

**City of Rainier
City Council
Minutes of
February 4, 2008**

Present

Mayor Jerry Cole
Rob Piercy
Sloan Nelson

Mike Avent
Dave Langford
John Holmes

David Qualman
Russ Moon

Others Present

Chief Painter
Roger Kadell (County Animal Control)

Darliss Hyke, Secretary
Tymilynn Uhl

Jan Moon
Lars Gare, City Administrator

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Jerry Cole at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Address

Read the list of 16 fallen soldiers since our last meeting.

Visitors Comments

None

Unfinished Business

Approval of January 22, 2008 Minutes

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Nelson to approve minutes as read. Holmes and Langford abstain, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Jim Young Dog Kennel Request

Motion by Langford, 2nd by Moon to terminate his business license, not to renew his business license and give Mr. Young 90 days to move his dogs.

After some discussion regarding the legality of the commercial enterprise within a residential zone, or if the commercial enterprise was a nuisance to society.

Testimony from Roger Kadell, Columbia County Animal Control, stated that most large dog kennels are not within City Limits, and there were multiple complaints about Mr. Young's kennel.

Tymilynn Uhl stated the history of some of the puppies' health issues.

A vote was taken. Roll call. **Nay** : Qualman, Piercy, Nelson, Holmes; **Aye**: Langford, Moon, Avent; **Motion failed.**

Motion by Holmes, 2nd by Qualman to approve Mr. Young's application for a business license for 9 dogs and 2 litters.

After some discussion regarding the need for written comment from neighbors, who were not in attendance at the meeting, discussion focused on whether a Councilor's testimony about conversation with that person be acceptable testimony. Mr. Moon and Mr. Langford testified that they are directly impacted by Mr. Young's Kennel and do not appreciate the enterprise in the neighborhood. It is a nuisance.

A vote was taken. Roll call: **Aye**: Qualman, Piercy; **Nay**: Langford, Moon, Nelson, Holmes, Avent; **Motion failed.**

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Moon for Chief Painter, Gare, and Petersen to check City Ordinances and work with Mr. Young until all the issues have been resolved. **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

Resolutions 08-0201; 08-0202; 08-0203

Motion by Piercy, 2nd by Avent to accept Resolution # 08-0201 to hold their monthly meetings the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Langford to accept Resolution 08-0202 to hold Council Work Sessions the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Rainier City Hall. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

Motion by Langford, 2nd by Moon to accept Resolution 08-0203, to appoint Clatskanie Chief as the official Newspaper of Notice for the City of Rainier. After some discussion to use the Longview Daily News as an alternative, a vote was taken. **Piercy opposed; Motion passed.**

Re-appointment of REDCO Council Members Deaton and Navarro

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Qualman to reappoint Tim Navarro to the REDCO Council, position # 4, for another 4 year term of office. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion by Moon, 2nd by Nelson to reappoint Terry Deaton to the REDCO Council, Position #5, for another 4 year term of office. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Schedule Annual Planning Session

After some discussion regarding individual schedules it was determined the meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 5 p.m. at the Rainier City Hall. Some discussion regarding items that should be addressed at the meeting

Budget: Understanding guidelines for Budget Committee

Rainy day, contingency fund

Budget compliance/supplemental budget

General Obligation (G.O.) Bond:

Understanding rates

“A” Street:

Financing Impact

Open for public review after Council decisions

Survey Community Project List

Fox Creek

Outlet to the Columbia River

Waste Water Treatment Plant

Continuing Action Items

Water Treatment Plant

Gare asked for a RFP from Veolia Water and they are not interested in a short term contract.

Gare is working directly with the manufacturer of the valves to get quotes for parts at the water treatment plant.

Gare will meet with the Water committee when the prices come in from the manufacturer some time next week.

Gare also met with Mike Greene from Veolia Water, and the report of the low CT issue was inaccurate, **it was not below standard.**

WWTP Construction Project

Materials Testing and Inspection Contract

Motion by Avent, 2nd by Piercy to authorize Mayor Cole to sign the North West Testing Inc. contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Hwy 30 Project

None

FEMA Update

Gare had a meeting with Bob Penn, FEMA Representative, and discussed:

Watershed: Culvert replacement.

Water: employee overtime, replacement chemicals, expenses for some replacement parts.

Slippage: FEMA will help with the curb, sidewalk, street, but the retaining wall is owner's responsibility. This poses a problem and we'll have to get with attorney Petersen to discuss what action can be done to move private property owner to respond to her responsibilities. Can not go ahead with any repair work on the slip until the weather improves.

Recruitment of Public Works Director (update)

No applications have been received. Job closes February 15, 2008.

Recruitment of Finance Director/City Recorder (update)

No applications have been received. Job closes February 15, 2008.

Staff Reports

Chief Painter: Written report submitted to the council. Chief Painter looked up the dog ordinance, (5) Land Use Restrictions; **Dogs.** No single-family residence shall contain more than three adult dogs and one litter of puppies under six months of age.

Foreman Guist: No report.

Administrator Gare: Meeting with a commercial planner in Longview to interview as an interim planner tomorrow, suggested Rainier does not need a full time planner, should hire on a contract basis. Byron Rickert seeks approval to take out blown down trees from December 6th storm.

Council Reports

Avent: Requests information in regards to authorization of expenditures; Hwy 30 additional request for rendering (\$67,000).

The Enterprise zone from the county will be on the agenda at the next meeting. A copy will be included at the next council meeting. Tony Hyde wants to attend the meeting.

Langford: Comp time needs to be cut back to 100 hours, to be managed accordingly. There is no need for the raised (250 hour) comp time since the city is paying for Veolia to operate the Water Plant.

The need to readdress employee contractual obligations is to be discussed at the 1st meeting in March.

Langford also stated for the record that Bob Vivian was hired before Dwayne Barnes resigned. Mr. Vivian was hired because Mr. Barnes did not take on the duties of managing the Waste Water Treatment Plant construction project.

Holmes: Terry Deaton's request for Web site to be upgraded. Councilman Holmes volunteered to update the site. Darliss is to forward the information by email to Holmes.

Piercy: Unit trains are scheduled as early as February. Portland Western RR trains will go through downtown Rainier at 10 mph taking up to 20 minutes to go through town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Jerry Cole

Attested:

Darliss Hyke, Secretary