

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

September 11, 2018

COUCILORS PRESENT:

Ron Lundbom, Mayor
Gregg Haberly, Councilor
Paul Smith, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor
Shannon Adair, Councilor
David Holland, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Steve Schuette, Council President

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Chantal DesJardin, Secretary
Mike Durr, Police Chief

Ron Smith, Fire Chief
Valerie Maynard, Dispatch Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rick Hanners, Blue Mountain Eagle
Logan Bagett, Elkhorn Media Group
Sherrie Rininger, etc.

Darin Toy, John Day
Hannah Hinman, John Day
Elliot Sky, John Day

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the John Day City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm; he noted that Council President Schuette was absent and excused.

Agenda Item No. 2—Approval of City Council Minutes of August 28th, 2018

Councilor Holland moved to approve the August 28th minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paul Smith and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the audience and asked if anyone had any items they wished to be added to the agenda. Sherrie Rininger asked to add downtown parking paint to the agenda. Mrs. Rininger asked that the city paint the no parking areas of the curb and add lines on the road to distinguish parking spaces. Councilor Holland noted the city had started to quit a lot of the painting due to increased costs, partially because of the need to contract out the work. He noted it is dependent on available funds in the budget each given year. Mrs. Rininger noted there were lines before the road was repaved. She stated as a business owner, oversized vehicles park in front of her shop and it doesn't allow her customers to park because adequate room is not left between cars, which is frustrating. Mrs. Rininger noted she spoke to Monte Legg about this and he stated he was totally against it because people don't pay attention to them anyway; she thinks he is wrong. Green noted he will get with Monte to see what can be done. Councilor Adair added, as a business owner downtown, she noticed the bigger vehicles park right against the sidewalk and everyone has awnings; with no lines people park four cars where

there could have been eight cars. She also stated if there were lines, people would try to park within them; she is in support of painting. Councilors discussed some painting material options but noted the cost. Mrs. Rininger's other concern was in smaller towns, like Baker and Pendleton, it says no oversized vehicle parking on the main street; the awning in front of her building gets hit all the time. Mayor Lundbom noted there are places downtown where big rigs should not park, such as in front of her shop where the awning gets damaged. Mrs. Rininger added the oversized vehicles stick out into the lane of traffic forcing cars to cross the yellow line to pass; a sign would give her the opportunity to tell cars they cannot park there. Mayor Lundbom noted the councilors' efforts during the eclipse to prevent inefficient parking downtown and the rebuttal from the community. Mrs. Rininger and Councilor Adair stated the rebuttal was against a total no parking approach. Councilor Adair added that oversized vehicle parking can also hinder the flow of traffic and turning at the intersection. Councilor Brandon Smith asked about the need to address identifying areas where oversized vehicles could park in the downtown area. Councilors suggested several locations that could accommodate the vehicles but it was noted that all of these locations were on the property of other businesses. Mayor Lundbom suggested working with Wright Chevrolet to use their parking lot. Councilor Brandon Smith noted from a tourism perspective, it would be nice to have some downtown RV friendly parking for those coming through town wanting to frequent the businesses. Mrs. Rininger added with vehicles parking in front of her store you can't see her store, so she loses business. Councilor Adair noted they are looking into forming a merchant's association, which is one of the considerations of the Main Street Revitalization Program; the program could help with identifying opportunities for oversized vehicle parking but she needs clarification on a few things before they move forward. City Manager Green noted he could work on the painting but parking restrictions is up to the council. Mayor Lundbom noted he would like to get input from the merchants before moving forward with any decision. Councilor Brandon Smith advised they hold off on the painting until it can be decided if there are areas they want to designate with paint for oversized vehicles. Councilor Holland stated there is not enough area downtown to designate a spot. Councilor Brandon Smith asked if there isn't a single space along the highway downtown that could accommodate an RV. Councilor Paul Smith asked if ODOT needs to be involved. Councilor Holland stated they do not for the parking lanes, only for a crosswalk. Mayor Lundbom stated they will get back to Mrs. Rininger.

Agenda Item No. 4— Ordinance No. 18-174-04, An Ordinance of the City of John Day, Oregon Ratifying Creation of the Grant County Emergency Communications Agency in Accordance with ORS 190.085; and Approving a Revised 9-1-1 Jurisdiction Plan

City Manager Green noted the enclosed agreement is the sixth or seventh iteration, it has gone through the Intergovernmental Council multiple times and they motioned to approve this fully vetted version. The ordinance formalizes the adoption of the agency and a separate motion will approve the agreement, which will be done by each party of the agreement.

Councilor Holland moved to read Ordinance 18-174-04 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously. Mayor Lundbom read the ordinance by title only.

Councilor Adair moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-174-04, An Ordinance of the City of John Day, Oregon Ratifying Creation of the Grant County Emergency Communications Agency in Accordance with ORS 190.085; and Approving a Revised 9-1-1 Jurisdiction Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Brandon Smith and passed unanimously.

Councilor Adair moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide 9-1-1 and Dispatch Services and authorize Mayor Lundbom to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of John Day. The motion was seconded by Brandon Smith and passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the Agency choosing a fiscal year ending in December versus June.

Agenda Item No. 5—Other Business

City Manager Green reviewed the other business and noted they were items that will soon be on the agenda as action items, but were not quite ready to move forward such as funding from DEQ for hazardous substances abatement on the Main Street building. Green added that Mayor Lundbom and Councilor Adair accompanied him on a tour of the Innovation Gateway with several non-profit organizations to explain some of the projects the city is anticipating; there was very positive response. Green stated things are moving forward and progress towards hosting the Regional Economic Development Summit is looking good. Mayor Lundbom asked about Councilman-Hunsaker. Green explained the pool consultant was also on the tour and will work with the preliminary data provided. He also stated the League of Oregon Cities was going to send their top 20 legislative priorities; 9-1-1, John Day's top priority, is included but was not their top priority. However, Representative Findley and Senator Bentz reached out and have agreed to sponsor a bill to increase the 9-1-1 tax this session and put language in the bill to prevent the state from doing sweeps of the fund. The city is working through draft language with various organizations who have been advocating for that for many years now.

Agenda Item No. 6—Upcoming Meetings

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings. The Mayor asked for general check-ins from the department heads present and councilors.


Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Holland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Brandon Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018



Mayor Ron Lundbom