

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

January 27, 2015

Adjourned Meeting

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

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Ron Lundbom, Mayor
Steve Schuette, Council President
Paul Smith, Councilor
Donn Willey, Councilor
Louis Provencher, Councilor
Lisa Weigum, Councilor
Gregg Haberly, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mike Cosgrove, John Day
Tracie Unterwegner, John Day
Mark Witty, John Day
Angus Dong, China
Chris Cronin, 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.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of City Council Minutes of January 13, 2015

The minutes of the January 13, 2015 adjourned meeting were included in the agenda packets and were presented for the Council's approval.

Councilor Paul Smith made a motion that the minutes of January 13, 2015 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 – Oath of Office to the Elected Councilors

Mayor Ron Lundbom gave the Oath of Office to Councilor Gregg Haberly and Councilor Lisa Weigum.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Presentation and Request from Grant School District #3 Superintendent Mark Witty and Members of the School Board

Grant County School District #3 Superintendent Mark Witty introduced Principal Angus Dong from Central China. Mr. Witty explained Principal Dong has been in the United States studying our school system; he's taken Principal Dong to all of our schools within Grant County and has shown him John Day and our community. Mr. Witty stated over spring break he gets to go to China and Principal Dong will host him and he will get an opportunity to see how they do things. It is their intention to have students from China come visit our schools for a semester and maybe our students can have the opportunity to visit China some day as an exchange program. Mr. Witty explained the Chinese government put this program together five or six years ago. Principal Dong gave a gift to City Manager Gray; City Manager Gray gave a gift on behalf of the City of John Day to Principal Dong and welcomed him to John Day.

Mr. Witty stated he met with the City, Grant County Judge Scott Myers, Kathy Gillam and Alan Hickerson of the Grant County Road Department to discuss the improvement of the city's road system east of the 7th Street complex, the project would include a new bridge that would connect 7th Street to the 3rd Street Extension.

Mr. Witty mentioned that this project is included in the City of John Day Local Street Network Plan; (project is identified as Project #18, new collector from 3rd Avenue to 7th Street). Mr. Witty is advocating for these improvements for the following reasons:

1. To accommodate major usage of the 7th Street complex
2. For possible housing growth north of the 7th Street Complex
3. To ease traffic on NW Bridge Street and Charolais Heights
4. The possibility of locating a new school on 7th Street Complex school district property in the future.

Mr. Witty acknowledged the City of John Day alone could not afford to take on a project of this size. For the project to move forward, there will have to be collaboration between the City, School District #3, Grant County Road Department and private citizens. With the commitments of the County and private citizens, Mr. Witty is requesting the John Day City Council consider prioritizing the next (2018-2021 STIP) ODOT Enhancement Grant application towards improving the road system east of the 7th Street Complex to include a new bridge connecting 7th Street to the 3rd Street extension. Mr. Witty reminded the Council that we had some access issues and safety concerns with the recent wild land fire on the north side of the City a few summers ago; he thought another bridge access would give the residents of Charolais Heights and Ironwood Estates another access for emergency situations such as these.

Mr. Witty stated he spoke with the Confederation of the Warm Springs Tribes; they are interested in assisting with this project to a degree, whether it is with construction or re-planting around the new bridge. They also hinted that they might pitch in and help out.

Mr. Witty also spoke with the County Road Department; they seem interested in providing equipment, gravel and labor to build a base as part of the in-kind work. Mr. Witty thought with the property owner donating the land; the County assisting with the excavation; the tribes being a partner, the City should be able to meet the 10.27% match for the Enhance Grant.

Councilor Louis Provencher asked if there was any County property involved with this project. Mr. Witty stated yes, there is County property on the south side of the river; the portion from the river to 3rd St. Extension is County. He said in his early discussions with the County, they would be in favor of donating that portion to the City for the new road.

Councilor Louis Provencher asked Mr. Witty if there was a master plan for the 7th Street Complex. Mr. Witty stated our mission has been to have long range plans; to develop a master plan ten years out is not a wise use of our resources because we don't know our revenue from year to year as we haven't been able to stabilize that yet. So we look at short term goals and put our energies there, we certainly have long range plans but we don't have a master plan in a book. Councilor Provencher stated not knowing what the plan of the 7th Street Complex; in the future when you build a new high school are you going to take those ball fields out, put in a football field, bleachers etc. Mr. Witty stated as you know the School District owns the 7th Street Complex and we feel the ball fields absolutely serve a purpose to the community and the School District; Mr. Witty stated he can't speak for a board ten years in the future. We have never had discussions on changing that portion of the 7th Street Complex but we want to improve on what is already there, Mr. Witty stated we already have a nice track, I don't think we need to put another track on 7th Street, it won't make sense; however, he stated he can't speak for an elected body 10 years down the road.

Mayor Lundbom asked if discussions with Oregon Fish & Wildlife have taken place. City Manager Gray stated those conversations would begin in the planning stages of the project. She thought right now we need to speak with ODOT to see if this project meets their criteria as they have certain standards that have to be met. She attended a SEACT meeting in Ontario on Monday; the committee was informed that the applications for this grant will be due on August 1, 2015. She stated ODOT informed them that bigger projects with more impact will compete better in the process. She reminded everyone this grant is region wide and we not only have to compete with the SEACT but we also have to compete with the NEACT.

