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Meeting called to order at 5:32pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Mike Avent (left at 6:25pm)
Terry Grice
David Qualman (arrived at 6:10pm)

Tim Navarro (left at 6:25pm)
Sloan Nelson
Terry Deaton

Council Absent

Ralph Painter

Others Present

Chad Olsen, City of Rainier Administrator, Cindy Siekierka, City of Rainier Clerk, Betty Mayfield, The Clatskanie Chief.

Visitors Comments

None

Unfinished Business

Approval of October 26, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Nelson, 2nd by Grice.

Motioned passed unanimously.

Monthly approval report: October 2006

Motioned by Nelson, 2nd by Grice

Motioned passed unanimously.

Transportation Enhancement Project: Amendment No. 6

Olsen stated that over the past six weeks the project has experienced issues with the Freight Mobility Committee. They focus on the trucking industry and the impact it has on pedestrians and bicyclists. They have concerns that the street travel lanes being too narrow in its design to accommodate the trucking traffic as well as the bicycle traffic.

ODOT has increased their contribution by \$221,811.00 which will require an amendment to the local match increasing it by \$25,387.00. Avent commented that he feels bad if REDCO doesn't give them the extra money because the project will die, however Olsen stated that the project wouldn't die. If we don't approve the amendment and the extra money then we go back to the budget that we have, complete whatever redesign we have to do for the project and build whatever we have available to build with.

Avent stated he would like REDCO to continue to think about it.

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Avent asked if there was other discussion necessary for a quorum.

Deaton asked if REDCO could review the reference notebook and put it into effect. Avent stated the council would do a sign off sheet, and during the next two weeks everyone could come by Avent's office and sign off on it.

Team 97048: Status Report

Nelson informed the council the team abandoned the Bridge Across Fox Creek Project, but the group would still like to do another project. They would like to do one of two things: A 20x40 picnic shelter or a Mobus play structure. Nelson asked if Redco would still stand behind the project financially.

Motioned by Navarro.

2nd by Grice to continue the \$10,000 toward the Team 97048 project.

Motioned passed unanimously.

Avent and Navarro left the meeting.

Redco Website: Status Report

Council discussed email addresses on the Redco website and an 800 number for Redco to be put on the brochure. Qualman asked if a voice mail box could be added to the City of Rainier phone system. Olsen responded with a yes. Deaton stated that e mails to Redco's website could filter into everyone's personal email. There was continued discussion about these issues. Redco's website address is www.redco-or.org.

Rainier Promotional Efforts: Continued Discussion

Deaton gave an update on the brochures. Qualman asked what was going to be done with the brochures. Deaton stated that they would be distributed to Teevin Bros, the City of Rainier, the realtors, Columbia County, the Courthouse and the Port of St. Helens.

Redco/USG Bond Issue: Status Report

Discussed in executive session.

New Business

None.

Future Business Items

Business Community SWOT

Olsen informed the council about the Strength Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) group. The intent of SWOT is to do an analysis of existing Rainier businesses and develop an action plan for improvement. It's a tool that the Ford Foundation business formed.

Staff Reports

Treasurer's Report for October 2006

Olsen gave an overview of the updated format of the report and its contents.

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Unfinished Business-continued discussion

Transportation Enhancement Project: Amendment No. 6: Picked up discussion

Olsen updated Qualman (who just arrived) about the earlier discussion and continued to update council on the project and the request for an additional \$25,387.00 for the Transportation Enhancement Project.

Motioned by Grice, 2nd by Qualman

Motioned passed unanimously.

Future Business Items-Continued Discussion

Redco/City Council Relationship

To be discussed at the Jan 2nd, 2007 City Council work session meeting at City Hall.

Business Community SWOT: January

Talked about earlier.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project: January

Olsen stated that \$200,000 is earmarked for the project and thought that Redco would want to have discussion on how and when to release the funds.

First Street Square Project

Olsen wants to set up a meeting for Bo Nevue to give a presentation to Redco.

The Meeting adjourned to Executive Session: ORS 195.660 Legal Matters at 7:33pm

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:55pm.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Mike Avent, Chairperson

Attested:



Cindy Siekierka, City of Rainier Clerk