

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

March 1, 2019

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:**

Gregg Haberly, Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nicholas Green, City Manager  
Chantal DesJardin, Secretary

Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Rick Hanners, Blue Mountain Eagle  
Art Thunell, Parks & Rec Dist.

Zach Williams, Parks & Rec Dist.

**Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance**

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm, noting Councilor Brandon Smith would be a few minutes late and that Councilor Haberly was absent and excused.

**Agenda Item No. 2—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—Pool & Rec Center/ OPRD Grant Discussion**

City Manager Green reviewed the pool option cost summaries included in the agenda packet. Zach Williams asked if it was an option to only sell the city park not the pool and try to keep operating it. Green replied that it may be possible, but the buildable area outside the 100-year floodplain is the pool and its parking lot. There was discussion about who could go out for a bond and what the scope of the service are is and would be. They noted that they cannot expand the district because they could not add more park maintenance into their workload. It was noted that while not sufficient, there were buildings in the community that provide some gym space for recreation. This led to further discussion about the breakdown of pool cost without a recreation center included and the various scenarios of tax impacts. It was proposed that a more successful approach to securing a bond would be through a phased construction. There was a consensus to move forward with approaching the county about proposing a bond that would show a net decrease in taxes countywide. The city would continue spearheading planning and fundraising for the recreation center and pool under the phased approach and the District would still commit the same footprint to allow for a recreation center, attached to the pool, in the future.

**Agenda Item No. 5—March 12 Open House Planning**

City Manager Green noted that the REDS date was postponed due to the government shutdown.

**Agenda Item No. 3—Innovation Gateway Concept Review**

Green reviewed proposed design concepts for the first technical memo (Tech Memo #5) that deals with the area plan. He discussed options to put forward regarding the pool location, riverfront, potential office/mixed use space and a proposed campground. Council provided feedback and opinions on the merits of each proposal, which Green said he would relay to the team.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Future Work Sessions**

Council discussed the tempo and number of future work sessions and agreed to allow the city manager to schedule them as needed.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green  
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 23rd, 2019

  
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Ron Lundbom, Mayor