

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

February 26, 2013

Adjourned Meeting

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

Ron Lundbom, Mayor
Steve Schuette, Council President
Doug Gochmour, Councilor
Don Caldwell, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Gene Officer, Councilor
Donn Willey, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Peggy Gray, City Manager
David Holland, Public Works Director
Rich Tirico, Police Chief
Valerie Luttrell, Dispatch Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Cheryl Neault, 30519 Dixie View Rd., Prairie City
Pat Temple, John Day
Gregg Haberly, John Day
Paul Smith, John Day
Phil Gray, KJDY

Agenda Item No. 1 – Open and Note Attendance

The John Day City Council meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ron Lundbom noted that all Councilors were present with the exception of Councilor Gene Officer and Councilor Donn Willey who are absent and excused.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of City Council Minutes of February 12, 2013

The minutes of the February 12, 2013 adjourned meeting were included in the agenda packets and presented for the Council's approval. **Councilor Don Caldwell made a motion that the minutes of February 12, 2013 be approved as presented; Councilor Steve Schuette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 3 - Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Ron Lundbom 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. City Manager Gray stated a liquor

license application from Cheryl Neault came in on Friday after the agenda was set, she asked if the City Council would consider adding it as an agenda item as the applicant was scheduled to be present at tonight's council meeting. **Councilor Doug Gochnour moved to add the liquor license for the Dirty Shame Saloon to the agenda. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 4 – Interview Candidates for vacant City Councilor position

Mayor Lundbom stated the first action item is to interview two candidates for the vacant city councilor position. The City received applications from two qualified candidates, Gregg Haberly, 195 Ford Road, John Day, OR and Paul Smith, 231 NW Valley View, John Day, OR. The candidates were interviewed separately by the City Council and both were asked the same list of questions.

After the interviews were conducted; the Council deliberated and felt both candidates were very qualified and dedicated. The City Council determined that Paul Smith's education, experience, knowledge and the fact that he came very well prepared for the interview made him the asset for the city council position.

Councilor Steve Schuette moved to appoint Paul Smith to fill the vacant position on the John Day City Council. Councilor Doug Gochnour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Discuss for Recommendation to the Oregon Liquor License Control Commission (OLCC) a liquor license request from Cheryl Neault

City Manager Gray stated Ms. Neault came in Friday afternoon with an OLCC liquor license request for a full on-premises sales license; Ms. Neault would like to reopen It's a Dirty Shame Saloon. City Manager Gray stated she gave the application to Police Chief Rich Tirico for his recommendation and opinion. Police Chief Tirico stated he has known Ms. Neault for years but has never known her to run a bar. He stated after she opens, he will start a dialogue with her to let her know what the Police Department is expecting and to hear what she is expecting from the Police Department.

City Manager Gray stated she had a conversation with Ms. Neault; Ms. Neault stated she would like to make the establishment a more family friendly environment. She asked Ms. Neault to please explain that to the City Council. Ms. Neault stated it all depends on what type of license the OLCC grants. She would like to make it so that families can come in at certain hours to have pizza, chicken etc., kids can play pool and after a certain time no minors will be allowed in. Mayor Lundbom asked what the difference between Full On-Premises Sales and Limited On-Premises Sales is. Police Chief Tirico stated beer and wine versus hard alcohol. Mayor Lundbom confirmed that the application was for all three types of alcohol.

Councilor Steve Schuette moved to recommend to the OLCC that the liquor license to It's a Dirty Shame Saloon be granted. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6– Review and Discuss ODOT Conceptual Design for the John Day Main Street & S. Canyon Blvd.: Sidewalk & Beautification Project Scheduled for Construction in 2014.

City Manager Gray stated she and Public Works Director Dave Holland had a conference call with Sean Maloney of ODOT relaying the City Council's discussion and concerns at the February 12, 2013 council

meeting regarding the curb extensions that were included in the first conceptual design for the above stated project. Sean Maloney stated it was no problem and they would take out all of the curb extensions if we wanted them to. Public Works Director Holland informed Sean that the Council seemed to be ok with leaving the curb extensions that were located on South Canyon Blvd. by a Bit of Europe. They will update the design to include only one curb extension on South Canyon Blvd. by A Bit of Europe and take all the other curb extensions out of the design. They will have the revised design at the Open House on Thursday.