One of the biggest hurdles is coming up with the 10.27% required matching funds. City Manager Gray stated a meeting is scheduled with ODOT on January 29th to discuss the project and see if donated ROW for the project and excavation work by the Grant County Road Department could be used as matching funds. Mr. Witty stated it seems to him that this project has a confluence of interest here that would really benefit multiple people, it benefits people on Bridge Street, Charolais Heights and Ironwood Estates, it benefits private development, benefits the City in regards to growth, it benefits the School with a new access and it allows options for the school district for the future. Councilor Provencher stated it includes a safety aspect to it also. Mr. Witty stated Grant School District is willing to assist City Manager Gray in putting this project together and certainly want to be part of the team in moving this forward.

Mr. Witty stated the project could also connect the loop around the 3rd Street trail to 7th Street Complex trail. Councilor Provencher had concerns with the dikes along the John Day River; that needs to be addressed during the planning process.

Councilor Paul Smith stated he thought that the project had strength because of so many entities involved and the benefit to the community. Councilor Smith asked for clarification on where the new school would be built on the 7th Street Complex, and stated he thought it would be built on the upper north side of the complex and would not be on any of the developed portion of the complex. Mr. Witty confirmed that it would be built above the ditch and would not affect any of the property that is already developed.

It was the consensus of the City Council to have City Manager Gray and Public Works Director David Holland meet with ODOT on Thursday, January 29, 2015 to discuss the project and details of the 10.27% matching funds and report back to the City Council. Mayor Lundbom invited someone from the School District to attend the February 10th council meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Standing Committee Appointments

Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 2 of the John Day City Code states each odd-numbered year the Mayor shall appoint standing committees. At this time the Mayor made the following appointments to the standing committees:

<u>Public Safety Committee</u>	<u>Public Works Committee</u>	<u>Administrative Committee</u>
Steve Schuette	Paul Smith	Steve Schuette
Paul Smith	Gregg Haberly	Ron Lundbom
Donn Willey	Louis Provencher	Lisa Weigum

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss Vacancy on the John Day Budget Committee

City Manager Gray informed the Council that we have one vacancy on the John Day Budget Committee this year due to the appointment of Louis Provencher to the John Day City Council.

At our last council meeting, Mayor Lundbom suggested the Council think about it for the next couple of weeks and come back and revisit this agenda item at our January 27, 2015 council meeting. Councilor Lisa Weigum stated she would check with some of her friends and get back to City Manager Gray with some suggestions.

Mayor Lundbom reminded the Council that we still have two vacancies on the Planning Commission and they meet on an “as needed” basis.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Discuss Setting Date for a Council Goal Setting Work Session

The John Day City Council decided to include the goal setting session in our February 24, 2015 council meeting as Councilor Lisa Weigum is not available for an early meeting until March 2015.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Discuss Request from Nathan Gehley to Sponsor his Team, the Pacific Conference Golf Team, at the Down Under Sports Tournament hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia

City Manager Gray informed the City Council that Nathan Gehley has been invited to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournaments hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. He is seeking sponsors to help fund his trip and is asking the John Day City Council for a donation.

Mayor Lundbom stated they invite students who have participated in the State Golf Tournament; students that are involved in school and have good grades; Mayor Lundbom stated Nathan is one of those students.

City Manager Gray reminded the Council that last year the Council supported the Grant Union FBLA Club for three freshmen boys to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee and donated \$200. Councilor Provencher stated as stewards of our taxpayer's dollars, he didn't see how this fits into our Charter. He said if you start supplying funds to individuals, you will have more individuals applying for funds, how can you justify turning them down. Councilor Provencher did not think it was appropriate. Councilor Lisa Weigum stated this type of event is not supporting the school but rather the individual; it's not like Grad Night where you are encouraging the high school seniors to go to Grad Night instead of going out drinking. Councilors Schuette and Haberly agreed.

After discussion Councilor Gregg Haberly moved not to allow giving any money to Nathan Gehley to sponsor the Pacific Conference Golf Team. Councilor Louis Provencher seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Discuss Changing the Starting Time of the City Council Meeting

City Manager Gray stated since we have three new members of the City Council she thought it would be a good time to discuss changing the starting time of the city council meetings. However, since it was brought up at tonight's meeting that Councilor Lisa Weigum will be unable to attend the council meeting at an earlier time from November to March due to her commitment to coach JV basketball, City Manager Gray stated we really didn't need to hold this discussion.

Mayor Lundbom asked for everyone's opinion. It was the consensus of the Council that the 7 p.m. time is more convenient for the public to attend the council meetings and decided to leave the beginning time of the council meetings at 7 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Other Business and Upcoming Meetings

1. LOC Bulletins were given to the City Council.
2. Public Works Director David Holland gave an update on the January 15, 2015 meeting with Anderson Perry. He stated Engineer Brett Moore of Anderson Perry will be present at the February 10, 2015 council meeting to make a presentation to the City Council.
3. Councilor Lisa Weigum reported that she attended the Baker City OLCC meeting on medical marijuana; she found it very beneficial and encouraged her fellow councilors to attend the meeting in Bend on February 19th. City Manager Gray stated City Attorney Jeremy Green is planning to attend the February 19th meeting.

4. The December, 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 Steve Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Donn Willey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peggy Gray
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 10, 2015.

Mayor Ron Lundbom