

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

July 8, 2014

Adjourned Meeting

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

Ron Lundbom, Mayor
Steve Schuette, Council President
Gene Officer, Councilor
Doug Gochmour, Councilor
Paul Smith, Councilor
Don Caldwell, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Donn Willey, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bruce Ward, Mt. Vernon, OR

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 Donn Willey, who was absent and excused.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of City Council Minutes of June 24, 2014

The minutes of the June 24, 2014 adjourned meeting were included in the agenda packets and presented for the Council's approval.

Councilor Paul Smith made a motion that the minutes of June 24, 2014 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 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 – Presentation of Employee Recognition Certificates

At this time Mayor Lundbom presented Dispatch Manager Valerie Luttrell and Dispatcher Shiela Kowing certificates for 10 years of dedicated service to the City of John Day and the John Day Dispatch Center. Mayor Lundbom thanked them for their service on behalf of the City Council.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Discuss Request from Grant County Fairgrounds Regarding a Letter of Support/Donation for a Public Address System and Reader Boards

City Manager Gray stated Fairgrounds Manager Mary Weaver is requesting a letter of support and or a donation towards a public address system and a reader boards for the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Mayor Lundbom informed the Council that the Grant County Fairgrounds is working with the Grant County Heritage Foundation to obtain grants for a public address system and reader boards for our fairgrounds. The total project is estimated to be \$162,000 so they will be requesting several grants from assorted foundations. Along with this comes the responsibility to try and raise 20% through local funders and fundraising events which is approximately \$32,400. For the last three years they were able to raise \$5,000 to pay for the design and build for this project but they are now currently looking to make up this difference asking for support from several different organizations.

City Manager Gray stated the City is at the beginning of their new fiscal year; however, our community promotions line item only has \$400 budgeted for the entire fiscal year. She suggested sending a letter of support for the project now and if the Fairgrounds comes up short in their fundraising efforts; the Council could revisit this project at a later date.

It was the consensus of the John Day City Council to send a letter of support for the Grant County Fairgrounds public address system and reader boards.

Councilor Doug Gochnour suggested highlighting the many events the Fairgrounds hosts that benefit the community in the letter.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Bruce Ward of Sunshine Construction would like to address the City Council regarding City/County Nuisance Issues

Mayor Lundbom introduced Bruce Ward of Sunshine Construction; Mr. Ward stated he would like to volunteer to help the City and the County enhance the three major arterials coming into the City of John Day. Mr. Ward noted that he has a lot of people coming into town from the valley, he has heard the same comment over and over “what a cute little town, why don’t they do something about the west end coming into town?” Mr. Ward noted there are things that are less than tidy; he informed the Council that he was on the County Court’s agenda to speak with them tomorrow.

Mr. Ward noted that City has a nuisance ordinance, we have people living in campers shells, outdoor wrecking yards, we have campers parked in little cubby holes etc. Maybe there is something we can do for these people, maybe taking a more sensitive approach to the property owners. He volunteered to work one Saturday a month to help the property owners clean up their properties. Maybe they have no way to clean up; he thought he could help with that.

Mr. Ward wanted to know if the John Day City Council was interested in collaborating with the County to push property owners (in a way that isn’t as intimidating as in the past) to get the word out that there is a group of volunteers that are willing to help clean up their properties in order to keep the three entrances

cleaned up and nice. Mr. Ward felt that a lot of people would cooperate if the cleanup was something that didn't come with a fine and if they knew they had help.

Mayor Lundbom asked Mr. Ward if he was going to go door-to-door to contact the property owners. It was noted by Councilor Gochnour that the City can only take legal action within properties inside of the city limits. City Manager Gray stated the City responds to complaints, most reasonable people will respond to the first letter the City sends them; however, some people won't and it costs the city a lot of money to abate the nuisance, put a lien on the property without much hope of ever getting the money back.

Mr. Ward suggested that once we get a plan and a solution for everyone, maybe we could put something on the radio or in the local newspaper to help get the word out. Councilor Paul Smith appreciated what Mr. Ward has done to improve the downtown corner and the truck area by McDonalds. Councilor Smith stated he believed that we all agree that beautification is important. Councilor Smith asked Mr. Ward if he would spearhead the effort to get the City and the County to work together, maybe he could get some volunteers to help move this along. He thought if a person saw someone else cleaning up his property, maybe it would become contagious but it is a challenge.