Councilor Steve Schuette pointed at the map and confirmed that the only curb extensions would be on South Canyon Blvd by A Bit of Europe and stated he could live with that.

City Manager Gray informed the Council there will be ODOT personnel present at the Open House. Mayor Lundbom will welcome the public and ODOT will explain the project and what the project will accomplish for the downtown district.

Mayor Lundbom stated he had spoken to several businesses asking them to come to the Open House. City Manager Gray informed the Council that ODOT will be meeting with the utility companies at City Hall at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Greg Armstrong at 4:30 p.m. and then the Open House will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Outpost Restaurant. She also stated all the property owners that will be affected by the project should have received a letter from ODOT inviting them personally to Thursday's open house. The open house was advertised on the radio, newspaper and on the City's website. Mayor Lundbom, City Manager Gray and Public Works Director Holland were also on Coffee Time on Monday promoting Thursday's open house.

Mayor Lundbom stated he wants to hear public comments especially from Greg Armstrong, Doug's Auto Repair, and the property owners who may have access concerns and encouraged all Councilors to attend Thursday's open house at the Outpost at 6 p.m.

Mayor Lundbom asked if anyone had any further discussion on the on subject, there were none presented.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss for approval preparation of an educational Flyer for the promotion of the new fire station

City Manager Gray stated at your last council meeting Stan Foster from PARC Resources informed the City Council that he had received a quote from the Bend Bulletin to design and print a flyer to be used to educate the public about our fire station project. City Manager Gray stated she felt the flyer should be designed and printed locally and spoke with Fire Chief Ron Smith and Rural Fire District Chairman Rob Batten who agreed. Included in the council packets were bids from the Blue Mountain Eagle and Commercial Print for the council's information. The bid from the Blue Mountain Eagle was for 3,000 copies while the bid from Commercial Print included bids for 3,000; 4,000 and 5,000 copies. City Manager Gray stated she requested a bid from the Blue Mountain Eagle for 5,000 copies and had not received it by the time of the council meeting. The Blue Mountain Eagles's printing cost ranged from \$611 to \$345 depending on what type of paper you wanted to use and if you wanted to use color. Both bids were very close.

Councilor Steve Schuette asked if the flyer is going to include Dean Elliott's letter. City Manager Gray stated yes as well as other information and pictures of the existing fire station etc. It would contain Mr. Elliott's letter for the people who want to read it (senior citizens) as well as visual information for the people who are more apt to look at the visual information on the flyer. We feel this is a good way to capture the older citizens as well as the younger citizens.

City Manager Gray stated the John Day Rural Fire Protection District voted to go out for the bond measure at the November 2013 general election; support the duration of the PARC Resources contract; authorized to share the cost of the development, printing and distribution of the flyer and authorized the Citizen's Advisory Committee to work with Eloise Boren of ER Printing and Designs of Dayville to design the flyer. Councilor Don Caldwell requested the City Council and the Rural Fire District have the final approval of the flyer before it goes to print. City Manager Gray agreed and stated she would make sure the City Council and the Rural Fire District approve the flyer before it is printed.

Discussion continued on having the Fire Chief and the volunteer firefighters serve (in uniform) at some of the Senior Citizen's luncheons and hand out the educational flyers.

Councilor Doug Gochnour moved to go forward with the flyer accepting the Blue Mountain Eagle's bid and split the cost 50/50 with the John Day Rural Fire Protection District. Councilor Steve Schuette seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Discuss donation request to Grant Union High School Grad Night 2013

City Manager Gray stated every year we receive a letter from Grant Union High School's Grad Night Committee asking for a donation to their Senior Grad Night. The City has donated \$100 for the past several years. This function gives our graduating senior and their friends a drug-free environment on graduation night and keeps our graduates safe.

Police Chief Tirico stated since the Grad Night program has been enacted, we have not had a senior/high school fatality. This program keeps the seniors all night until morning, the public and all businesses have supported the program and have had no problems. It's a good program. Dispatch Manager Valerie Luttrell supported the Chief's comments and stated she participated last year as a parent and they are very strict about keeping the kids there until the very end for the prizes; and it keeps them there.

