

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

June 14, 2016

Adjourned Meeting

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

Ron Lundbom, Mayor
Steve Schuette, Council President
Paul Smith, Councilor
Louis Provencher, Councilor
Lisa Weigum, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Donn Willey, Councilor
Gregg Haberly, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Peggy Gray, City Manager
Richard Gray, Police Chief
Valerie Luttrell, Dispatch Manager
Lance Woodcock, Public Works Director
Ron Smith, Fire Chief

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 with the exception of Councilors Donn Willey and Gregg Haberly who were absent and excused.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of City Council Minutes of May 24, 2016

The minutes of the May 24, 2016 were included in the agenda packets and were presented for the Council's approval.

Councilor Steve Schuette made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2016 as presented. Councilor Lisa Weigum 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.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Discuss for Signature City Manager Employment Agreement Between the City of John Day and Nicholas Green

City Manager Gray stated the City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of John and Nicholas Green has been negotiated. She stated the agreement is included in the council packets as well as a red-lined version that showed the revisions recommended by the city council.

City Manager Gray stated there was one additional revision that was requested by Mr. Nicholas Green under Section 2.2 (b); the original draft stated reimbursement will be made for qualified personal moving and relocation expenses incurred by Employee “on and after the Effective Date.” Mr. Green requested changing the language to “within 30 days of Effective Date.” The reason he requested the language change is that he has already started relocating on May 28th and has receipts dated prior to the effective date of the contract (June 10, 2016). He wanted to make sure those expenses can be reimbursed.

City Attorney Jeremy Green and I discussed he request and changed the language to read “Receipts must be submitted within sixty (60) days after completion of Employee’s relocation.” Nicholas Green agreed to the revised language and has signed the agreement.

Councilor Louis Provencher stated it looked like everything the Council talked about was captured and was comfortable with the agreement.

Councilor Steve Schuette made a motion to allow Mayor Lundbom to sign the City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of John Day and Nicholas A. Green. Councilor Lisa Weigum seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Discussion and update on the Grant County Chamber of Commerce Solar Eclipse Meeting from Mayor Lundbom

Mayor Lundbom gave an update on the Grant County Chamber of Commerce Solar Eclipse meeting that he attended on June 1st. The eclipse is on August 21, 2017 but planning is beginning now.

Mayor Lundbom stated they were told that there could be anywhere from 1,000 to 50,000 people coming to Grant County. Mayor Lundbom stated Grant County is one of the hot spots, but John Day is not in the direct path, we are 6 seconds short of the direct spot. Councilor Louis Provencher stated Prairie City is the epicenter in Oregon; the eclipse will last about 3 seconds longer in Prairie City than in John Day. Mayor Lundbom stated the eclipse is estimated to last 2 minutes and 14 seconds.

Mayor Lundbom explained concerns about parking, food, port-a-potties, ATMs, camping in yards and cell phones. He explained we need to check the city ordinances regarding how many nights’ people can camp in people’s yards.

There is an educational team (Multiverse Education Team) from the University of California traveling the path of the upcoming solar eclipse and will hold town hall meetings, explaining what to expect etc. Travel Oregon is considering hiring a planner. Mayor Lundbom stated he was told most people will stay 3 – 5 days.

Councilor Provencher stated Eastern Oregon Association is considering applying for a grant to hire a planner. There are all kind of things that needs to be considered when planning the event, restaurants, and gas stations.

Fire Chief Ron Smith stated from the law enforcement and fire department view, having that many people camped and starting campfires is a big concern.

Mayor Lundbom stated they are going to start appointing people to committees. Police Chief Gray stated the fairground is considering talking to the vendors to see if they want to stay over as the eclipse is that next week.

Mayor Lundbom stated we will review the city ordinances, possibly make some arrangements for people to stay up at the industrial park and make some money. Mayor Lundbom stated the airport would be a prime location to view the eclipse, but Fox is probably a better location but they have no amenities. Councilor Provencher stated weather will dictate where they will show up; if it's cloudy in one place, they will move to another place because they will want that visibility.

