

Rainier Economic Development Council  
City Hall ~ Rainier, Oregon  
Regular Meeting ~ April 8, 2010

**Called to order** at 7:16 p.m. by Chair, Terry Grice.

**Roll Call - Present**

Terry Grice, Chair Tim Navarro, Vice Chair Jennifer Dennis, Treasurer  
Scott Cooper Paul Rice

**Absent** - Robert Piercy, Secretary - unexcused

**Approval of February 11, 2010 Minutes** - Paul Rice made a motion to approve the minutes, Jennifer Dennis seconded the motion. Scott Cooper abstained from voting as he was not present at the meeting. The motion carried.

**Approval of March 11, 2010 Minutes** - Paul Rice made a motion to approve the minutes, Tim Navarro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Visitor Comments** - Judith Ragland was present and said she had requested a REDCO financial report as the City Council minutes noted were available. Terry Deaton, REDCO staff, said she asked the City, Debby Dudley, what was being requested by Judith. Debby said to send a copy of the approved REDCO budget. She asked if Judith received the copy of the budget she emailed her. Judith said she did, but that was not what she wanted. Terry Grice said she probably wants the audited financial report filed with the State of Oregon. Deaton asked Judith to provide her address before she left the meeting so a copy of the FY 07/08 could be sent to her. REDCO has not yet received the FY 08/09 from the auditors.

**Treasurer's Report** - The REDCO checking account balance on 4/8/10 is \$2,271.40 and the 3/31/10 Pool Account balance was \$1,034,253 .93.

**Unfinished Business** - Paul Rice made a motion to reinstate the current business grant process based on our better understanding of the grants in order to deal with our four current submitted grants. Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The four grants include:

- (1) Community Grant from the Eagles which is disqualified by Oregon Urban Renewal statutes. Tim asked for a letter to be sent to the Eagles to notify them of our decision.
- (2) EI Tapatio restaurant submitted an business grant for work totaling \$80,000. Paul made a motion to pay the grant in the amount of the full \$5,000 for the EI Tapatio business grant. Jennifer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(3) Oliva Bros. LLC submitted a business grant for facade improvement in the amount of \$23,000 to their building where the Marina Market is held. It appears to be for maintenance which includes replacement of brick and crown molding. It was decided that a letter should be written to Oliva Bros. LLC asking them to submit a more detailed invoice which separates repairs and facade improvements. A decision will be made at the next meeting upon receipt of the invoice.

(4) Evergreen Pub & Cafe submitted a business grant for work totaling \$7,677.63 for permanent awnings installed on the front of the building.

Paul made a motion to approve the business grant in the amount of \$3,838.82 and Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried. Tim Navarro abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict of interest.

The need to purchase a new computer for REDCO was discussed. Scott had provided information on a computer that came highly recommended. Paul made a motion to purchase a new computer for REDCO - Asus UL80Ag-A1 in an amount up to \$800. Tim seconded the motion. Deaton said the information she received was for a computer that would be purchased online. REDCO does not have a credit card to use for the purchase. Paul Rice said REDCO could use his credit card if the computer could not be purchased online with a check or money order. The motion for the purchase carried.

Terry Grice asked if the Quick Books had been purchased. He noted Quick Books will allow REDCO to provide the necessary forms for the auditor that our current bookkeeping system does not have. Deaton said Quick Books had not been purchased. Paul made a motion to authorize the purchase of Quick Books. Jennifer seconded the motion. The motion carried

**New Business** - The owner of Oregon Indoor Organics, LLC was invited to be REDCO's guest speaker and he was not able to attend tonight.

Deaton presented a suggestion for an economic development strategy. The development of an events calendar for Rainier which would include all the City Department meetings - City Council, Planning Commission, Library, REDCO - in addition all the non-profit organizations, clubs, school activities, local events to allow our community and surrounding communities to be informed on what is happening in Rainier. Currently, only people involved in these activities know they are taking place. The second part of this strategy would be to develop and plan events for the City. REDCO could take a list of such events to the businesses for their sponsorship. One or two businesses could sponsor each event for \$200. REDCO would promote the events in with press releases in newspapers and radio throughout the county and Longview. Sponsors would be acknowledged in the press releases and during the events. This would provide advertising for the sponsors while drawing people to our community. The events cost could be kept at \$200. The hope would be they would take on a life of their

own with the most successful becoming annual events, such as the Marina Festival with the Tall Ships last year. Unfortunately, the Tall Ships will only be travelling in the Puget Sound area this year.

Opening up bids for auditing services was discussed. Grice said Oregon statutes do not require the City of Rainier and REDCO to have their audits done together. It was suggested that REDCO research other firms that may be interesting bidding on REDCO's audit for next year. Deaton will research auditing firms to provide the council at the next meeting.

**Executive Session ORS 192.660(2) (h) - Conference with attorney** - The REDCO Council went into executive session at 8:11 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

**Other** - Nothing to report.

**Approval of Payables** - Jennifer made a motion to approve the March 11, 2010 payables in the amount of \$4,986.42 and Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Paul made a motion to approve the April 8, 2010 accounts payable in the amount of \$2,182.68 and Tim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Chairman Comments** - Terry Grice thanked everyone for being here.

**Adjournment** - Terry Grice adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Terry Grice, Chair

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Terry Deaton, REDCO Staff Administrator

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