

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

April 10, 2018

COUCILORS PRESENT:

Ron Lundbom, Mayor
Paul Smith, Councilor
Steve Schuette, Council President
Gregg Haberly, Councilor
Shannon Adair, Councilor
David Holland, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Valerie Maynard, ECC Director
Monte Legg, Public Works Director
Ron Smith, JD Fire Chief

Matt Manitsas, Agribusiness Project Manager
Chantal DesJardin, Secretary
Anna Bass, City Recorder

GUESTS PRESENT:

Logan Bagett, Elkhorn Media Group
Sherrie Ringer, Etc./John Day
Parker Manitsas, John Day
Leanna Perkins, John Day
Marcus Perkins, John Day
Rick Hanners, Blue Mountain Eagle
Chris Labhart, John Day
Elliot Sky, Mt. Vernon

Hannah Hinman, Mt. Vernon
Katrina Randleas, John Day
Vincent Maurer, John Day
Louis Provencher, John Day
Ronald Phillips, John Day
Beth Spell, John Day
Jim Spell, John Day

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Ron Lundbom called the John Day City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2—Approval of City Council Minutes of March 13, 2018

Councilor Schuette noted some typographical errors that needed to be corrected, and asked about a missing motion for one agenda item. Councilor Adair noted one participant who was present but not listed. Councilor Holland noted the Planning Commission hearing was the public meeting (no meeting took place after). Councilor Paul Smith noted the Councilor Holland nominated (not appointed) Councilor Schuette to the 9-1-1 Committee. **Councilor Schuette moved to approve the amended March 13th minutes. Councilor Haberly seconded and it passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom asked if the audience had any items they wished to be added to the agenda. None were added.

Agenda Item No. 4— Appointment of New City Councilor

City Manager Green stated this is an important night. We have a lot of things happening over the next year and this city council position will be appointed for the next two years and eight months. He provided the city council will some evaluation criteria they could consider in making the appointment. Mayor Lundbom then asked each candidate to speak individually about their reasons for applying.

Mr. Labhart said he appreciates the futuristic viewpoint the council is taking. He said he was a member of the city council before and the fire hall building was something the council had pushed for over 20 years and it finally came to fruition. He said he owns property throughout the city and wants to be part of its future.

Mrs. Spell said, like Mr. Labhart, she has lived in the community for a long time, from 1949-1969, and then from 1972 to present day. She discussed her ties to the community and desires for its health, and that the last few years she has become more interested in local government. As a citizen with the time and opportunity, she owes it to her community to be more involved. She also thanked the council for their positive and creative approach to meeting the needs of our present community and the community we anticipate having. She discussed her church service and her desire to serve the community as a whole.

Mr. Phillips said he was born here and has been here a long time, though he lived in southern California for over twenty years he retained his property here. He stated he loves John Day and is offering to help.

Dr. Maurer discussed his desire to be part of the council because it is a group with a strong vision for the future of John Day. He has lived here twice, this is his second 'tour of duty', and he has three young children and cares about our and their future. He has attended one prior council meeting.

Mrs. Randleas said she works across the street at Families First, discussed her young kids and her desire to bring her recent experience in trauma-informed care to the community if it is possible.

Dr. Smith said he has lived here his second time for a year, but was raised her and graduated from Grant Union. He said he never believed he would be able to return to Grant County, but technological advances allowed him to return and run his consulting business from John Day. He said he is a member of the John Day community advisory committee and wants to help make a place where his kids and grandkids can live someday. He said he is a fourth generation resident of Grant County, so he is very sensitive to what it means to be from Grant County, and feels it is important to balance our vision for the future with our past. He said he served on the board of some nonprofits and has experience with managing budgets.

Council noted we had six wonderful candidates. They complemented the candidates for their willingness to volunteer and their interest in the city. Mayor Lundbom asked council how they wished to proceed with the vote, whether by ballot or discussion.

