

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

April 9, 2019

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:**

Brandon Smith, Council President  
Steve Schuette, Councilor

**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

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

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, noting everyone was present except Councilor Brandon Smith and Councilor Schuette who were absent and excused.

**Agenda Item No. 2—Approval of Prior City Council Minutes**

None presented.

**Agenda Item No. 4—Consent Agenda – None**

**Councilor Holland moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 5—Executive Session**

Mayor Lundbom read the notice included in the agenda memo.

**Councilor Holland moved to enter executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) at 5:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paul Smith and passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Holland moved to leave executive session at 6:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly and passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Adair moved to recess the meeting at 6:48 p.m. until after the Urban Renewal Agency meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens**

Mayor Lundbom called the city council meeting back into session at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the audience.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Resolution No. 19-806-07, A Resolution Authorizing Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2019 Community Connect Grant**

City Manager Green reviewed the proposed route from Burns to Seneca included in the agenda memo, noting the difference between last year and this year's application. There was a brief discussion of the application under ReConnect to accomplish the route proposed in the previous year and the strengths of the changes, along with the role OrTelCo will continue to play. There was a clarification to a question from Mr. Pereira that the Digital Board had reviewed and approved of the changes to the grant applications as described.

**Councilor Adair moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-806-07, A Resolution Authorizing Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2019 Community Connect Grant. The motion was seconded Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 7—Update on Pool & Park Planning**

City Manager Green reviewed the memo included in the agenda. There was a consensus among the council that the OPRD planning grant would help and the City Manager should apply for the grant. Green explained how the planning grant could be utilized regarding pool discussions, noting that an initial estimate of the cost to do an as is condition assessment of the pool was \$20-30,000. There was a general consensus among the council that it was not a good use of funds, if the money was available. There were some questions from Mr. Pereira about the grants and their relation to Kam Wah Chung and the negotiations the city is currently in regarding the sale of city property. It was clarified that the city is under no obligation to sell the land at all or within this biennium, that the proposal was made and the city is evaluating it as an option.

**Agenda Item No. 8—Update on Broadband Construction & 9-1-1 Relocation**

City Manager Green noted they will be moving forward with the relocation is explained in the agenda memo, despite the state of emergency. All the pieces are in the place and players present, so they will make it work; he emphasized there will never be a loss or delay in service during the transition.

**Agenda Item No. 9—Resolution No. 19-807-08, A Resolution of City of John Day Declaring a State of Emergency**

City Manager Green noted other communities, including the County, have declared a state of emergency. The City Charter and ordinances do not allow the mayor to make such a declaration, the authority is vested in the governing body—the city council. This is very inconvenient in a time of emergency, he noted there is an ordinance they could adopt that would give the mayor the authority to declare an emergency as long as the council subsequently ratifies it. Green also reviewed some of the reasons the city might want to declare a state of emergency including: water over bridges in canyon city; one city sewer line was taken out by the flooding, which left three properties disconnected from the sewer system until the water level drops; unanticipated overtime costs associated with helping mitigate flooding upstream; and record treatment of nearly 1.5 million gallons in one day, which is over seven

times the plant's typical processing load. Green noted there is currently no direct injection of sewer, homeowners are refraining from use, but they would like to lay the new line out of the floodplain which will incur associated costs not accounted for in the budget. Public Works Director Monte Legg noted they are staying within the guidelines of the permit, issued a DEQ emergency report, and notified the DEQ permit writer of the increase inflow to the treatment plant. There was discussion about the details of the broken sewer line. Director Legg commended the community for pulling together and working to mitigate issues all around the county. City Manager Green reviewed the findings as stated in the resolution. Council discussed the importance of having an ordinance that allows the mayor to declare a state of emergency and coordinate with officials to respond as necessary.

**Councilor Adair moved to accept Resolution 19-807-08, A Resolution of City of John Day Declaring a State of Emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly and passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item No. 10—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings**

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings and other business. Katy Nelson noted that Ted Williams is a huge resource for preparing an emergency order. Aaron Lieuallen noted that Humbolt will remain closed another day, but Seneca School and Grant Union will be in session tomorrow. Director Legg noted that 395 South is open but the gorge on 26 will remain closed until further notice. There was additional discussion about issues associated with the flooding around the county.

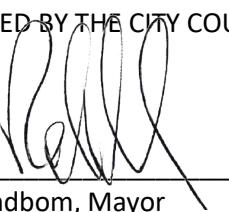
**Adjourn**

**There being no further business before the council, Councilor Haberly moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green  
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 23, 2019



Ron Lundbom, Mayor