

***Rainier Economic Development Council
Minutes
February 28, 2008
6:00 p.m. Rainier City Hall***

Members Present:

Qualman Deaton Taylor Grice Rice Avent Navarro

Sue Drummon made a presentation and turned in the applications for Rainier Marina Market's Grant Application.

Approval of October 18, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

After some discussion, Qualman was asked to review the minutes and see if he could fill in the missing blanks.

Motion by Taylor, 2nd by Deaton to approve the regular meeting minutes for the Jan 31, 2008 meeting. Qualman abstained, passed.

Bank of America signature card

Qualman signed the signature card. Hyke is to send it to Bank of America for their records.

Small Grant Applications

Motion by Terry Deaton, 2nd by Taylor to approve Sloan Nelson's Small Business Grant in the amount of \$4900.02.

After some discussion, the decision was made for Gare to return Scott Nelson's Grant application back to him for more clarification. Is the grant for a new sign and what was wrong with the old sign.

Some discussion to have the grants to be changed so that the people asking for a grant has to receive a bid from a local company; if the need can be provided by a local business. Check and see if the Grants are not used in one year, the funds expire and the business has to resubmit a new application. There may be problems with the carry over the way the budget is designed. The Tyack benches were brought up. Were they ever funded? Decided that this issue should be brought up in a work shop.

Appointment of New Attorney

Motion by Grice, 2nd by Taylor, that the Council accept the committee's recommendation for Karen Williams as REDCO Attorney. All information was addressed at the Executive Meeting earlier. Passed unanimously.

Review REDCO Projects List

Deaton gave a brief presentation. See attached list.

Review GL for Columbia County Treasurer Deposits

Some discussion, see attached.

Taylor and Qualman need copies of the 06-07 fiscal year budget.

Review Guidelines OR 192.650: Minutes

It has been difficult for Deaton to find documents due to the fact that passed minutes are vague and there are misplaced documents. This re-establishes the guide lines that should be met. See attached ORS.

REDCO will contribute towards the expense of a New Digital System.

Pay outstanding bills

Stephen Petersen.....	\$507.00
Clatskanie Chief.....	\$12.00
City of Rainier (Feb.).....	\$600.00
City of Rainier (March). ...	\$600.00

Motion by Navarro, 2nd by Grice to pay the bills. Passed unanimously.

Schedule Annual Planning Session

Meeting can help prepare for Budget Proposals. (Budget is due in April).

Meeting set for March 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Citizen, Hillsbery, request for letter for re-zoning his property.

Motion by Taylor, 2nd by Grice to have Gare draft a letter to the county that REDCO has no objections to the rezone of his property.

Property owner, Jess Hillsbery 76999 Amundson Road, submitted a packet to the Council requesting that the City submit a letter to the County stating that the city is in agreement that his property can be re-zoned, as is the rest of his property, as residential. see attached.

Council recommended that Mr. Hillsbery take his packet before the City Planning Council. Gare is to meet with Mr. Hillsbery tomorrow for discussion.

The regular REDCO council meeting time was changed in December to 6:00 p.m.. The time needs to be changed on the Web site.

Discuss Potential Use of REDCO Funds for City Water Treatment Plan

Perhaps the funds set aside for the water treatment plant can go to the WWT plant and the Fire District could help out with the water treatment plant.

1. Staff Reports

Deaton:

Public restrooms are needed for through highway traffic. Perhaps we can change the bathrooms at the old marina into state public restrooms; then the state could keep them open 24-7 and maintain them.

Motion by Deaton, 2nd by Grice to purchase a file cabinet. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Chair, Mike Avent

Attested:



Darliss Hyke, Secretary