Councilor Lisa Weigum suggested that in the future we should have more meetings to talk about how the city could possibly benefit from this. If people are coming on Friday to see this, maybe the city could contact local or outside vendors; this could be a really good tourism opportunity for John Day and to impress people. Councilor Provencher stated the Chamber is looking for volunteers to be on committees.

Mayor Lundbom suggested once a month, possibly have an update or have Tammy Bremner of the Chamber of Commerce come to the council to give a report.

Councilor Provencher stated the Chamber is setting up websites for each city and they are looking for photos. Councilor Provencher stated he thought the City should take control over our website and decide what photos we want on the website.

Mayor Lundbom stated he would try to keep the Council up to date.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Discussion regarding what to do with the Old Fire Station

City Manager Gray stated Mayor Lundbom and her had several people call or approach them asking what are we going to do with the old fire station. The following options were explained to the City Council:

- Lease the property
- Sell the property (would have to be put out for public bid)
- Money received from the sale could be used for the completion of the new fire station and/or put towards the new fire station property loan.

Mayor Lundbom stated he spoke David Thunell of the Grant County Assessor's Office, who stated he would do a courtesy appraisal of the property; however, he was unable to speak with him about it before tonight's meeting. Mayor Lundbom stated the property also includes a city reservoir and comes back down to the old city hall, so the property would have to be partitioned if the city just wanted to sell the old fire station.

Councilor Louis Provencher asked why we want to keep the old city hall. City Manager Gray stated we keep all of the city's records there; we use it for our records storage. Fire Chief Ron Smith stated he would like to have a place for an exercise room for the firefighter volunteers. The condition of the building and possibly putting a false front on the building like they did at the Corner Cup were discussed.

Mayor Lundbom asked what the council's opinion was; Councilor Provencher stated if we don't have a need for it for future equipment then we should sell it but he didn't think that the Council had to make a

decision on what to do with the money at this time. Fire Chief Smith stated if we have money left after we complete the new fire station, he thought putting the extra toward the property loan was a no-brainer.

It was the consensus of the Council to sell the old fire station and not rule out selling the entire piece of property. Fire Chief Smith asked to allow him time to get out of the old station as he didn't want to move all of the old stuff to the new station and would like to have time to get rid of the old stuff first.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss League of Oregon Cities Legislative Objectives and Provide Input to the LOC Board of Directors as it prepares to adopt the League’s 2017 Legislative Agenda

City Manager Gray stated the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is requesting each city to provide input on the 2017 legislative priorities being proposed by its eight policy committees for LOC board approval later this summer. Included in the council packet was a packet containing all the information the Council needed to engage in this process. City Manager Gray stated responses are due back to the LOC by July 22nd.

It was the consensus of the Council to get the vote of the council members that were present and get the vote of the absent council members at the next council meeting. Votes were as follows:

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
X. 9-1-1 Emergency Communications	5
H. Property Tax Reform – Market Value/Local Control	4
Z. Comprehensive, Multi-modal Transportation Funding and Policy Package	4
S. PERS Reform	3
AA. Funding for Water System Resilience	3
K. Nonprofit Property Tax Exemption	1

It was noted there were other issues that were also important and it was difficult to just pick four issues.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Other Business and Upcoming Meetings

1. The LOC Bulletins were included in the council packets and given to the City Council.
2. Dispatch Manager Valerie Luttrell informed the City Council that Savannah Kowing was hired as the city’s new 9-1-1 Dispatcher. Ms. Kowing starts June 24, 2016. We tested six people and interviewed four applicants; we also created a hiring list for future applicants.
3. Lance updated the Council on ODOT’s maintenance schedule; they are currently doing wheel tracks. Lance stated his crew would start painting crosswalks and the yellow curb lines soon.
4. Police Chief Gray gave an update on Prairie City’s law enforcement agreement.

5. Councilor Lisa Weigum stated a couple of people have approached her about cleaning the streets for the bicyclists.
6. Councilor Paul Smith appreciated the quarterly reports; suggested the new city manager review them.
7. Councilor Louis Provencher reported he has heard compliments on the new fire station and hearing that they appreciated Fire Chief's Ron Smith's efforts in seeing it through.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, Councilor Paul Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Louis Provencher seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peggy Gray
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, JUNE 28, 2016

Mayor Ron Lundbom