Councilor Adair moved to nominate Brandon Smith for the position because of his reasons for applying, his involvement in the broadband project and as a member of the advisory committee. Councilor Schuette seconded the motion and said he feels Brandon is a good representation of the types of people we are trying to attract back to our community. Mayor Lundbom asked if council had

any more discussion. None appearing, council voted unanimously to appoint Brandon Smith to the city council. Mayor Lundbom then swore Councilor Brandon Smith into office.

Agenda Item No. 5—Appointment of Budget Committee Member(s)

City Manager Green noted we have three vacancies on our budget committee and at least five excellent candidates in the room who would make excellent members of the committee if they were willing to volunteer.

Mayor Lundbom asked the candidates for city council if they would volunteer. Mrs. Randleas, Mrs. Spell and Dr. Maurer volunteered to serve. Council thanked them for volunteering. Mayor Lundbom said these individuals were replacing two members who resigned and one who passed away.

Agenda Item No. 6—Four Way Stop Request—Third & Bridge Street

City Manager Green said he was contacted by Leanna Perkins about putting a four-way stop at the intersection of Third Street and Bridge Street. She said she regularly sees near-miss accidents and one time observed a teenager being hit on a bicycle at that intersection as he rode through the stop sign on Third Street. The child was not harmed, the car hit his bike and he flew off of it, but because he was not harmed no one called 911. She said she thought her neighbor reported it, but she did not.

Mrs. Perkins said she has tried to canvas her neighbors and believes there would be support for improving the safety of the intersection and asked council to consider her request.

Council discussed reasons for not having a stop sign there and the fact that it has been evaluated numerous times. Specifically, they discussed the false sense of security stop signs give and the fact that speeding is happening all over town. They agreed that some safety improvements could be made to the intersection such as improved signage, increased enforcement, and/or speed bumps. They acknowledged that traffic patterns have changed with the increased use of Seventh Street, particularly during athletic events at the Seventh Street Complex.

Council agreed to refer it to the Safety Committee (comprised of three city councilors) for discussion and the Safety Committee will bring a recommendation back to the city council. Council also appointed Brandon Smith to fill the third vacancy on the Safety Committee.

Agenda Item No. 7—Resolution No. 18-785-09, A Resolution Authorizing Refinancing of an Existing Borrowing and Financing for the Fire Station

City Manager Green presented revised terms for the Washington Federal loan consolidation and a resolution to increase the borrowing amount by \$362,000 to pay for the completion of the fire hall and to pay off the promissory note for the land the fire hall was erected on. He noted this would forgo additional origination fees from a new loan, expedite the construction process because we do not have to shop for a new loan, and result in the City having only one creditor for the property. It will, however, require an inter-fund loan from the Water Fund to the General Fund because we intend to pay the loan off in five years. The General Fund cannot make that payment schedule, so it will need a ten-year loan from the Water Fund. He said this would save tens of thousands of dollars over originating a separate loan and by paying it off early. Councilor Haberly asked if he had calculated the exact amount. Green said he had not, but it is significant and he can provide that information to the budget committee.

Mayor Lundbom asked the audience if they had any questions about why we were doing this loan. Green stated we will be able to complete the fire station this year with these funds and construction will resume on July 1 or shortly thereafter.

Councilor Schuette moved to adopt Resolution 18-785-09, A Resolution Authorizing Refinancing of an Existing Borrowing and Financing for the Fire Station. Councilor Haberly seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8—Grant County Digital Network Coalition Amending Ordinance, Intergovernmental Agreement Adoption, and Appointment to Board of Directors

Green said there are three actions to approve tonight: the amending ordinance to make our ordinance (already passed) consistent with the dates for the ordinances of Grant County and Seneca; we will need to adopt the intergovernmental agreement, as a second motion; and we will need to appoint a representative to the board of directors.

Councilor Schuette moved to read Ordinance No. 18-171-01 by title only. Councilor Holland seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Lundbom then read the Ordinance by title.

