

Roll Call

Present

Jerry Cole, Mayor
Randy Hamlin
Rob Piercy
David Langford

Mike Avent, President
Russ Moon
David Qualman

Absent

John Slape

Others Present

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

Dwayne Barnes, Public Works Director
Steve Petersen, City Attorney

Public Hearing: To Consider An Ordinance To Regulate The Use of Tobacco Products In Riverfront Park

Opened at 7:03 pm

Public Comments

Against:

Dan Koch, Rainier resident, asked how the ordinance would be enforced. He commented that there is a leash law ordinance and he doesn't see it being enforced. He added there needs to be ashtrays located around the park so that people can safely put out their cigarettes. Koch thinks that this ban is a really bad deal.

Lee Nichols, Rainier resident, asked what the City was trying to accomplish, is it protecting the kids or the trash. He questioned if there was a better process and maybe some compromise and look into a designated smoking area so people could still keep an eye on the kids while they are at the park.

Koch asked where the most cigarette butts are found. The Council answered that they are found all over the park.

Roger Lewis, Rainier resident, commented that he walks the park everyday and he feels the park doesn't look as bad as the Council is making it sound.

Council Comments:

Painter stated that people would have to self police. He added that if an ordinance was approved and the Police received a call regarding smoking in the park there would be something in place to enforce the issue.

Cole stated that it the responsibility of the adults to protect the children at the Park and if someone is at the park smoking it is not setting a very good example for the children.

Avent stated this ordinance is being presented because of people complaining about stepping in chew spit or cigarette butts. The Council has decided to target one area instead of making the ban effective all over town. Avent stated that people won't police themselves and that is what caused this action by the Council.

Piercy commented that the park is going to be going under some fundamental changes. He stated this is the first year that Little League will be playing on the fields at the park. He added that Little League is a tobacco free zone so he sees this ordinance as a good thing.

Hearing closed at 7:28 pm

Mayor Address

Mayor Cole read the names of thirty-five fallen soldiers since the last Council Meeting and took a moment of silence to remember them. He added that this marks the four year anniversary of the War Iraqi Freedom. Mayor Cole commented that the total number of soldiers killed since the war started is three thousand five hundred fifty-eight.

Visitors Comments

None

Invited Reports: Terry Freeman

Freeman referred to the constructability report he has been reviewing for the WWTP. He distributed a report of his overview for review by the Council. He is looking for ways to cut costs for the City. Freeman stated that at this time the design documents are almost ready for an eighty-five percent completion. Freeman stated that twenty days after the eighty-five percent document come out the ninety-five percent documents will be ready and at that time those documents can be used to go out for permitting. Freeman stated by the time the one hundred percent documents come out all the comments will have been received and included in the documents that will go out for bid. His intent is to get the project out to bid in the summer window of time, not the original window of October.

Freeman commented that the City really needs someone to oversee the construction of the WWTP. He added that he has not been hired by the City to oversee this job. At this time he is only doing tasks as they are assigned. He stated that he would like to oversee the building of the WWTP.

Unfinished Business

Approval of March 5, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Piercy to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

Council Approval Report: February

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

2-Hour Parking On the South Side of "A" Street Between East 4th and 5th Streets

Painter stated that he met with Foss and they are willing to cooperate with the two hour parking. Painter stated that Foss will need twenty more parking spaces when they start their new shift. Painter suggests that this two hour parking should be for five days a week.

Motion by Hamlin, 2nd by Piercy to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution adopting maximum parking times on the south side of "A" Street between East 4th and East 5th Street for a two-hour time limit between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Moon stated that Foss doesn't want any issues with nearby businesses. He added that Foss brought up the idea of leasing from the City about fifteen spaces in the parking lot of the old marina.

Cole stated that by authorizing two hour parking in front of businesses just pushes the Foss employees in front of other businesses. Cole feels that the two hour parking is not a solution to the problem. Cole agrees that letting Foss lease the spaces at the old marina is a solution to the problem.

Avent asked Barnes to verify how many spaces are available at the old marina parking and to save enough spaces for the people who moor there boats and leave enough room for the Empress of the North tour busses.

Roll Call

Avent	No	Hamlin	Aye
Moon	No		
Piercy	No		
Qualman	No		
Langford	No		

Motion failed.

Council agreed that if the parking situation becomes a problem it needs to come back to the Council.

Resolution # 1010 "A" Street Parking Between Fox Creek Bridge and Veteran's Way

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Moon to approve the resolution adopting parking on the south side of "A" Street between Veteran's Way and the Fox Creek Bridge between April 1st and October 1st and remove item number two regarding the restriction of trailer parking.

Barnes stated that a representative from Saturday Market and the Baseball League need to meet with him so they can agree on what needs to be done for the parking.

Motion passed with one no vote.

Biosolids Management Plan

Barnes commented that he is doing the NPDES renewal application and is going out to bid for the Biosolids Management Plan.

New Business

Prevention of Abuse and Violence Against Citizens

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Langford to designate two trees in the City to tie yellow ribbons in recognition of the issue and approve signs to be placed in the City to make people aware of this prevention. Motion passed unanimously.

Tree Maintenance Policy

Council discussed this policy and made no decision.

Port of Portland Army Corp Mooring at Transient Tie-up

This item is an add-on to the agenda. A letter from the Port of Portland was distributed at the meeting.

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Piercy to approve the mooring of the Army Corp boats as long as it does not interfere with the Empress of the North mooring. Motion passed unanimously.

Ol'Pastime Liquior License Add-On

This item was left off the agenda and the Council decided to table it until the next meeting because they just received the information on it at the meeting.

Staff Reports

Mayor Cole stated that Barnes is in charge while Olsen is on vacation.

Barnes reported that the Little League is doing most of the work on the baseball fields. Barnes also added that he is having Vilardi look into the issue with the Senior Center trail lights not working.

Painter handed out memo with proposed rate increases for the Police department.

Council Reports

Qualman stated that he would have his report on Olsen's evaluation in the Council boxes this week. Qualman also mentioned that the Chamber is very excited about the new Little League fields.

Langford distributed pictures of examples of signage for the new WWTP. The consensus from the Council was to go with the brushed steel look for the WWTP sign.

Future Business

- * Review Consultant Agreements
- * Proposed Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual
- * Highway 30 TEP Under grounding of Overhead Utilities
- * Street Names
- * Oregon Contracting Laws
- * Surplus of Real Property

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 pm

Jerry Cole, Mayor

Attested:



Michelle Archibald, City Recorder

City Calendar/Announcements

- ◆ REDCO April 5th 2007 5:30 pm, City Hall
- ◆ City Council Work Session, April 2nd 6:00 pm, City Hall
- ◆ City Council Regular Meeting, April 2nd 7:00 pm, City Hall
- ◆ Rainier Budget Committee Meeting April 3rd , City Hall

- ◆ Chamber of Commerce, April 11th, 12:00 pm, Methodist Church
- ◆ Library Board Meeting, April 11th, 4:30 pm, City Hall