

**CITY OF JOHN DAY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JOHN DAY, OREGON**

**February 14, 2012**

**Adjourned Meeting**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:**

Bob Quinton, Mayor  
Steve Schuette, Council President  
Gene Officer, Councilor  
Don Caldwell, Councilor  
Donn Willey, Councilor

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:**

Chris Labhart, Councilor  
Doug Gochnour, Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Peggy Gray, City Manager  
David Holland, Public Works Director  
Valerie Luttrell, Dispatch Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

**Agenda Item No. 1 – Open and Note Attendance**

The John Day City Council meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Bob Quinton noted that all Councilors were present with the exception of Councilors Chris Labhart and Doug Gochnour who are both absent and excused.

**Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of City Council Work Session Minutes of January 24, 2012**

The minutes of the January 24, 2012 city council work session were included in the agenda packets and presented for the Council's approval. Councilor Don Caldwell moved that the minutes of the January 24 2012 work session be approved as presented. Councilor Steve Schuette seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of City Council Minutes of January 24, 2012**

The minutes of the January 24, 2012 adjourned meeting were included in the agenda packets and presented for the Council's approval. Councilor Gene Officer moved that the minutes of January 24, 2012 be approved as presented. Councilor Donn Willey seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 4 - Appearance of Interested Citizens**

Mayor Quinton thanked those in attendance and asked everyone to please sign in. He asked if there were any additional items that anyone would like to add to the agenda. There were none presented.

**Agenda Item No. 5 – Discuss for Adoption Ordinance No. 12-152-02, an Ordinance granting M.D. Communication, L.L.C. the right and privilege to place, erect, lay, maintain, and operate in, upon, over, and under the public right-of-way poles, wires, optical fiber cable, and other appliances and conductors for the purpose of providing broadband internet service within the City of John Day**

Mayor Quinton introduced Ordinance No. 12-152-02, a franchise agreement with Oregon Telephone Corporation. Mayor Quinton stated the City has been working with Oregon Telephone for over a year creating this document. He stated all of the corrections Oregon Telephone requested from the draft ordinance the Council received at their January 24, 2012 council meeting have been made as follows:

- Page 4 – Section 4.1 uncollectables misspelled
- Page 5 – Section 6.3 – missing notice and cure rights as specified in Section 6.4
- Page 7 – Change name to read Delinda instead of DeeDee

Mayor Quinton asked the Council if they had any more questions or concerns with this ordinance. Councilor Officer stated he assumed everyone was happy with the agreement.

At this time Councilor Schuette made a motion for the Mayor to read Ordinance No. 12-152-02 once by title only. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Quinton read Ordinance No. 12-152-02 by title only as follows:

Ordinance No. 12-152-02, an Ordinance granting M.D. communication, L.L.C. the right and privilege to place, erect, lay, maintain, and operate in, upon, over, and under the public right-of-way poles, wires, optical fiber cable, and other appliances and conductors for the purpose of providing broadband internet service within the City of John Day.

Councilor Donn Willey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 12-152-02, Councilor Steve Schuette seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. This ordinance will become effective on March 15, 2012.

**Agenda Item No. 6 – Accept 2012 City Council Goals discussed at the January 24, 2012 Goal Setting Work Session**

Mayor Quinton recapped the January 24, 2012 goal setting work session; stating it was the consensus of the City Council to have the new fire station project as the number one priority with the rest of the projects in no particular order. Those projects were the Charolais Heights Intersection realignment, downtown beautification and the industrial park marketing plan.

Mayor Quinton presented an electronic message from Brad Baird, an engineer from Anderson Perry & Associates to the City Council. Mr. Baird stated he spoke with Sam Goldstein at USDA Rural Development about funding for the John Day's wastewater system improvements project. Mayor Quinton stated it appears that USDA Rural Development wants to fund the project and urged Brad to talk to the City.

Mayor Quinton reminded the Council the wastewater systems improvements project did not make the 2012 goal list and wanted to know if the Council wanted to reconsider placing the wastewater project back on the list of goals.

Mayor Quinton stated he thought it was strange that all of the sudden USDA wants to fund the project. City Manager Gray stated USDA requires that our sewer rates be at a certain rate in order to qualify for grant funds. This is really the same situation that we were in before where the Council was concerned with raising the sewer rates in order to qualify for the loan/grant.

Councilor Officer asked if we were chasing our tail; Councilor Schuette responded that we are chasing our tail if we do both the fire station and the wastewater treatment plant. Councilor Schuette agreed that the treatment plant will have to be done at some point just like the fire station; however, the treatment plant isn't falling down around our ears like the fire station is. Mayor Quinton felt doing the treatment plant right now would be a detriment to the fire station project.

Councilor Donn Willey moved to accept the 2012 City Council goals as discussed at the January 24, 2012 goal setting work session; Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 7. – Discuss Letter from M. Gregg Smith regarding controversy around changing geographic “squaw” names in Grant County**

Included in the Council packets was a letter from M. Gregg Smith of Keizer, OR. Mr. Smith requested the John Day City Council send a letter to the head of the federal Board on Geographic Names (BGN) objecting to the replacement names proposed by the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) regarding controversy around changing geographic “squaw” names in Grant County. Mayor Quinton asked how this issue really affects the City of John Day. Mayor Quinton stated he spoke with Councilor Doug Gochnour; Doug's opinion was to support the letter the County sent to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. Mayor Quinton thought the proposed names were over the top. Councilor Officer didn't know how this affects the City of John Day and as a resident of the County for almost 74 years, he did not see anything derogatory in the “squaw” names; however, Councilor Officer felt that if they did change the names, we should be able to pronounce them.

It was the consensus of the City Council to note in the council minutes that the John Day City Council supports the letter Grant County sent to U.S. Board of Geographic Names dated January 11, 2012.

**Agenda Item No. 8 – Other Business and Upcoming Meetings**

1. LOC Bulletins from January 27, 2012, February 3, 2012 and February 10, 2012 were given to the Council.
2. LOC Regional Meetings Flyer was included in the council packets.
3. LOC preliminary statement of the cities LOC dues and a letter describing benefits of LOC Membership and benefits of LOC Membership were included in the council packets.
4. Newsletters from Representative Cliff Bentz were included in the council packets.

5. A letter from Judge Cramer was presented to the City Council stating he dismissed the Opera House Claim against the City of John Day.
6. Mayor Quinton informed the City Council that the Rural Fire Protection Agreement expired June 30, 2011. It was the consensus of the Rural Board to do an extension of the agreement because of the new fire station project that will be going to the vote on the November 2012 ballot. It was the consensus of the Council to have the city manager direct the city attorney to do an extension of the current agreement with the John Day Rural Fire Protection District .
7. The January 2012 Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Budget to Actual Reports were given to the City Council for their review and information.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Council, Councilor Donn Willey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peggy Gray  
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

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Mayor Bob Quinton