



RAINIER CITY COUNCIL
November 14, 2023

Budget Workshop
4:30 pm

Roll Call

Mayor, Council, Clerk Treasurer, and the Public Works Supervisor were all present to discuss the 2024 budget.

Regular Meeting
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, Bill Cameron, Adam Lyons, Ron Gibson, Jim Gibson, and Capt. Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

October 24, 2023 claim vouchers 7906-7916 and four EFT's in the amount of \$19,249.78. Certified and approved 10/25/2023

October 10, 2023 meeting minutes. November 14, 2023 claim vouchers 7924-7942 and four EFT's in the amount of \$264,466.36 (chip seal project payment)
October 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$40,970.94
October 2023 Treasurer's Report

Motion was made and seconded to approve consent agenda. **McVey/Kemp 5/0**

Public Comment

Amy Baker with We Love Rainier presented certificates of appreciation to City of Rainier and Public Works for our support of their events throughout the year.

Public Hearing

Public hearing regarding the Ad Valorem taxes for 2024 opened at 5:04. There were no questions or comments. The hearing closed at 5:05.

Staff Reports

Mayor Shaw-Shared some good news with council regarding that the Thurston County Commissioners agreed to donate more money to us for our Sports Court project that was put on hold earlier this year because the bids came in considerably higher than expected. We have allocated our remaining COVID funds to cover our portion. Gray & Osborne will send the project out for rebid in January and we're hopeful that the project will get off the ground in summer of 2024. Introduced our new hire for the Public Works Supervisor in training position, Theron Perry. He will start on December 4th. Discussed the fee schedule and let council know that we will have more information on this by the next meeting.

Ron Gibson-written report submitted. Spoke about how well the sanitary survey went with Department of Health.

Tami- nothing new to report

Jim Gibson-planning update on recent projects. Has been getting lots of phone calls regarding if ADU's are allowed on their property. He informed council that because we don't have sewer the option is a little more complicated. Council discussed whether they would want to change the regulations to allow this. It will be discussed in the future.

Capt. Watkins-written report submitted. Informed council about the Proposition that just passed is going to allow for the Sheriff's office to hire more deputies and get staffing back to normal numbers.

Adam Lyons-reiterated to council how well the sanitary survey went. He gave Ron Gibson kudos on how well it went and how much of an asset Ron is to our city.

Councilmember McVey-nothing new to report but wanted to express how well he feels the street project went with the chip seal around town and also how pleased he is with how much work seems to be getting done by Public Works even though we are short staffed. He gave Ron and Paul compliments on their work.

Councilmember Kemp-nothing new to report

Councilmember Arnbrister- nothing new to report

Councilmember Baker-nothing new to report

Councilmember Johnson-Christmas Tree lighting on November 30 @ 6 pm.

New Business

Ordinance 718-Consolidated Communications is requesting a transfer of franchise. Bill has to continue working on this and will present it at the next meeting for passage.

Ordinance 719-Approving 2024 Ad Valorem taxes. Motion made and seconded to approve.

McVey/Kemp 5/0

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm **Kemp/Johnson 5/0**

Mayor Shaw

ATTEST: _____

Tami Justice
Clerk Treasurer

