

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

**June 10, 2014**

**Adjourned Meeting**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:**

Ron Lundbom, Mayor  
Gene Officer, Councilor  
Don Caldwell, Councilor  
Doug Gochmour, Councilor  
Donn Willey, Councilor

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:**

Steve Schuette, Council President  
Paul Smith, Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Peggy Gray, City Manager  
Richard Gray, Police Chief  
Valerie Luttrell, Dispatch Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Taci Philbrook, Prairie City  
Shelly Whale, Heart of Grant County  
Sophia Nicodemus, Heart of Grant County  
Mary Ann Domeniconi, Heart of Grant County

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

The John Day City Council meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Ron Lundbom noted that all Councilors were present with the exception of Councilor Paul Smith, who was absent and excused and Councilor Steve Schuette who was absent and unexcused.

**Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of City Council Minutes of May 27, 2014**

The minutes of the May 27, 2014 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 May 27, 2014 be approved as presented; Councilor Donn Willey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 3 - Appearance of Interested Citizens**

Mayor Ron Lundbom welcomed 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. 4 – Discuss request from Sophia Nicodemus, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocate for Heart of Grant County**

Mayor Lundbom introduced Sophia Nicodemus, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocate for Heart of Grant County. Ms. Nicodemus stated the purpose of their event is to reach out to the community and create awareness on the issue of domestic violence and sexual assault in a non-threatening and family friendly manner. They are asking permission to use the trail and the area at the industrial park on October 4, 2014 to hold a color family fun run.

The run/walk will consist of several laps where the participants will be painted with colored powders. The powder is a mixture of cornstarch and food coloring and it completely biodegradable. She stated it can be slightly messy which is why they are seeking a location that is relatively isolated.

City Manager Gray stated our insurance company requested that we ask for a certificate of insurance naming the City as additional insured. Mary Ann Domeniconi stated they have insurance and she will check with their insurance company and get something to the City.

Mayor Lundbom asked if the run was open to the public; Ms. Nicodemus stated yes, and invited Mayor Lundbom to join them.

**Councilor Doug Gochnour moved to allow the Heart of Grant County to use the industrial park property for the color family fun run on October 4, 2014. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 5 – Discuss request from Grant County 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Committee for Financial Contribution**

Mayor Lundbom introduced Taci Philbrook, the new City Recorder/Treasurer for the City of Prairie City. Ms. Philbrook is seeking financial support from other Grant County cities and local businesses for their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Prairie City.

Ms. Philbrook stated D.R. Johnson Lumber Company bought the fireworks for many years. When Mr. Johnson retired in 2006, the City of Prairie City wanting to continue the tradition; began furnishing the fireworks. She stated it usually costs \$5,500 for the fireworks. Ms. Philbrook stated they raised a little over \$1,000 so far. She presented a Sponsorship Form to the City Council; the sponsorship ranged from \$100 to \$1,000.

Mayor Lundbom thought it was late in the process to be asking for money as most people already had their budgets in place. He also suggested the City of Monument, Dayville and Prairie City get together and have only one city do the fireworks display and alternate the city each year. This would save money and everyone could just go to the one city making it a county event. Ms. Philbrook thought that was a great idea and would take the suggestion back to her committee.

There being no further questions, Mayor Lundbom asked for a motion. **Councilor Gene Officer moved to donate \$250 to the City of Prairie City for fireworks. Councilor Doug Gochnour seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 6 – Discuss for Signature Engagement Letter for the City’s Annual Audit from Guyer & Associates**

Included in the Council packets was an engagement letter for the City of John Day’s annual audit from Kent Bailey of Guyer & Associates. The audit has been scheduled to begin the week of August 25, 2014; Guyer will issue their reports no later than December 1, 2014. The gross fee, including expenses will not exceed \$12,485.

**Councilor Doug Gochnour moved to allow City Manager Gray to sign the engagement letter for the City’s annual audit with Guyer & Associates. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss 2015 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities**

For the past three months, eight policy committees have worked to identify and propose specific action as part of the League of Oregon Cities effort to develop a pro-active legislative agenda for the 2015 session. They have identified 22 legislative objectives as set forth in the attached ballot and legislative recommendation materials.

The LOC Board of Directors has made long term commitments to two issues critical to cities: revenue and land use reform. As a result of their designation as top legislative priorities on an ongoing basis neither of these issues appears on the enclosed ballot.

Each city is being asked to review the recommendations of the policy committees and provide input to the LOC Board of Directors as it prepares to adopt the League’s 2015 legislative agenda. The League is asking us to review the proposals and discuss them with staff and return the ballot indicating the top four issues that our city council would like to see the League focus on in the 2015 session. The deadline for response is July 25, 2014. The board of directors will then review the results of the survey, along with the recommendations of the policy committees and determine the League’s 2015 legislative agenda.

City Manager Gray noted she was disappointed that the 911 tax revenue was not included on the list of priorities as balancing that fund has become increasing more difficult each year. However, she conferred with Public Works Director David Holland and they recommended the following priorities:

- General Government (K) Allow for price comparison when procuring architects and engineers.
- Telecommunications (Q) Support the reintroduction of legislation that repeals ORS 221.515 and (R) Oppose legislation preempting the ability of cities to manage and receive compensation for the use of a public ROW.
- Transportation (S) Pass a comprehensive transportation funding and policy package.

Councilor Doug Gochnour questioned if (F) Support efforts to eliminate the sunset on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard program would be an asset or a hindrance to our bio-mass projects. It was discussed that this would only apply to gas in vehicles; however, City Manager Gray stated she would check with the league to get some clarification.

Councilor Gene Officer stated he did not agree with (G) to phase out the 3% discount for early payment of property taxes. He felt that was punishing the people who pay their taxes in full.

Mayor Lundbom stated the airport has benefited greatly from the Connect Oregon program and would like to see it continued.

Councilor Don Caldwell noted that (L) to clarify and enhance medical marijuana dispensary regulations was worth looking at also.

In order to allow more time to review the priorities, it was the consensus of the City Council to table this discussion until the July 8, 2014 council meeting.

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

1. LOC Bulletins were given to the City Council.
2. Thank you note from Clay Johnson of the Grant Union FBLA was included in the council packets.
3. City Manager Gray presented election packets to the Councilors whose seats are up for reelection this year. A Notice of Filing Deadline for the November 2014 general election has been published on the city's website and will appear in local newspaper that week. City Manager Gray noted the City's filing deadline is August 22, 2014 at 5 p.m. Council positions up this year are Paul Smith, Don Caldwell, Gene Officer and Mayor Ron Lundbom.
4. City Manager Gray stated the City Council was sent an updated Employee Handbook via email a couple of weeks ago, she asked if anyone had any comments or concerns. There were none presented. Mayor Lundbom requested a hard copy of the handbook. City Manager Gray stated the updated handbook will be presented for council approval at the June 24, 2014 council meeting.
5. Police Chief Gray gave a report to the City Council. Dispatch Manager Valerie Luttrell informed the council that fire season has started; burn piles are not allowed, however, they will allow special burn permits.
6. Councilor Don Caldwell informed the Council that he will not be able to attend the June 24, 2014 council meeting.
7. The May, 2014 Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Budget to Actual reports were given to the John Day City Council.

**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 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Peggy Gray  
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, JUNE 24, 2014.

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Mayor Ron Lundbom