

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

April 24, 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  
Matt Manitsas, Agribusiness Project Manager  
Chantal DesJardin, Secretary

Anna Bass, City Recorder/OPG  
Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project Manager  
Andrew Martin, Police Officer Trainee  
Scott Moore, Police Officer  
Mike Durr, Interim Police Chief

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Taci Philbrook, GC Chamber of Commerce  
Logan Bagett, Elkhorn Media Group  
Sherrie Rininger, Etc.

Rick Hanners, Blue Mountain Eagle  
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 April 10, 2018**

Councilor Brandon Smith requested we clarify the motions and comments made by Councilors Smith and asked that these and future minutes be documented accordingly. Councilor Schuette noted the motion made with regard to the 9-1-1 Center was for a three-year agreement. Councilor P. Smith noted a correction to the minutes with regard to the Smiths also.

**Councilor Schuette moved to approve the April 10 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and 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— Sister City Proposal—Grant County Chamber of Commerce**

Taci Philbrook, representative of the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, presented a proposal to have the Grant County Chamber of Commerce submit a sister city application on behalf of the City of John Day. She explained the history of sister cities dating back to World War II and the social, economic and cultural benefits that derive from these exchanges. The Chamber is proposing to apply for the village in China where Ing “Doc” Hay and Lung On came from, in the province of Guangdong. If they cannot apply for the village, they will select the nearest major city. She then discussed the process and nominal annual fee, which would be paid by the Chamber of Commerce. The City would be required to have an annual commemoration to recognize the relationship. Their goal is to have the relationship in place before Kam Wah Chung’s anniversary in June, when Oregon Public Broadcasting will be coming to John Day. Council then discussed the merits of the proposal.

**There was a consensus among the councilors to approve the Chamber of Commerce to submit the application on behalf of the City.**

#### **Agenda Item No. 5—Public Safety Updates**

City Manager Green reviewed the discussion of the Public Safety Committee with regard to speeding along Bridge Street and safety concerns raised at last month’s city council meeting with regard to the intersection at NW Third Street and NW Bridge Street. He discussed the major problems associated with this intersection: They are

- 1) Visibility: Parking in front of Leanna Perkins home creates a visual problem if you are on the west side of Bridge Street traveling east. The other home on the SW corner has shrubbery that limits visibility.
- 2) Speeding: There is a perception of speeding down Bridge Street everywhere, not just at the intersection.
- 3) Bulb-outs: Forces traffic into the intersection more than is ideal.
- 4) Third Street Narrows: Forces people into the middle of the road.
- 5) Traffic increased: During events and also because of development on the north side of the river, traffic has increased above what it used to be.

Green reported that the safety committee discussed the following potential solutions as options:

- 1) Assessment of speeds with unmarked method
- 2) Four way stop sign (similar to Third and Canton Street)
- 3) Unmarked car with radar and chase car (step up patrols all along Bridge Street)
- 4) Speed bumps
- 5) Electronic warning signs for speeds

Green said their first step will be to monitor speeds along Bridge Street to verify whether speeding is occurring, then the Safety Committee will reconvene to assess these options.

Green then discussed the proposal to place a Student Resource Officer (SRO) from the city at the Grant Union High School. In light of recent school shootings nationally, this topic has come up at school board meetings. Green met with Superintendent Shelley and discussed options to place an SRO in the high school as a deterrent to active shooters but also as a method to improve safety outcomes generally, including reduced violence and drug use on campus. Shelley felt this would be beneficial to the city and

the school and as a result, Green said he plans to include funding for an SRO in next year's budget as a pilot program for the City.

Green also discussed the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant available through the Department of Justice for SROs. He also discussed the budget pressure that will be alleviated once the 9-1-1 Center is transitioned. Council discussed the costs and benefits of placing an SRO in the school.

**There was a consensus among the councilors to move forward with budgeting for an SRO as a fourth officer if the school board agrees to cover 50% of the cost (estimated to be \$45,000).**

#### **Agenda Item No. 6—Appointment of Budget Committee Members**

City Manager Green noted the residents that volunteered to serve on the budget committee needed to be formally appointed by the city council.

**Councilor Schuette moved to appoint Vincent Maurer to a three year term on the John Day Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Haberly moved to appoint Katrina Randleas to a three year term on the John Day Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette and passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Adair moved to appoint Beth Spell to a three year term on the John Day Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item No. 7—Draft Financial Summary for Budget Committee**

City Manager Green reviewed his draft financial summary for the upcoming budget committee meeting. He talked about the highlights of his budget message. For every dollar of our local taxpayer money spent on grants, we received \$40 of external funding. He also discussed the \$350,000 in savings that resulted from the loan consolidation, which will allow the city: to complete the fire hall at no additional cost to taxpayers and to pay off all the city's outstanding debt obligations (unrelated to the treatment plant) by December 2022, six years earlier than planned. Green also discussed his plans for the eclipse revenue: to be used as matching funds on a new city playground and splashpad, in support of the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation District's grant application to the Oregon Departments of Parks and Recreation. This will create an amenity our kids and grandkids will use without coming out of the local tax base, since it will be revenue received from the eclipse event. Green also briefed the council on the timeline of the wastewater treatment plant design and construction and the fact that we will be able to finance \$2.5 million through the community development block grants, funds that would have come from our ratepayers but for the grant.

Council discussed the need to communicate these successes to our residents, many of whom are unaware of the City's financials and the progress we have made in improving our net financial position.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8 and No. 9 —Executive Sessions**

Mayor Lundbom stated the City Council will now meet in executive session to conduct the City Manager's annual performance review. This meeting is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request a public hearing. Council will also

consider and review attorney-client privileged communications pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f), which permits the council to meet in executive session to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

**Councilor Haberly moved to enter executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) and ORS 192.660(2)(f). The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.**

*Council met in executive session from approximately 8:05 to 8:30PM.*

**Councilor Schuette moved to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 12—Other Business and Upcoming Meetings**

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the other business and upcoming meetings, including the TGM grant selection process and upcoming budget committee meeting.

**Adjourn**

**There being no further business before the council, Councilor Schuette motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green  
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 8, 2018



Council President Steve Schuette