

**Rainier Economic Development Council**  
**Minutes**  
**September 17, 2012**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Rainier City Hall**  
**106 West "B" Street**  
**Rainier, OR 97048**

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 PM by Chair, Mike Avent.**

**Board Present:** Mike Avent, William Vilardi, Scott Cooper, Phil Butcher, Jim Bradfield,

**Board Absent:** Sloan Nelson, David Sills

**Motion** by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott to approve the payables, as presented, totaling \$4,097.88.  
**Passed** unanimously.

**Motion** by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil to approve prior years' budget hearing and meeting minutes: May 16, 2011; June 20, 2011; August 22, 2011; November 8, 2011 thru June 18, 2012.

**Passed** unanimously.

**Motion** by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James to approve signing of the following previously approved Resolutions:

Resolution #77 Adopting Budget FY 2011/2012, Making Appropriations, Declaring Property Tax Levies, Categorizing Taxes

Resolution #80 establishing the Clatskanie Chief as the Rainier Economic Development Council official newspaper of notice

Resolution #81 establishing that the Rainier Economic Development Council hold regular meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

**Passed** unanimously.

**Discussion - Diking Certification:** The diking district is moving ahead with recertification and will bring a full briefing when they are ready with information. Also, Debbie will be attending any new meetings as a rep for the City and REDCO. She will report back any relevant updates.

**Discussion - Volley Ball Courts:** The attached quote was provided from Volley Ball Supply. It was recommended not to purchase the "boundary lines" as they are often stolen. A cost estimate for good quality sand needs to be obtained before a final decision can be made as to whether or not to move forward but everyone agreed that it would be good to pursue feasibility of the project. One court vs. two courts was discussed. Two courts would allow tournaments and create business in town. Court

reservations would need to be coordinated with the City. Padded edge partitions would keep the sand from migrating and it was suggested to create grass around the parameters to make it more inviting and comfortable for spectators. Best location for the court would need to be determined with wind considerations in mind.

**Discussion – Projects:**

- A goal to promote the City of Rainier should be included in the REDCO mission statement.
- Discussed maximizing parking in the “A Street Plaza” project to dual as event space but concern was expressed that parking is, in general, too limited for the area.
- Set meeting after next for public input on projects and it was suggested that the City hold a series of strategy meetings with the public and coordinate with REDCO to promote the City. Some conceptual drawings/ideas exist – just need buy-in from the community
- It was recommended to set project goals for what the City should look like in 2030 or 2035 and then set incremental goals to meet the long term goal
- Keep the river as a focal point. Need to maximize access to the river but also need to make sure federal and state plans for the river right-of-ways and shipping lanes do not conflict with the City’s plans

**Discussion:** Review in next meeting the “457” guidelines to ensure REDCO operates under, and is governed by, the guidelines set forth for urban renewal districts.

REDCO was in process of adopting Amendment #5 for REDCO to operate legally. Need to locate the amendment and resume the process.

**Discussion:** Monthly costs to operate REDCO. It was suggested to look into combining website hosting/listing for the City and REDCO under the same vendor for a better deal.

**Discussion:** Bring numbers to next meeting so best procedure for repayment of loan from REDCO to the City can be determined, including transferring what is needed for the “B” Street project.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

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Mike Avent, Chairperson

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

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Sloan Nelson, Vice Chair

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_