

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

May 14, 2019

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

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
Bob Pereira, John Day
Logan Bagett, Elkhorn Media Group

Kim Randleas
Sherrie Rininger, etc.
Kenly Boss

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting everyone was present.

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

Councilor Brandon Smith noted on page 3, second paragraph from bottom noting “the city will have the be the” to “the city will have to be the”

Councilor Schuette moved to approve the April 23th, 2019 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Brandon Smith and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the audience.

Agenda Item No. 4—Consent Agenda – None

City Manager Green reviewed the information in the consent agenda.

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

Agenda Item No. 5—Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-808-09, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City

City Manager Green reviewed the transfer that the council had previously discussed.

Councilor Adair moved to open the public hearing at 7:03 pm for Resolution 19-808-09. The motion was seconded by Councilor Brandon Smith and passed unanimously.

No public comment.

Councilor Schuette moved to close the public hearing at 7:04 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Councilor Brandon Smith asked if there had been any discussion about creating a barrier or line that clearly identifies the new property lines. City Manager Green noted the street improvement will provide some demarcation and there could be a fence with a gate or natural landscaping on the northern edge. They had agreed to work as typical neighbors to remedy the concern once the property increased in use.

City Councilor Schuette moved to approve Resolution Number 19-808-09, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly second passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6—Traffic Concerns on Boyce Place

Neale Ledgerwood explained people are using Boyce Place as a through street and the neighbors are concerned. He does not have a plan to fix the problem but wanted to speak to council about their concerns. There was discussion with the council about the increased traffic, speeding, why it is being used as a through street, narrowness of the street, and impact on the neighborhood. Mr. Ledgerwood noted that a neighbor Mike Bowe suggested reducing the speed to 5 mph or posting a “children at play” sign. There was discussion about signage, potential reductions to the speed, parking regulation, speed bumps, and enforceability. Councilors emphasized that several of the options may have a negative effect on those in the neighborhood. Director Legg noted the street is not wide enough to pass large vehicles and he has also considered it being a one-way directed north.

There was a consensus to put temporary signs up, if that does not mitigate the problem, they can discuss more drastic measures.

Agenda Item No. 7—Resolution 19-809-10, A Resolution of City of John Day Authorizing City to Apply for a 2019 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Planning Grant for Purposes of Development of Facilities Plan for a New Aquatic and Recreation Center in City; and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Application on Behalf of the City.

City Manager Green recommended two words be added to the resolution, after the words “City has local available matching funds”, stating “City has {\$40,000 in} local available matching funds” because that is what was budgeted. He then reviewed the information, regarding a special district provided for in ORS 451, included in agenda memo.

Green felt they probably wouldn't have anything on the ballot until May 2020; they should do their due diligence and reflect the likely users for a bond proposal vote. Councilors discussed the ability for the city to contribute enough to put a sufficient proposal forward to the voters, given the amount of work already put forth. They also discussed what their options would be if the voters turned down a bond for a new pool, specifically the complications of financing and operations with no funding or reserves for maintenance. Whether negotiating with the Parks and Recreation or going to the residents of John Day for a levy, the concerns about non-taxed user fees and system failure remain. Green noted that even if the voters turn down the new pool, the pool will eventually be replaced, in the short or midterm, and they will have a plan in place. There was a consensus that this was a professional approach that would address some concerns. They hoped it will help explain the reasoning behind the direction the council has taken to replace the facility.

Councilor Schuette moved to approve Resolution 19-809-10 as amended, a Resolution of City of John Day Authorizing City to Apply for a 2019 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Planning Grant for Purposes of Development of Facilities Plan for a New Aquatic and Recreation Center in City: and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Application on Behalf of City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8—Recreation Economy For Rural Communities Planning Assistance

City Manager reviewed the information presented in the agenda memo and noted it is a very qualitative application process, they award the grant if they like your two-page narrative. He stated that he tried to outline scope the council had discussed but not taken specific actions, as provided in the memo. Councilors commended Green on the application.

Councilor Adair motioned to move forward with the 2019 RERC Application. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9—TGM, CEDS, and REDS Program Updates

City Manager Green reviewed the general topics included in the survey, noting they included some questions regarding the pool. It asked for some demographics of the survey taker but can be anonymous. He plans post it online Friday afternoon, after councilors have time to provide comments or recommend changes, and keep it open until the end of the planning period.

