

**Rainier Economic Development Council**

**Minutes**

**April 15, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Rainier City Hall**

**106 West "B" Street**

**Rainier, OR 97048**

**Meeting called to Order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Board Present:** Judith Taylor, Sloan Nelson, William Vilardi, David Sills, Scott Cooper, Steve Massey

**Board Absent:** Jim Bradfield

**Motion** by David, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott to approve the payables as presented, totaling \$609.00

**Passed** Unanimously

**Motion** by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill to approve the March 18, 2013 meeting minutes

**Passed** Unanimously

**Current Budget Reviewed** for budgeted projects and specifically for the Riverfront Park project. Within the budget of \$100,000 for phase III of the park there is no specification as to how the dollars should be allocated.

**Discussion – Riverfront Park Volleyball Court:**

Scott Cooper presented a plan for putting in two sand volleyball courts and discussed the benefits it would add to the community. Material quotes were provided in the packets for the council members and court border options were discussed.

Tina Edwards added comment that there is a lot of interest and support in the community for sand courts and her original intent was just to ask the City to follow through on promises that were made to replace things that were removed from the parks. Tina said there is a limit as to how much you can do with two courts, but tournaments could be held which would definitely bring business to the area. Various individuals have offered to donate components for the completion of the volleyball courts.

The council agreed that the courts should go in as long as budget, parking issues and insurance were all taken into consideration and implemented. It was also stated that Conrad Wood should be contacted regarding the wood for the borders.

**Motion** by Sloan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David to approve expenditures up to \$7,000 for two volleyball courts and signage.

**Passed** unanimously

**Discussion – Marketing the Bank of America Building:** It was express that if another bank or credit union would come in it would be good for the community. The building should be marketed outside of the Rainier community to encourage good use of the space whether by another financial institution or otherwise.

**Motion** by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill to sent a letter out to financial institutions and the Columbia County Economic Team to request their assistance in marketing the vacant bank and also to authorize Debbie to spend money, at her discretion, for the purpose of marketing the building.

**Passed** unanimously

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.**

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Judith Taylor, President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Steve Massey, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_