



**CITY OF JOHN DAY  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 27, 2025**

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

Sherrie Rininger, Mayor  
Chris Labhart, Councilor  
Eric Bush, Council President  
Bradley Hale, Councilor  
Ron Phillips, Councilor  
Vern Pifer, Councilor  
Heather Swank, Councilor

**BUDGET COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Beth Spell, Budget Committee  
Louis Provencher, Budget Committee  
Jody Moulton, Budget Committee  
Irene Jerome, Budget Committee (Virtual)  
Tom Olson, Budget Committee  
Meloni Cochran, Budget Committee

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Melissa Bethel, City Manager  
Rob Gaslin, Contract Finance

**5:30 pm: City Budget Meeting**

**Agenda Item No. 1—Call Meeting to Order**

The John Day Budget Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**Agenda Item No. 2—Roll Call and Attendance**

All councilors and budget committee members were present with Irene Jerome being virtual.

**Agenda Item No. 3—Budget revision and discussion**

Gaslin presented the 2025-2026 City Budget and discussed the amendments that have been made to it.

**Public Hearing:**

***Mayor Rininger made a motion to open the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pifer and passed unanimously.***

No Public Comments were made.

***Councilor Bush closed the Public Hearing***

**Agenda Item No. 4—Motion to recommend adoption of Budget to Council (include any amendments as discussed)**

***Councilor Bush moved that the City of John Day Budget Committee approve the presented Budget as amended with expenditures in the amount of \$6,943,786 and approve the property taxes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at a rate of \$2.99.150 per 1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the amount of \$50,000 for payment of bond principal and interest for general fund obligation bonds. The motion was seconded by Mayor Rininger and passed unanimously.***

**CITY OF JOHN DAY**  
**URA BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 27, 2025**

**URA Budget Committee Meeting**

**Agenda Item No. 1—Call Meeting to Order**

The John Day URA Budget Meeting was called to order.

**Agenda Item No. 2—Roll Call and Attendance**

All councilors and budget committee members were present with Irene Jerome being virtual.

**Public Hearing:**

*Mayor Rininger made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the URA Budget. The motion was seconded by Spell and passed unanimously*

No Public Comments were made.

*Councilor Bush closed the Public Hearing.*

**Agenda Item No. 4—Motion to recommend adoption of URA Budget to Council (include any amendments as discussed)**

*Councilor Bush moved that the John Day URA Budget Committee approve the presented budget for the 2025-2026 as amended with total expenditures of \$118,136. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hale and passed with Councilor Hale being opposed.*

*Councilor Bush moved to approve the request of the Grant County Assessor for the John Day Urban Renewal District area for the maximum amount of revenue that may be raised by dividing the taxes under section 1C Article 9 of the Oregon Constitution ORS Chapter 157. The motion was seconded by Councilor Swank and passed unanimously.*

**Agenda Item No. 5—Budget Committee Comments**

No comments were made.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.