



RAINIER CITY COUNCIL
December 12, 2023
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on 2024 Budget
5:00 pm

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Shaw at 5 p.m.

Roll Call

Those present were Mayor Shaw, Councilmembers Baker, Johnson, Arnbrister, Kemp and McVey. Staff members present were Tami Justice, Ron Gibson, Jim Gibson and Bill Cameron. Excused is Adam Lyons and Captain Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.
Baker/Johnson 5/0

Approval of Consent Agenda

November 28, 2023 meeting minutes. December 12, 2023 claim vouchers 7962-7970 in the amount of \$59,791.61. November 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$32,228.96 and also to include November 2023 Treasurer's Report. Motion was made and seconded to approve consent agenda. **McVey/Kemp 5/0**

Public Hearing

Public hearing on the 2024 Final budget opened at 5:02. There were no questions or comments. Closed at 5:03. **Kemp/Johnson 5/0**

Staff Reports

Councilmember McVey-Attended TRPC last Friday.

Councilmember Kemp-will attend TPB tomorrow

Councilmember Arnbrister- wanted to inform council that the Rainier Food Bank will be joining forces with Tenino Food Bank so will no longer be in the city. Rainier residents are still welcome to use the services, just will have to drive to Tenino.

Councilmember Baker-wanted to thank George for his service as a councilmember. Thanked the We Love Rainier for all their hard work on the Christmas lights.

Councilmember Johnson-this is his last meeting as a councilmember. He wanted to thank the Mayor and council for all the wonderful things they have done and are doing for the city.

Ron Gibson/Public Works Supervisor-submitted written report and wanted to add that Theron has started and he is doing a great job.

Bill Cameron/City Attorney-wanted to share this this weeks publication of the magazine The Week has ran a story regarding our close race for the councilmember #2 position.

Tami Justice/Clerk-received 4 bids for painting companies on the small works roster and Accepted the lowest bid from Montgomery Painting. Will notify them tomorrow and see when They can get started. Applied and received a grant from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund for the Wilkowski Playground. Would like to add a slide and some rubber chips.

Jim Gibson/City Planner-planning update. Informed council that planning commission will be meeting to discuss a variance for the fence on Binghampton that is too tall according to the code.

New Business

Ordinance 720-Approving 2024 budget. Motion made and seconded. **McVey/Kemp 5/0**

Old Business

Ordinance 718-Consolidated Communications franchise fees. Motion made and seconded.

Kemp/McVey 5/0

Ordinance 721-2023 Budget amendment to add revenue and expenditures to the sewer fund for the nitrate study and to the street fund for the chip seal program. Motion made and seconded.

Kemp/Johnson 5/0

Executive Session- possible litigation

Went into executive session at 5:26 pm for 15 minutes. Executive Session ended at 5:41 pm. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm **Johnson/Baker 5/0**

Mayor Shaw

ATTEST: _____
Tami Justice
Clerk Treasurer