

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

July 9, 2019

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Paul Smith, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Chantal DesJardin, Secretary
Monte Legg, Public Works Director

Mike Durr, Police Chief
Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rick Hanners, Blue Mountain Eagle
Logan Bagett, Elkhorn Media Group
Katy Nelson
Daisy Goebel

Sherrie Rininger, etc.
Elliot Sky
Hannah Hinman

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting everyone was present except Councilor Paul Smith who was excused.

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

No minutes presented.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the audience and added updates to the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 4—Updates

City Manager Green reviewed the request for funds aggregated by six Oregon counties through the Office of Emergency Management to FEMA. Green noted the council had reviewed their estimates included in the request at the last council meeting including utility damage, 4th street damage, and emergency flood management costs. He displayed the press release by Governor Brown concerning the notice issued by President Trump declaring a major disaster in Oregon and ordering federal assistance to supplement recovery efforts. He highlighted various data included in the comprehensive story map about the April flooding provided in the Governor’s press release. Green then reviewed the process involved in applying for assistance, noting they are not guaranteed funding.

City Manager Green then reviewed the summary sheet, giving updates on the various city projects. This included status reports on closing the following projects: greenhouse, Fire Hall to ESD broadband build, 9-1-1 transition and HB2449, Economic Opportunities Analysis, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and TGM Area Planning, including the final adoption and development code amendments. He also discussed projects still in progress, which included: broadband to city hall, wastewater treatment plant engineering, FEMA disaster recovery, property line adjustments, Phase 1 of the trail system, pool planning, Charolais Heights intersection improvement, and Main Street Revitalization Grants for Len's Drug and the Weaver Building. Projects that are waiting for funding decisions are: the integrated park system and pool planning grants, Community Connect Grant, OTC's ReConnect Grant, BUILD Grant, Oregon Pine/Community, and EPA Brownfield Redevelopment. *There were no questions or comments.*

Agenda Item No. 5—2019 DOT BUILD Grant

City Manager Green discussed some handouts that were distributed to those present regarding the scope, cost, and components of the grant application. It included 11 project elements: 7th street extension, connector from 7th to Gov't Entry Road, Johnson Drive, treatment plant access and parking, Iron Triangle utility connections, Charolais Heights intersection, Hill Family Park bridge and parking access, 7th Street Complex west access and parking, Oregon Pine bridge renovation, north Oregon Pine access and parking, and new 3rd Street Extension bridge and improved street to Charolais Height. *There were no questions or comments regarding the scope.*

Green presented a chart of preliminary cost estimates and guessed that to meet the full scope they would be looking at a final total of \$12-15 million, meaning the additional funds needed for match could be another \$1-1.5 million beyond what has already been budgeted to be done. A portion of that additional match would include utilities like water, sewer, reclaimed water, and conduit needed to open new property for development. A local improvement district could accelerate the city's cost recovery or SDC funds could be used on new construction. The match could also be waived at DOT's discretion.

Council discussed the importance of the funding for much need street work and how to request this waiver in the grant. Green touched on the various financing options, noting they are 20-30 year assets that qualify for long term financing under manageable payments, and in some situations are classic for LIDs. There was discussion about how this north street networking could open land for future housing development. Green discussed the condition of the current bridges and the benefits of having a third bridge to do structured bridge improvements or replacements and reduce impact on the current bridges. He also discussed the various grants that could be used as part of the match. He specified they would need to have an MOU with OTC Connections, I.T. Logging, the Holmstrom Family, and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative--which already had a draft MOU to distribute. Green explained the council could approve him to submit a grant application under this scope and give him the authority to sign non-binding MOUs or they could meet Friday night to approve final drafts. Council discussed the importance of this grant and support of the scope as presented. They voiced that given the timeline it was more prudent to give Green the go ahead now. *There were no further comments or questions.*

Councilor Adair moved to approve the scope as presented and authorize the City Manager to finalize MOU's with the four parties listed. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

City Manager Green reviewed the items he planned to include on the next agenda, including items to discuss in executive session, and suggested a start time of 6PM. Mayor Lundbom checked in with councilors, staff and the audience. *No further comments or questions were heard.*


Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 23, 2019



Ron Lundbom, Mayor