Mayor Lundbom stated the Council would support Mr. Ward's efforts; Mr. Ward stated he would speak with the County tomorrow, Mayor Lundbom asked that Mr. Ward keep the City posted.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss and Approve the Recommendation from the Citizens Advisory Committee for the new John Day Fire Station

City Manager Gray stated this agenda item was tabled from the June 24, 2014 council meeting. She reminded the council that the reason it was tabled was because of the new rules and regulations that went into effect on July 1, 2014 that added complications to the Contract Manager General Contractor (CMGC) delivery method that was recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

City Manager Gray informed the Council that Peter Baer of Pinnacle Architecture, Inc. spoke with Paul Taylor, an associate of City Attorney Jeremy Green about the new rules and regulations. The new rules and regulations add additional steps/procedures related to the GMGC approach. Mr. Baer stated they did not affect his scope of work that much and stated he would stay with his original proposal of \$113,905. However, the added additional steps/procedures related to the GMGC approach will add additional legal fees related to our city attorney's office. City Manager Gray stated Jeremy estimates the additional legal fees cost as minimal from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Councilor Doug Gochnour moved to allow City Manager Gray to sign the Agreement with Pinnacle Architecture, Inc. subject to legal review and approval by City Attorney Jeremy Green. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Accept the Abstract of Votes for Measure 54 – The City of John Day Fire Station General Obligation Bond Authorization, May 20, 2014 Primary Election

Included in the council packets were the certified election results for the May 20, 2014 primary election from Grant County Clerk Brenda Percy. City Manager Gray stated the John Day City Council needs to accept the abstract of votes for each city election; Measure 54 – the City of John Day Fire Station General Obligation Bond Authorization passed by a vote of 307 to 199.

Councilor Steve Schuette moved to approve the abstract of votes for the May 20, 2014 primary election for the City of John Day Fire Station General Obligation Bond Authorization. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Discuss 2015 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities

Mayor Lundbom informed the Council that this item was tabled from the June 10, 2014 council meeting. Councilor Doug Gochnour had a question regarding the Low Carbon Fuel Standard program; a response from the League of Oregon Cities was included in the council packets. It was noted there were efforts made in 2014 to provide for some additional incentives within the woody biomass industry in Oregon but due to the nature of the short session, there was agreement to put off adoption of legislation until 2015. Tracy Rutten of the LOC stated there seems to be broad support for some sort of incentive program at the state level, but it is yet to be determined on how that will be implemented.

Mayor Lundbom asked if everyone had a chance to review the recommendations from Public Works Director David Holland and City Manager Peggy Gray. Staff recommendations were as follows:

- 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.

Mayor Lundbom asked if anyone had priorities other than what the staff recommended. Councilor Paul Smith stated there appears to be several good ones; and commented on the marijuana (L) priority. However, he agreed with the staff's recommendation.

Councilor Doug Gochnour made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation of priority numbers K, Q, R and S. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Discuss for Signature Consulting Agreement No. 2014-01 with D. George Chadwick, Jr. and the City of John Day

City Manager Gray noted this agreement is with D. George Chadwick, Jr. of La Grande. This agreement retains him for the next year to work with us on our ongoing groundwater monitoring and reporting associated with the wastewater percolation ponds as required by DEQ and the development of a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads) Implementation Plan.

Included in the council packet are Consulting Agreements No(s). 2013-01 and No. 2014-01 with D. George Chadwick, Jr. for the council's comparison to the current year; changes in the new agreement are as follows:

- Changed Agreement Number from 2013-01 to 2014-01
- Changed the dates in the introduction (7/1/2013) and Section 3 to July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015
- Added \$2/hr. to rate in Section 4

- Added five cents to automobile travel from \$0.45 to \$0.50 per mile

Public Works Director informed the council that Mr. Chadwick does the Water Quality Report to DEQ each year that shows the tests results and how they affect our ground water etc. and he helped the City with our TMDL Plan.

Councilor Steve Schuette moved to continue our agreement with Mr. D. George Chadwick and allow Mayor Lundbom to sign Consulting Agreement No. 2014-01. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Other Business and Upcoming Meetings

1. LOC Bulletins were given to the City Council.
2. Dispatch Manager Valerie Luttrell informed the City Council about the life-saving events that saved 10 baby quail at the Dispatch Center.
3. Public Works Director David Holland updated the City Council on the downtown project; he also informed the Council that ODOT will begin work on the 3rd Street Bridge on July 15, 2014.
4. Mayor Lundbom presented Councilor Doug Gochnour a Certificate of Appreciation for his 3 ½ years of service on the John Day City Council. This was Councilor Gochnour's last John Day City Council meeting as he is moving to Idaho.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, Councilor Steve Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Don Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peggy Gray
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AUGUST 12, 2014.

Mayor Ron Lundbom