

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

June 28, 2016

Adjourned Meeting

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Peggy Gray, City Manager (ret.)
Nicholas Green, City Manager
Valerie Luttrell, Dispatch Manager
Lance Woodcock, Public Works Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Anna Bass, Oster Professional Group

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 June 14, 2016

The minutes of the June 14, 2016 were included in the agenda packets and were presented for the Council's approval.

Councilor Schuette made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016 as presented. Councilor Smith seconded, and 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 Adoption Resolution No. 16-758-04, a Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Budget

This resolution adopts Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$5,252,388.

**Councilor Willey made a motion to adopt resolution No. 15-758-04.
Councilor Schuette seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 5 – Discuss for Adoption Resolution No. 16-758-05, a Resolution to Appropriate Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Budget

This resolution appropriates Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

**Councilor Schuette made a motion to adopt resolution No. 16-758-05.
Councilor Willey seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 6 – Discuss for Adoption Resolution No. 16-759-06, a Resolution to Impose and Categorize Taxes for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

This resolution imposes and categorizes taxes for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

**Councilor Willey made a motion to Resolution No. 16-759-06.
Councilor Weigum seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss for Adoption Resolution No. 16-760-07, a Resolution to transfer appropriations between categories within the General Fund in the FY 2015-2016 Budget

Anna Bass discovered additional interest charged on the bond payment, more than what was charged on the amortization schedule used for the budget. Therefore, this resolution was to transfer \$500 within categories of the general fund in order to cover the difference.

**Councilor Provencher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-760-07.
Councilor Schuette seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Discuss for Signature Dispatch Contract Agreements with Grant County Sheriff's Office and Grant County Ambulance for FY 2017

Resolution to renew annual contracts with Sheriff Department and Ambulance. County court approved the Sheriff's contract in advance. This included the 15% increase in cost over the previous FY. Vote passed unanimously by the County court.

Council discussed the number of calls received by Dayville, and Councilor Smith noted that the City of Dayville volunteered to pay \$500 (more than the \$250 requested by the City from the Dayville Fire Department) in order to contribute to the dispatch fund. Councilors acknowledged the positive attitude of the City of Dayville in contributing to the fund.

Councilor Provencher provided his thoughts on 911 Dispatch funding breakdown for consideration for future funding. Most if not all of the points mentioned have been discussed in the past. Mayor Lundbom said to file the handout for next year’s budget discussions.

Councilor Schuette made a motion to sign dispatch contract with Sheriff and Ambulance for FY17. Councilor Willey seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Discuss for Signature Dispatch Agreements and Telephone Answering Service Agreements

Agreements have been signed by Prairie City Fire Department (City & Rural) and Mt. Vernon (City & Rural). The remainder of the cities in the county have asked to wait until the new FY (after June 1st). Recommendation made to allow City Manager to sign agreements as they come in.

Councilor Smith made a motion to allow City Manager to sign all agreements as they come in. Councilor Weigum seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10 – 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

Council priorities were discussed and voted on during the last council meeting, but Councilors Willey and Haberly were absent, so their votes were tallied. Haberly concurred with the top 4 recommendations as voted by the other members. Councilor Willey voted for arbitration reform in lieu of property tax reform.

Councilor Provencher asked that the Council identify one to three other priority items to send in a cover letter to the LOC for information. The Council agreed to submit the three priorities which received votes but were not in the top four (AA - Funding water system resilience; K - Nonprofit Property Tax Exemption; T - Arbitration reform) be included in a cover letter from the City Manager to the League along with the submission form so that they may be considered for future legislative agendas.

Council agreed to submit the votes as discussed. No motion was made or passed.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Discuss for Signature Letter of Support to the Grant County Commissioners regarding SB 1513: LODD Homestead Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse (Police and Fire)

City Manager Gray discussed the background for this state legislation as described in the attachments, and clarified that this agenda item is for the Council to send a letter to the County recommending endorsement, but the County is ultimately responsible for determining whether the provisions of the bill will be adopted. Councilor Provencher asked whether the bill included ambulance. City Manager Gray clarified it does not. Councilor Provencher discussed multiple points related to the number of special category property tax exemptions allowed under current law by the State as compared to the Federal government, that there is no limit on the time or assessed value for which widows will be compensated, and on the current rate of uncollected taxes (11%). A robust discussion ensued on these points lasting approximately 15 minutes.

Mayor Lundbom called for a vote from each individual Councilor, and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 3, with Councilor’s Provencher, Weigum, and Haberly voting nay.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Discuss for Adoption Resolution No. 16-761-8 Signature for 2017 Special City Allotment (SCA) Grant

Council reviewed the SCA grant for \$50,000 to use as a match for the SW 6th Ave Street Project. If approved, the grant would allow the City to use state funding rather than the internal budget, which is made as a deduction to the City's match (no money is sent to the City).

**Councilor Willey made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-761-8.
Councilor Weigum seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 13 – Other Business & Future Meetings

1. The LOC Bulletins were included in the council packets and given to the City Council.
2. Electronic message from Grant County Chamber of Commerce.
3. City Manager Gray informed the council that the City did not make the 100% list for the State 2018 – 2021 Enhance Project.
4. Council discussed selling the fire station and old city hall. Mayor had a courtesy market appraisal performed which came in at \$85,000 on the Fire Station and \$50-60,000 on the old City Hall depending on the amount of land included (a partition will be needed to separate the reservoir). City Manager Green discussed options for disposition of the land and how to invest the capital received from the sale if the properties are liquidated.
5. Solar Eclipse meeting will be held on July 6th in Canyon City.
6. Meeting in John Day on September 20th on “Money Management: A Planned Approach to Rate Setting” offered by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). Registration is online. Other training sessions are also available via RCAC's website.
7. Discussed the property owner who broke the City's water main line on his property on two occasions this month; the property descriptions do mention a water line on the property and the City will not pay for the second break. Lance Woodcock is evaluating options to get an easement and sell or trade property around the water line, but getting accurate survey data will complicate this process.
8. Councilor Smith made an official welcome for Nick Green as the new City Manager.
9. Councilor Provencher discussed the Better Oregon campaign. He was contacted by a campaign member who requested his support. The campaign is in favor of Initiative Petition 28, which increases the minimum tax for large and out-of-state corporations with more than \$25 million in annual Oregon sales. The Council voiced concern that we will lose businesses and industry in Oregon if it passes.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, Councilor Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Willey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, JULY 12, 2016

Mayor Ron Lundbom