

CITY OF RAINIER
RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (**REDCO**)
MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
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Meeting called to order at 5:36pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Terry Grice

David Qualman

Ralph Painter

Sloan Nelson

Terry Deaton

Council Absent

Mike Avent

Tim Navarro

Others Present

Cindy Siekierka, City of Rainier Clerk; Sheryl Teuscher, Country Companies Insurance; Ruth Howard, Clatskanie Chief; Deborah Hazen, Clatskanie Chief; Carment Kulp, Commercial Lending Manager, St. Helens Credit Union.

Public Hearing FY08 Budget

Opened at 5:37pm.

No comments were received.

Closed at 5:38.

Visitors Comments

None

Unfinished Business

Community Grant-Country Companies Insurance

Sheryl Teuscher, Country Companies Insurance, submitted an application for a Community Grant to improve the exterior of her building, stating that it would benefit both the City and the view from Highway 30. She stated they have already done many repairs to the building including installing new drain pipe. They are in the process of repairing dry rot in preparation for exterior paint. The awnings will be the third phase of the project.

Carmen Kulp, Commercial Lending Manager, St. Helens Credit Union

Kulp asked Redco if they are aggressively trying to bring businesses into the community. She stated St. Helens Credit Union tries to partner with businesses. Businesses look at the availability of land, transportation, cost, incentives; which may include ways of partnering up with other businesses. She stated businesses are looking for ways to partner up with the City so that each can grow financially. Kulp stated she thinks Rainier is a great little town with lots of room for growth.

Approval of May 24th, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Grice, 2nd by Qualman.

Motioned passed.

Painter abstained due to absence at the May 24th meeting.

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Monthly Approval Report.

Special Projects Grant FY06, Rainier City Library Strategic Planning invoice from Aletha Bonebrake. Siekierka stated this issue came up at the Library Board meeting and they realized Aletha Bonebrake had never submitted an invoice for her services. She was then asked for an invoice.

Nelson asked Archibald if the library was happy with the work, did Bonebrake do what she was requested and did they want Redco to pay her.

Archibald stated Bonebrake gave the Library Board three different scenarios for the Library layout. She stated that Bonebrake did what she was asked to.

Qualman stated he'd like to see a report from the Rainier Library Board.

Nelson stated he wanted to hold this over to the next meeting to come up with what the Council wants.

No motion was made on this issue or on the May Monthly Approval Report.

E-mails

Painter stated he was not fond of the e-mail Deaton sent to County Commissioner, Tony Hyde. (See Hand out in Council Packet.) He stated Redco was misrepresented in the e-mail. He also stated when public officials are e-mailed, it needs to be done as a team and to keep it positive.

USG Bond Status Report: Letter from Rob Sullivan

Siekierka stated she has not received anything new from Sullivan's office regarding a time frame on this and has not received the template for the IGA.

New Business

Resolution Adopting FY08 Budget, Making Appropriations and Declaring the Tax Levy

Grice briefed the Council on the resolution. He stated Redco has to declare \$152,775.00 for the special levy, capped at \$300, 00.00.

Approval to Adopt Resolution # 63

Motioned by Qualman, 2nd by Painter.

Motioned passed unanimously.

Councilor Reports

Qualman stated he is concerned about the downtown Central Business District closing businesses; AG Flowers, The Movie House and Elams Furniture. Qualman stated it is going to look like a ghost town. He stated other cities have ordinances that require retail business to actively market their space. If it's not occupied within the required 6 months, sometimes businesses will allow non-profits and artists use these spaces in the interim.

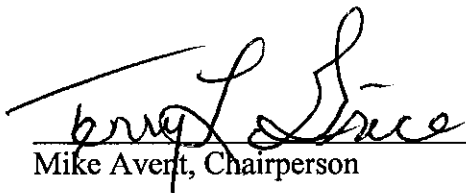
Nelson stated he noticed that many closed businesses have unkept property.

Deaton asked how a nuisance works.

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Painter stated it's usually not the Police Department initiating the complaint, it's usually a citizen. When a City Action Request form is filed, the Police Department drives by, takes pictures and starts the process. The one struggle the Police Department has is dealing with building issues. It's really the building department that should determine the conditions of a building.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.



Mike Avert, Chairperson

Attested:



Cindy Siekerka, City of Rainier Clerk