budget Committee.

Michael Carter

Motion by Piercy, 2nd by Moon to approve the reappointment of Michael Carter to the Budget Committee. Motion approved with one No vote by John Slape.

William Grant

Motion by Hamlin, 2nd by Langford to approve the reappointment of William Grant to the Budget Committee. Motion passed.

Jan Kenna

Motion by Slape, 2nd by Langford to approve the reappointment of Jan Kenna to the Budget Committee. Motion passed .

REDCO Appointments

Mayor Cole recommended Terry Grice and David Qualman be reappointed to REDCO.

Terry Grice

Motion by Hamlin, 2nd by Moon to reappoint Terry Grice to REDCO. Motion passed unanimously.

David Qualman

Motion by Slape, 2nd by Piercy to approve the reappointment of David Qualman to REDCO.

David Qualman abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion passed with one abstention and one No vote from Langford.

Approval of FY08 Budget Calendar

Motion by Piercy, 2nd by Qualman to approve the FY08 budget calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1033 Animal Control

Hamlin stated that he would like Section 8, 4.5a deleted and 4.5b to read "accept as approved by City Council".

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Langford to approve the ordinance for Animal Control and add the corrections as stated to Section 8, 4.5a and 4.5b. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1034 Approving the Vacation of a Portion of Street In West Rainier, Block 32

Motion by Langford, 2nd by Moon to approve the ordinance to vacate a portion of a street located in Block 32, West Rainier. Motion passed unanimously.

Foss Maritime Project

Moon referred to the handouts and stated that Foss Maritime is looking at an area on the east side of Fox Creek for mitigation. Foss has plans to expand their bulkhead to accommodate business expansion. In order for Foss Maritime to expand water use they have to develop a mitigation project. Moon stated that Foss would like to obtain permitting for a bridge to go across Fox Creek and also permitting for the Riverfront Park trail to extend along the area of the proposed mitigation site. Moon added that Foss Maritime needs to have a backing from the City to proceed with this project.

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Slape for the City, the City Council and the City Attorney to give support to Foss Maritime to move forward with their mitigation project. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1035 Infrastructure Reimbursement

Motion, Langford, 2nd by Hamlin to approve the ordinance for infrastructure reimbursement. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Larson Sewer Extension Reimbursement Agreement

The Council gave direction to go ahead with the City Attorney's recommendation to go with option two and give Larson ten years from the date of the project which was 1999 for reimbursement. Cole stated that this agreement would be a combination of number one and two from the infrastructure agreement.

Dell Lease Agreement

Motion by Moon, 2nd Piercy to approve the Dell Lease and recommend staff to bring back to the Council information on the outright purchase of the computers. Motion passed with one no vote from Langford.

Staff Reports

Barnes reported that the City of St Helens is looking over the IGA that he sent them regarding coverage of his position in an emergency. Barnes also stated that he is looking into wastewater treatment collection system improvements. Lastly, he added that Kirkpatrick will be grading REDCO's property located between the El Tapatio building and Larry Gate's building on "A" Street.

Rainier Eagle's Days In The Park Street Closure Request

Mayor Cole stated that the Eagles submitted a letter requesting permission for "A" Street to be closed from Fox Creek Bridge west to West 6th Street from July 10-15.

Motion by Qualman, 2nd by Moon to approve the request from the Rainier Eagles to have "A" Street closed from Fox Creek Bridge west to West 6th Street from July 10-15. Motion passed unanimously.

Hamlin made a motion to request a traffic count at West 6th Street in the evening prior to the Fireworks. There was no second.

Request was tabled.

Staff Reports

Chief Painter reporting that a young man who just turned eighteen was sent to jail for a shooting in Rainier.

Administrator's Reports

Rainy Day Reserve: General Fund Continued Discussion

No discussion

Olsen stated that REDCO has invited the Council to attend their February 22nd, 5:30 pm meeting at City Hall. Olsen reported that he has distributed budget requests to the department heads that are due back on February 23rd. Olsen commented that Otis elevator should have been in today to do a re-inspection of the elevator but they did not show up.

Council Reports

Hamlin stated that he received an incorrect traffic light permit from ODOT regarding Hwy 30 and West 6th Street. He added that he spoke to Tom Weatherford from ODOT and he told Hamlin that the City would need input from a contractor to design the intersection the way the City wants for a traffic light.

Langford gave an update on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant progress with Kennedy/Jenks. He also added that the shop building needs to be updated or replaced and would like the Public Works Director to research this project. Olsen stated that this was not in the plans to replace the shop. Langford questioned why Kennedy/Jenks was working on the design of a sewer line extension on Dike Road, and Olsen stated it is a REDCO project. Lastly Langford would like the No Smoking Ordinance to include all forms of tobacco use and include the area from the Skate Park east to Fox Creek and be put on the agenda for the first meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm to executive session ORS 192.660 personnel.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50 pm.

No additional action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested:



Michelle Archibald, City Recorder

Future Business

- ❖ Smoking Ordinance in Riverfront Park
- ❖ Street Names
- ❖ Oregon Contracting Laws
- ❖ Surplus of Real Property

City Calendar/Announcements

- ◆ Chamber of Commerce, February 14, 2007, 12:00 pm, Rainier Methodist Church
- ◆ City Council Regular Meeting, February 19, 2007, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- ◆ Rainier Library Board Meeting, February 21, 2007, 4:30 pm, City Hall
- ◆ REDCO Meeting, February 22nd, 5:30 pm, City Hall
- ◆ Planning Commission, February 28th, 6:00 pm, City Hall