Councilor Steve Schuette moved to donate \$100 to GUHS Grad Night. Councilor Doug Gochnour seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Other Business and Upcoming Meetings

1. LOC Bulletins were presented to the City Council for their information and review.
2. Mayor Lundbom informed the City Council the first meeting of the Budget Committee has been rescheduled to April 2, 2013, 7 p.m.
3. Dispatch Manager Valerie Luttrell informed the City Council about the CIS Conference she attended in Portland. She stated the conference was very good and informative for law enforcement personnel. She said the ethics and the taser classes were very informative. She learned that when our police officers use their tasers, there is paperwork that is required that she wasn't aware of. Police Chief Richard Tirico stated CIS puts on a first rate conference, they have good instructors like Gordon Graham; they heard from attorney's about taser policies and the liability associated with using them; learned about ethics; policy and procedures on active shootings and investigations. They covered everything in detail and our CIS representatives were very available for us to speak with. Dispatch Manager Luttrell stated they had real life examples of Sheriffs and Chiefs who gave examples of how CIS covered them. City Manager Gray stated

her sessions were related to health insurance benefits relating to what is going to happen on January 2014 with Obama Care.

The council was informed that Police Chief Tirico obtained two used patrol cars; currently the Police Department has a fleet of five patrol cars, two of them are fairly new, the Chief's car is a 2008 and Damon's is a 2010. However, the other three are 2001-2002 with over 200,000 miles on them. Realizing that the cities are struggling budget-wise right now, the Gresham Police Department offered two used vehicles to police departments that are under 10-man to tell the best sob story on why we need the car and we won one of the cars. It's a 2008 crown Victoria, has 111,000 miles on it. The car is black and white and it's clean; it will cost \$1,500 for the paint and decals. The second car is from the Bandon Police Department, who Chief Tirico met while at the conference. They have a 2005 with 103,000 miles on it and they are willing to donate it to us and we will be picking the vehicle up this weekend. We will have two newer cars for \$3,000 and we intend to sell the old vehicles to help pay for the paint and decal cost.

4. Mayor Lundbom said he was asked a question by a citizen when there was 6" of snow, the Public Works Crew would drive up Bridge Street with the plow up; they would drive back down Bridge Street with the plow up; why couldn't you go back in a different direction with your plow down? Does it save anything driving with your plow up versus it down and taking a different direction back to the shop. Public Works Director Holland responded stating that it saves man hours and man hours is where he is hurting.

Holland stated when we got over 6" of snow, we plowed everything; our plows were down and we plowed the entire town. Prior to that we had 2" – 3" of snow, then that got packed down, then we got we got a couple of more inches on top of that, maybe in somebody's front yard they had about 5" of snow but on the street it was packed down. This was one of the things that were brought before Council two years ago that we needed to start making some serious cuts in streets; we have to plow some areas (hills) for safety. We brought recommendations to the City Council and made the decision not to plow the flat streets until we receive at least 6" of snow. We had not received 6" of snow until this year but the decision not to plow all the streets was made by the City Council two years ago so this is the first year of impact. Holland used an example of going down Bridge Street dropping the blade as they are headed towards the hospital, the plow is 8' wide and we're cutting a path of 5'-6'; so now you got a narrow path going down the street that is wide enough for a car but now you got a berm of snow that is still kind of in the driving area; not in the parking area, so now you got to get rid of that berm of snow which takes another pass. Holland used another example of a big snow berm in front of intersections, they have to come back and clear off the berms of snow at the intersections because you can't leave a speed bump there. He explained it's not as simple as dropping the plow, driving down the street and it all goes away. As you plow you make a mess so it takes more time to clean up the mess; if you let 4" of snow pack down, it packs down to 1/2" – 1" and it is still slick. We don't clear the streets down to bare pavement; the plows have shoes (unless it is just slush). So you're getting packed snow regardless whether it's 1/2" or 1" it's still slick. What saves us money is not having to spend the extra time cleaning up all the messes we made because now we've pushed berms of snow in places that causes road hazards when they freeze if they are not cleaned up. Mayor Lundbom stated that was a very good answer and it makes sense and now he can tell people when they ask him. Public Works Director Holland stated it was a legitimate question and most people don't understand what it takes to plow snow and what the process is.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, Councilor Don Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Steve Schuette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peggy Gray
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, MARCH 12, 2013.

Mayor Ron Lundbom