

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

January 22, 2019

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Monte Legg, Public Works Director

Chantal DesJardin, Secretary
Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rick Hanners, Blue Mountain Eagle
Logan Bagett, Elkhorn Media Group

Sherrie Rininger, etc.
Bob Pereira, 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, noting everyone was present.

Agenda Item No. 2—Approval of City Council Minutes of January 8th, 2019

Councilor Schuette moved to approve the January 8th, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair 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. *None were added.*

Agenda Item No. 4—Oath of Office

*Mayor Ron Lundbom affirmed the oath of office.
Councilor Gregg Haberly affirmed the oath of office.*

Agenda Item No. 5—Resolution No. 19-802-03, A Resolution Establishing Water Rates, Deposits, and Other Related Charges

City Manager Nick Green reviewed the changes, included in the agenda memo, to the water resolution.

Councilor Holland moved to adopt Resolution 19-802-03, a resolution establishing water rates, deposits, and other related charges. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6—Resolution No. 19-803-04, A Resolution Establishing Sewer Service and Connection Charges

City Manager Nick Green reviewed the changes, included in the agenda memo, to the sewer resolution. Green stated Canyon City's rate will be reset in two years to match whatever the future operations, maintenance, and capital costs are under the new facility. He also noted that Councilor Smith had previously asked if the revenue increases were keeping pace with costs. In going through the financial engineering for the new treatment plant, they found the two percent rate increase does not keep with an average of six percent increased costs per year. Green noted it is not a significant gap but needs to be monitored; not a lot can be done to bend the cost curve because PERS rates are set by the state and Public Works is operating with the leanest staff possible. They are looking at increasing the revenue, via new housing customers and revenue generated by the greenhouses, along with doing rate modeling in advance of the one-stop meeting. Green noted they are comfortable with the increase, as proposed, but should anticipated adjustments to accommodate the additional capital costs for the new facility. A lot of that will depend on the grant-loan mix and how create they can get with the financing. There was additional discussion about the conversations they anticipate in regards to funding and understanding the cost burden on an economically distressed area.

Councilor Adair moved to approve Resolution 19-803-04, a resolution establishing water rates, deposits, and other related charges. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette. Councilor Brandon Smith noted the resolution was misstated and should have been read as a "Resolution 19-803-04, a resolution establishing sewer service and connection charges". Councilor Adair seconded the change. Councilor Schuette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7— 395 S Sidewalk Project

City Manager Green noted ODOT submitted an application to complete the sidewalk project, as a project of the state instead of the city, through the Safe Routes to School review committee, who recommended the city's project from SW 6th to Grant Union for funding. Green reviewed the discussion included in the agenda memo. There was discussion about the design and timeline, with Green noting that he is waiting to hear back from the ODOT Project Manager Sean Maloney to find out some of the details. City staff is also discussing a design that includes a sidewalk extension from the highway towards the creek to delineate Blue Gulch Road, since it will become a city street once that area is annexed. Green noted their only obligation to the project is involvement in monitoring, addressing questions, and overseeing the relocation of city utilities.

Agenda Item No. 8—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings. Councilor Schuette gave an update on the Emergency Communications IGC meeting, noting they had decided to donate the heat pump, the half-unit in the server room to the City of John Day. Also, the generator currently being used at city hall will be leased to the City, as long as they do regular maintenance. Green noted it sounded good and most of the inventory had been dialed in; the one component not finalized was in regards to the UPS device, which provides temporary power before the generator kicks on in the event of a power outage. The City

purchased a UPS for the fire hall, which is needed for 9-1-1 but OEM has not yet decided if they will fund it. Green suggested the city could own and maintain the UPS but is for the Agency's use, so those details need to be coordinated. It was also confirmed the consoles are being installed on Wednesday and they are looking at beginning of March for the final move. It was also confirmed the greenhouse foundation permit was approved so the crews have started setting the forms and completing the excavation. Green noted the CDBG was submitted at the end of the year, they are answering some questions and expect a decision around February. Councilor Haberly asked about the ATV proposal. Green explained they need to submit an application and need to coordinate with the other local jurisdictions, whoever is interested in submitting an application with the City. Councilor Adair asked about the open house of the fire hall. Green suggested some possible dates the first week of February, adding they would do a public service announcement.


Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Schuette moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019



Ron Lundbom, Mayor