Green reviewed the thought process and concept behind the new city logo, noting the local geographical features. Councilors provided feedback on their impression of the logo, there was a general confusion on the representation, and several noted it was not a good first impression. Several councilors provided specific suggestions of changes or alterations to make it more realistic, less abstract, but there was a general support of the font presented. Green asked Kim Randleas for feedback and she suggested a local artist could work with the city to design a logo. There was a consensus that they did not want to stick with the current logo. Kenly Boss noted that logos are about brand recognition, simple is best, and you should be able to use it in smaller print and grayscale too. They discussed features being promoted or emphasized in the logo. Green discussed their thought process to arrive at emphasizing the river. There were additional suggestions and comments about aspects of the proposed logo. Green will work with Mrs. Randleas and the art community to bring back to council at a later date.

Green reviewed the information included in the agenda memo regard the REDS, noting about 10 agencies had responded. There was discussion about the topics for review at the summit, Green noted they would discuss funding and planning, with the intent of walking away with a series of actions and follow up meetings. Green reported some of the specific entities invited, such as EPA, Fish and Wildlife, EDA, HUD, USDA, FS, Federal Reserve, state official representatives, endowments, tribal representatives, OTECC, and state agencies. There was also discussion about what Green plans to cover in his presentation.

Agenda Item No. 10—New City Playground & Recreation Trails Update

City Manager Green reviewed the progress on the playground and trails projects included in the agenda memo and attachments. Senior Project Manager Lieuallen noted all the proposed trail sections will connect to existing roadway, to ensure connectivity. Councilor Schuette asked when the trail project would start construction and what would happen if they decide to change the river channel. Green noted they start in a couple weeks and will have to redo the “North Trail” portion if that happened. He noted it would likely not happen for another five years and he does not recommend turning down funding now for a possible scenario change in the future. Also, they are not constructing any trails along the percolation ponds. There was discussion about the analysis, flood concerns, and planning around the river restoration, which could include changing the river channel. Councilor Paul Smith asked about the proposed extension of 7th street, it was noted that all planning is done with the street in mind. Lieuallen noted they would like to begin sometime after July 1st, to be finished by the end of August; it would ultimately depend on availability of who is awarded the bid. There was discussion about specifics of the included trail designs. Green reviewed the sketch for possible PLA’s for the residents along Davis Creek. There were no further questions from the council.

Agenda Item No. 11—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

City Manager Green reported Len’s Drug won the award but 1188 did not. He had a pre-application meeting and is waiting for a site design review, then they will wait for permit approval from state. Several councilors noted that they had been approached by constituents who were unhappy with Len’s Drug design theme. It was brought up that Kim Randleas has been socializing a vision and downtown theme she has been working on; she has gotten good feedback but has not been able to speak to all the downtown merchants yet. Some merchants have plans to do some slight improvements like painting and they are working towards coordinating. Green noted that if the council wanted to regulate facades in the downtown, the appropriate time would have been around 2007 when the downtown plan was submitted for adoption or in the 2005 update to the development code. At this stage, the city does not have regulatory authority and can only encourage individual business owners to coordinate the look of their improvements. There was discussion about who Mrs. Randleas had spoken to, including her presentation, and the council requested she present her ideas at the next regular meeting. City Manager Green commended Mrs. Randleas on the work she has done not only in bringing a vision together but presenting it to the community and speaking to each merchant personally to get feedback. To bring anyone together for a shared vision would be phenomenal; council also thanked her.

Councilor Schuette asked for an update on the Weaver Building. Green noted in their last conversation, they proposed putting it on the market for roughly the purchase price, with potential owner carry terms. He stated it is difficult to draft those terms, but he is working with the attorneys on a potential agreement.

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings.

City Manager Green asked for opinions on cancelling the June 11th council meeting, adding one on May 21st, and adopting the budget on the May 28th meeting; council supported this change. There were comments and notes from councilors and staff.

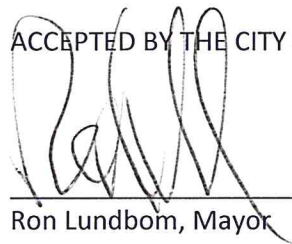
Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Haberly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 28, 2019



Ron Lundbom, Mayor