

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

**November 10, 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  
Gregg Haberly, Councilor  
Lisa Weigum, Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Peggy Gray, City Manager  
Lance Woodcock, Public Works Director  
Valerie Luttrell, Dispatch Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None present

**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 October 13, 2015**

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

**Councilor Gregg Haberly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 as presented. Councilor Donn Willey seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

Mayor Lundbom welcomed those in attendance and asked everyone to please sign in.

**Agenda Item No. 4 – Review for Signature Receipt, Acknowledgement and Certification Form from the Collins Foundation**

City Manager Gray informed the Council that the City of John Day applied for a \$40,000 grant with The Collins Foundation last June. A letter from The Collins Foundation awarding the City of John Day with the \$40,000 grant to assist with the funding of the new community/training room for the new fire station was included in the council packet.

City Manager Gray stated the City needs to sign the acknowledgment and certification form and return the form to The Collins Foundation to confirm receipt of this award and to agree to the conditions of the grant.

City Manager Gray stated the City has received a total of \$470,170 in grants for the community/training room to date. This places the City \$20,170 over the budgeted amount of \$450,000 for this project. In order to expend the \$20,170, the City will have to adopt a resolution. City Manager Gray stated she would have the resolution ready at the next city council meeting.

**Councilor Paul Smith moved to allow Mayor Lundbom to sign The Collins Foundation Receipt, Acknowledgement and Certification Form. Councilor Steve Schuette seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 5 – Discuss Request from Timber Truckers Parade Committee**

City Manager Gray stated this year's Timber Truckers Light Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2015. Once again the Timber Truckers Parade Committee is asking for a donation from the City of John Day. In the past we have donated \$100 from our Community Promotions line item.

City Manager Gray stated this event is very popular with the community and we have supported it each year since its inception. Mayor Lundbom stated the parade appears to be rejuvenating itself in the past few years.

**Councilor Paul Smith moved to donate \$100 to the Timber Truckers Light Parade. Councilor Donn Willy seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

At this time Mayor Lundbom presented a letter from the Carrie Young Memorial to the City Council. The letter was received by the City after the agenda was set. Mayor Lundbom stated President Lucie Immoos, is asking for a donation for their auction. Councilor Paul Smith stated we do have a budget line, City Manager Gray stated we don't have a huge amount in the budget, but we usually donate to GUHS Grad Night and the Prairie City Fireworks.

Councilor Paul Smith stated it is a good cause and they really support the elderly in the community. Mayor Lundbom stated they do a good job and businesses in town donate to it. Mayor Lundbom stated their numbers have been going up each year and felt it was already supported very heavily by the community.

Mayor Lundbom stated we can't support everybody, maybe we need to get a list and rotate every year. Councilor Provencher stated he would like to see a list of the events that the City does support. Councilor Provencher stated he thought the event is well supported by the community and we have a limited budget. Mayor Lundbom stated we should get a list of the events we support and at budget time we can decide what to do for that next year. Discussion took place about rotating every year (i.e. support fireworks in

Dayville and Monument). It was decided not to donate to the Carrie Young Memorial this year but to keep a list of events that are being solicited throughout the year and at budget time, decide which events the City would like to support for the upcoming year.

**Agenda Item No. 6 – Review and Discuss Resolution No. 15-747-12, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of John Day, Oregon Encouraging the State of Oregon to address Comprehensive Transportation Funding**

City Manager Gray stated at the October 13, 2015 council meeting, there were several items listed in the original resolution that the Council could not support. It was decided to table this agenda item and bring it back to the full council for further discussion.

City Manager Gray stated she revised the resolution based on the comments made by the councilors that were present at the October 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting as follows:

- Section 1. Deleted #3 – Expansion of the calculated method used for the state’s transportation user fee to include vehicle miles traveled (VMT).
- Section 1. Deleted #4 – An increase in license plates fees and inclusion of lightweight trailers.
- Renumbered and added #8 to say “An increase in license plates fees and inclusion of All-Terrain Vehicles (Class I, Class II, and Class IV All Terrain Vehicles); bicycles; and all road users.

Councilor Gregg Haberly updated the council regarding the licensing of ATVs and the fees associated with it and informed the Council that all fees would go through the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department as ODOT did not want anything to do with ATVs.

Councilor Donn Willey questioned the use of electric cars and how much difference will that really make. He also stated he is not in favor of increasing license plate fees.

Council discussed the five cent per gallon gas tax increase; raising the cities allotment percentage; raising the small city allotment fund \$1 million to \$5 million annually.

Mayor Lundbom asked the Council if they thought the revised resolution reflected the councilor’s thoughts and should we send it to Representative Bentz and the Governor. Councilor Paul Smith stated it’s really a city recommendation and the state legislature is going to do what they want. City Manager Gray agreed, the state just needs to know that you support some kind of an increase or some kind of a transportation package.

It was the consensus of the Council to strike #3 and #4 and to amend #8 to state “License plates fees for All-Terrain Vehicles (Class I, Class II, and Class IV All Terrain Vehicles); bicycles; and all road users.” The Council directed City Manager Gray to make the revisions and bring back the resolution for the Council’s review and adoption at the next city council meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss Canceling the November 24, 2015 Council meeting because of the Thanksgiving Holiday and the December 22, 2015 Council meeting because of the Christmas Holiday**

Mayor Lundbom stated the second John Day Council meeting falls on the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday; in the past the John Day City Council has typically canceled the second council meeting of the month in November and December due to the holidays.

**Councilor Donn Willey moved to cancel the November 24, 2015 and the December 22, 2015 council meetings due to the holidays. Councilor Steve Schuette seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

1. Mayor Lundbom presented a letter to the US Board on Geographic Names drafted by City Manager Gray to the City Council. City Manager Gray stated she basically plagiarized the letter the County Court Secretary sent her replacing Prairie City with John Day; this letter was emailed to the Councilors for their review. Councilor Lisa Weigum sent an email stating she could not support the letter as written and would not sign it as she finds the word “squaw” to be derogatory and demeaning. After further Council discussion it was the consensus of the council to have City Manager Gray revise the letter to the US Board on Geographic Names to support finding a solution that works for both our local and tribal communities.
2. LOC Bulletins were included in the Council packets.
3. City Manager Gray informed the Council that our 2015 Special City Allotment (SCA) grant application was not chosen for the 2016 program. She informed the Council that we expected this and will reapply in the next application round.
4. Mayor Lundbom informed the Council that our auditor Kent Bailey of Guyer & Associates will be present at our December 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
5. City Manager Gray informed the Council that a land use review by Bob Phillips for an adult foster care home was approved.
6. Public Works Director Lance Woodcock updated the City Council regarding the new fire station construction project.
7. The October 2015 financial reports were presented to the 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 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Peggy Gray  
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, DECEMBER 8, 2015

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Mayor Ron Lundbom