

CITY OF RAINIER
RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (**REDCO**)
MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
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Meeting called to order at 5:35pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Mike Avent, Chairman
Terry Grice
David Qualman

Sloan Nelson
Terry Deaton

Council Absent

Ralph Painter

Tim Navarro

Others Present

Ken Knight, Interim City Administrator; Cindy Siekierka, City of Rainier Clerk; Deborah Hazen, Clatskanie Chief.

Visitors Comments

None

Unfinished Business

Approval of June 28th, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Qualman, 2nd by Nelson.
Motioned passed unanimously.

Monthly Approval Report: May 2007

Motioned by Grice, 2nd by Qualman.
Motioned passed unanimously.

Monthly Approval Report: June 2007

Motioned by Grice, 2nd by Qualman.
Motioned passed unanimously.

Council requested the invoices from Rob Sullivan be included in the council packets.

Community Grant Application: Country Companies Insurance (2nd Hearing)

Nelson started the discussion by stating this should be a Business Grant, but regardless of the application name, the information is valid.

Motion is to approve the total of Phase 2 and 3 with the understanding that it is a Business Grant and a fifty/fifty split for a total of \$3466.50.

Motioned by Nelson, 2nd by Grice.
Motioned passed unanimously.

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Special Projects

Knight stated the Library Board discussed the invoice from Aletha Bonebrake for the design work in the library. Their concern was that none of her designs met the Librarians needs, but Bonebrake did do the work she was asked to do even though the work was not acceptable. The Librarian and Knight calculated the total costs of three different designs and divided them in half. The recommendation by the Librarian and supported by Knight is to pay fifty percent of the designs costs for a total of \$2113.20. Knight stated she clearly did the work but did not listen to the concerns of the Librarian.

Deaton asked if Knight had consulted the City Attorney.

Knight stated he had not.

Avent stated Redco needs to make sure that if a grant is granted to someone, Redco needs to have a copy of the contract and this should be added to the guidelines.

Motion is to authorize payment of 90% of settled cost up to \$2700.00.

Motioned by Nelson, 2nd by Grice.

Motioned passed.

Grice-yes
Nelson-yes

Deaton-yes
Qualman-no

Knight asked Council if the Agenda Report Form was helpful and Council all agreed it was.

Review Redco Mission Statement/Discussion of REDCO future

Qualman stated Redco should not have a mission statement on the Redco website if it has not been approved. Qualman asked for the Mission Statement be put on the next agenda.

Avent stated Redco needs to review its financial situation. Qualman agreed and requested it be put on the next agenda.

Deaton stated Redco needs to be actively looking for businesses.

Avent stated Redco should meet with the Rainier Chamber of Commerce and work together. Avent asked Knight to talk with Chamber about Redco coming to a meeting. Nelson suggested Redco appoint three people from Redco to give a presentation to the Chamber.

Hold on the Reserve Fund-Discussion of WWTP Project

Avent stated the City Council has requested Redco hold the funds for WWTP Project.

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New Business

Riverfront Trail

Knight stated when TFT Construction did Phase 1 of the Riverfront Estates, Redco paid nearly 50% of developer's cost. TFT Construction is requesting that again. At the last City Council meeting, the Council voted not to approve this but are going to address it again. Knight also stated City Councilor, Russ Moon's view was, TFT is bringing a lot of tax revenue to this City and it should be re-addressed.

Nelson stated this developer has done so much for our community and Redco's mission is to partner with businesses.

Qualman asked if Redco has the budget for this and Grice stated yes.

Motion is to approve the TFT Construction Riverfront Trail 50% cost share in the amount of \$10,037.50 along with the City if the City chooses to do the cost sharing with TFT Construction.

Motioned by Nelson, 2nd by Deaton.

Motion passes unanimously.

Future Business Items:

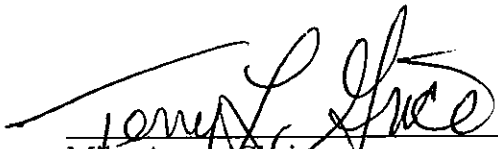
Vacant Building Ordinance

Knight stated he was asked about a vacant building ordinance requiring a business to light or decorate windows of their vacant building to make them look more attractive. Knight stated he is doing some research on this.

Qualman stated the idea is to make the downtown attractive to incoming businesses. For example, they could offer the space to schools for display or to the Historical Society. It doesn't have to cost the property owner any money.

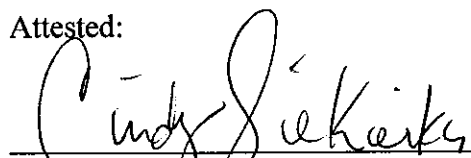
Avent suggested getting the Chamber of Commerce involved.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.



Mike Avent, Chairperson

Attested:



Cindy Siekierka, City of Rainier Clerk