Councilor Holland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-171-01, An Ordinance of the City of John Day Amending Ordinance No. 17-170-01, An Ordinance Creating The Grant County Digital Network Coalition in Accordance With ORS 190.085, to Modify the Effective Date of the Coalition's Intergovernmental Agreement, and declaring an emergency. Councilor Adair seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Holland moved to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Management of Broadband Network and authorize Mayor Lundbom to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of John Day. Councilor Schuette seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lundbom moved to appoint Councilor Brandon Smith to represent the City of John Day as a member of the Grant County Digital Network Coalition board of directors. Councilor Schuette seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9—Results of Local Income Survey

City Manager Green reported on the results of the Portland State University local income survey completed in March. He noted we had 57.3% of John Day and Canyon City residents classified as low-to-moderate income.

There was a 77% response rate, which was an oversample and PSU said we can stop surveying because the results are representative of the service area population. Green said we had a bimodal distribution, with many residents skewed to the low end (almost half of households are earning less than \$30,000 per year) and about 22% earned \$56,000 or more, with very little in between.

Green noted these results will qualify us to apply for block grants for a five-year period, once the results are certified by the State. The next round of applications is in May and construction is now at \$2.5M for wastewater treatment plants; which is more than one quarter our estimated cost for the new plant. The total cost of the survey to us was about \$8,000 plus staff time to go door-to-door for the survey.

Mayor Lundbom noted we have probably been in this state for a long time, and Green said we were 16 percentage points higher than the U.S. Census data showed, which was at 41% low-to-moderate income for our households.

Agenda Item No. 10—Decision on Future of 9-1-1 Center

Green reported on the March 20 meeting of the 9-1-1 users and members of the intergovernmental council. He discussed the outcome of that meeting, which was a majority of users in favor of keeping 9-1-1 in the county with a small minority in favor of outsourcing. He said all of the users were asked to return to their respective councils and boards for a formal motion.

Council discussed their reasons for keeping 9-1-1 in Grant County, including the value of the local jobs and quality of service from dispatchers with local knowledge. They asked questions about the transition process and the proposed increase to the 9-1-1 tax scheduled to sunset in three years. Green answered their questions and said the users are more comfortable with the local cost model we have developed. Councilor Adair asked about the location of the 9-1-1 Center if it stays local and Green said OEM would work with us to move the Center and upgrade our equipment at the appropriate time. The new location will need to meet seismic standards and have telecommunications infrastructure in place, so we will need to work with OEM to make sure the transition is seamless and happens at the appropriate time.

Councilor Paul Smith asked for clarification on the timeline for the City discontinuing our jurisdiction. Green stated we would cease operations on June 30, 2019 and our grant funding from the State Legislature carries us to that point. He also said at the end of the second year of the new agreement (if it is a three year agreement) we will know what the new tax is and will be able to decide if we should enter into a longer agreement.

Councilor Schuette moved to keep the 9-1-1 Center local under the three-year agreement option. Councilor Adair seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 12—Other Business and Upcoming Meetings

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the other business and upcoming meetings in Agenda item 12 prior to entering into executive session.

Agenda Item No. 11—Executive Session

Mayor Lundbom said the City Council will now meet in executive session to review attorney client privileged communications pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Councilor Holland moved to enter executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Councilor Schuette seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council met in executive session from approximately 8:30 to 8:58 P.M.

Councilor Schuette moved to exit executive session. Councilor Holland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Holland mentioned to the other councilors that the city council did not complete the City Manager's annual performance evaluation, which was due in January. Mayor Lundbom asked City Manager Green to provide the councilors with the evaluation form, which they will then give to him and his performance evaluation and contract review would be conducted during the next council meeting.

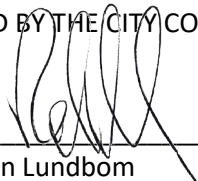
Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Holland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 24, 2018



Mayor Ron Lundbom