

**City of Rainier**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**March 6, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order.

**Council Present:** Jerry Cole, Sloan Nelson, Jim Bradfield, Steve Massey, Mike Kreger, Robert duPlessis

**Council Absent:** Doug Aske

**City Staff Present:** Debra (Debbie) Dudley, City Administrator/Finance Director/Recorder, Chief of Police; Gregg Griffith, Dan Foultnier; Public Works Supervisor

**City Attorney Present:** No

**Flag Salute.**

**Additions/Deletions from the Agenda:** None

**Mayor's Address:**

**Visitor Comments:** None

**Approve Consent Agenda Items-** Consider Approval of the February 6, 2017 Work Session Minutes- Nelson moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes as presented- **motion passed unanimously**  
Consider Approval of the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes- Kreger moved, Bradfield 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes as presented-**motion passed unanimously**

**Unfinished Business:**

a. Affordable / Senior Housing Update & Expenditure Authorization- Debbie stated at the last meeting they approved a limited market analysis from Concepts and Community Living. The conclusion that based upon the review there is fairly strong market for up to 30 units of assisted living in the primary market area selected area of Rainier and includes memory care; they also feel that the median income would support the assisted living. Debbie noted the next senior housing committee meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017 at 10am. Nelson suggested the City or Redco, take our findings that we have compiled that show our needs and send them to assisted living operators in Oregon and Washington to see if it sparks any interest.

b. "A" Street Update- Debbie noted that draft design package would be presented to us next month.

c. Review Kayak Camping Request- Dan Jacobson spoke about his desires to allow kayakers to have overnight camping down at the marina. Mayor Cole explained to that the camping request was sent to planning because it would involve a zone change. Jacobson stated he wanted to discuss tonight if the City would even want to approve of his development and then talk about the zoning. Jacobson said for the record it would not be his proposal to apply for the zone change to allow overnight camping, it would be the Cities proposal and decision. Mayor Cole noted he did not want to take the proposal to planning and that he would have to. Jacobson explained he cannot make a proposal for City property. Debbie explained that the City needs to make the recommendation to bring this formally to the planning commission. Jacobson gives a presentation regarding his idea for allowing kayakers to camp at the City's marina. Mayor Cole stated he should take this back to planning. Nelson stated the work he has done at the marina is a great asset to the city and how appreciative he is. However, he does not feel that Council should send him back to planning if the planner says it does not meet the zoning criteria. Jacobson states he disagrees and feels it does meet the criteria. Jacobson asks what better use is there for that property. Nelson states his concerns for the negative activity that happens down there daily even though the kayakers may be okay, we cannot limit the overnight camping to just kayakers. Jacobson would like a one year trial. Nelson asked how we would enforce the one night camping. Mayor Cole stated we would have an ordinance like no smoking in the park for example. Kreger stated he was present when this was presented to the planning commission and the code currently states it does not meet the code but the code could be amended or it could be made a special event use like they do at the park. Kreger explained to Jacobson that camping is not a permitted use in the CBD zone; the code would have to be amended to allow camping. Nelson suggested asking property owners within the area to do a trial for the summer to allow the camping and see if it will work or not. Debbie states the City needs to refer this to planning asking them to approve what the City wants to do regarding the camping trial period. Mayor Cole wants to know what we can do to just to try it for the summer, not doing the formal process. Mayor would like to it on a 6 month (May-October) trial basis and then decide at the end of the trial if we want to do this and move forward. It was agreed among Council to have the planner Don Mathison and Michael Kreger meet with Dan Jacobson to discuss having a 6 month trial to see if we even want to move forward.

**New Business:**

- a. Consider Approval of IFA Application- This application is funding for the Fox Creek Sink Hole. SWCD completed the application on behalf of the City, but it was discovered that it requires the City's signature. SWCD and the City are asking for a grant not a loan. Nelson moved, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to Approve the IFA Application. duPlessis stated he remembered Kari said she would take care of this and had already turned the application in? Debbie stated that they completed the application but discovered the City needed to apply. duPlessis said he remembers asking about the status on it and that the City was told it was already being processed. Mayor Cole agreed and stated he also asked Kari if she would be here during the flooding if we needed anything and that didn't happen either. Debbie stated there most likely was confusion, but this does allow us to apply for grant money for the project and the City has no obligation.  
**motion passed unanimously**
- b. Consider Approval of the Agreement with Althof Contracting- Mayor Cole explained this was a recommendation from Byron for building roads in the City's Watershed property; Massey moved, Kreger 2<sup>nd</sup> to Approve the Agreement with Althof Contracting
- c. Nelson gave a demonstration of a solar traffic control system for crosswalks that he had seen in Chehalis, WA. Nelson stated it is a simple and affordable option. Nelson moves to approve the purchase of two solar panel button-activated crosswalks, not to exceed \$5,000, Massey 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the purchase of two solar crosswalk systems. Bradfield asks where it is made and Kreger noted where it said it was made in the USA. Mayor Cole stated he has ODOT compliancy concerns and wants to confirm that ODOT will allow this crosswalk system – **motion passed unanimously**

**Staff Reports:** Chief Griffith talked about the police department's crosswalk sting they did the prior week. He stated it was successful with 5 violations. Chief noted the radar speed sign is working well.

Mayor Cole asked Debbie to talk to the PUD about the lighting at the crosswalk by Chevron. Debbie stated she met with the new county employee that is in charge of the inmate work crew. He stated for \$375 he could guarantee at least four people and if they don't have four people the City won't get charged. Debbie stated this will not replace any of our workers but will help get the park in shape doing the pruning, edging, and weeding etc. Debbie noted she would be bringing this to Council for consideration in April. It was discussed where they would work and what they would be doing.

Foultner noted that the crew continues to work on potholes as the weather has wreaked havoc this year on the roads.

**Council Reports:** duPlessis stated the group that brought the robots in a few meetings back, placed second at the state competition. duPlessis noted that at the stop lights at Rockcrest, there is no street light down there and it is really dark. Foultner said he would check into it. Mayor Cole also noted it may fix itself when the new mini mall comes in on Rockcrest. Bradfield asked if there was seal damage at the docks. Foultner noted this year we contained the seals to the outside transient dock and our inside dock is not any worse for wear. The outside dock does have some damage and the concrete has a lot more cracks. Debbie noted the seals have destroyed the life rings. Foultner noted the marina pump out station project should be completed within a month. Nelson stated the Rainier Garden Club would like to take on a project to benefit the City. Nelson asked Chief Griffith if there is any elderly struggling with nuisance abatement problems here in town. Chief Griffith stated we have in the past and most of the people have been take care. Nelson would like to see the work crew help out nuisance abatement issues. Griffith stated the biggest nuisance problem is bank owned homes that are not being cared for.

**City Calendar/Announcements:** City Wide Clean Up Day April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mayor Cole would like the police to wrap up the nuisance abatement warnings and give them the notice that City Wide Cleanup day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nelson stated he would like to put the notice in The Clatskanie Chief and possibly the St. Helens paper.

Rainier City Council Meeting, Monday April 3, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

Mayor Cole adjourned Regular meeting City Council Meeting at 7:40pm and convened the executive session meeting.

**Executive Session: ORS 192.660 (2) (h) to consult with council concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.**

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Mayor Cole

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Debra Dudley, City Administrator /Finance  
Director/Recorder