

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

August 13, 2019

COUCILORS PRESENT:

Ron Lundbom, Mayor
David Holland, Councilor
Paul Smith, Councilor
Elliot Sky, Councilor
Shannon Adair, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Steve Schuette, Councilor
Gregg Haberly, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Monte Legg, Public Works Director
Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project Manager

Chantal DesJardin, Secretary
Mike Durr, Police Chief
Scott Moore, Sergeant

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rick Hanners, Blue Mountain Eagle
Logan Bagett, Elkhorn Media Group
Robert Watt, JD Rents & Outdoor Equip.
Bonnie Watt, JD Rents & Outdoor Equip.
Patti Powell, Homeowner
Mike Springer, Benchmark Surveying
Sherrie Rininger, etc.

Allison Field, GC Economic Development
Beth Simonsen, GC Economic Development
Shelly Whale-Murphy, Heart of Grant County
Valeda Grant, Heart of Grant County
Robert McNeil, Boulder Lane Landowner
Mary Lou Welby, Boulder Lane Landowner
Kenly Boss

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, noting everyone was present except Councilor Schuette and Councilor Haberly who were absent and excused.

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

No minutes for approval.

Agenda Item No. 4—Consent Agenda

No items for approval.

Agenda Item No. 5—City Council Appointments

City Manager Green reviewed the agenda memo. Councilor Sky noted he would be available to serve on the Digital Board.

Councilor Adair moved to nominate Councilor Sky to serve on the board for the Grant County Digital Network Coalition. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paul Smith and passed unanimously.

Council discussed and noted that Councilor Schuette would probably still be willing to serve.

Councilor Holland moved to nominate Councilor Schuette as Council President. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6— Resolution No. 19-820-21, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City

City Manager Green reviewed the information included in the agenda memo.

Councilor Holland moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-820-21, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7— Resolution No. 19-821-22, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City

City Manager Green explained all the property owners along the west side of Boulder Lane have signed Property Line Adjustment applications, agreeing with the dimensions of the proposed sale of about eighteen additional feet, extending their westerly property lines. He also reviewed the information included in the agenda memo.

Councilor Paul Smith moved to open the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-821-22, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City at 7:05PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

No comments.

Councilor Holland moved to close the public hearing at 7:05PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Councilor Holland moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-821-22, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8— Resolution No. 19-822-23, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City

City Manager Green reviewed the information included in the agenda memo.

Councilor Holland moved to open the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-822-23, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City at 7:06PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

No comments.

Councilor Holland moved to close the public hearing at 7:07PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Councilor Adair moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-822-23, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9— Resolution No. 19-823-24, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City

City Manager Green reviewed the information included in the agenda memo.

Councilor Sky moved to open the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-823-24, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City at 7:07PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

No comments.

Councilor Adair moved to close the public hearing for Resolution No. 19-823-24, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City at 7:08PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Councilor Paul Smith moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-823-24, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10— Resolution 19-824-25, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City

Corrections to the agenda were noted regarding a typo in the recommended motion. It was clarified the resolution to approve was 19-824-25. City Manager Green explain the change in ownership since public notice and subsequent changes to the proposed sale parcel to more accurately reflect the terrain. This resulted in a net decrease to the proposed sale as noted in the agenda memo.

Councilor Holland moved to open the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-824-25, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City at 7:10PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

No comments.

Councilor Adair moved to close the public hearing for Resolution No. 19-824-25, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City at 7:11PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Councilor Adair moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-824-25, A Resolution of City of John Day Approving the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located in City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 11— Heart of Grant County

Shelly Whale-Murphy gave an update on what Heart of Grant County actually does as a non-profit, community-based organization to help support and assist people who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, stalking, and teen dating violence. They work closely with community partners to help navigate resources in getting away from violence. She elaborated on some of the services they provide to their clients including education, emergency services, minor crisis counseling, short-term shelter housing, emergency transportation, in person-support, support group and a self-help library, outreach presentations and projects, and safety planning. It was clarified that they are not limiting assistance to women only, though that is the majority of cases, and that confidentiality is key, which has proven problematic at their current location due to high visibility on the highway.

Allison Field gave some background on the need for a trauma center, citing concerns of privacy and need for additional space. She stated they are still under contract negotiations and have not begun work on the project. Mayor Lundbom asked about an estimated timeline and how they fund daily operations. Field said it would likely be 2020 or 2021 and Whale-Murphy reported they are mostly funded through state and federal grants. Councilor Adair inquired about parking; they noted it was not finalized but would likely be garage spaces with, additional hidden parking, and hopefully gated access. Councilor Paul Smith asked about space for two families. Whale-Murphy noted there would be flexibility to allow even up to four single women and it is designed to be adaptable with two separate spaces. Councilors commented on the high statistics for utilization of their services and voiced appreciation for the additional information. Green noted it is permitted outright for land use but will still go through a site design review once they are ready to move forward.

Agenda Item No. 12—Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

City Manager Green noted that after a decade of discussion, designs are in development and will be going out for bid this year. He reviewed the information included in the agenda memo while he showed some maps associated with Phase 1 of the facility design, which included the new pipes moving current influent to the new facility. Green noted it was sent out to environmental review agencies and any other agencies who care to publicly comment on the Phase 1 Design; they have received feedback and will continue to receive more. Councilor Smith asked about percolation ponds staying; Green replied it is to be determined based on permitting but likely less if not any ponds due to alternative re-application processes. Green reviewed the financing layout and timeline included in the agenda memo. He asked the council how they would like to review the design specs and components of the draft RFP before they go out for bid. Councilors discussed and there was a consensus that the Public Works Committee and staff would provide good review. Green stated they are likely looking at a down payment of over a million dollars at the beginning of 2020 and reviewed the anticipated financing included in the agenda. He further elaborated of the anticipated purple pipe system and how that would be approached for the Oregon Water Resources Department grant. The USDA financing will likely include a grant portion of at two million but that can't know how much more than that. Green noted he is watching interest rates, which have been coming down. He will likely recommend locking in if there is another drop but they should be ready to commit because they won't get better than high two percent and they don't want to wait until they go up again. Green added that other funding sources may pop up, but these are the major sources they anticipate, and they are still on schedule. Also, if they are awarded the BUILD Grant, it may cover some of the costs for development components, reducing the treatment plant costs.

Agenda Item No. 13—TGM Area Plan Update & Brownfield Redevelopment Fund

City Manager Green explained in two weeks they will review about a dozen technical memorandum and a variety of aspects of the development code. He noted the included tech memo is notional but he wanted to point out the graphic on the final page essentially captures the scope of their BUILD grant application. He highlighted that it is important to make sure that, during the adoption process of the amendment to the Transportation Management Plan, all the projects in the BUILD grant are included, so they are ready to proceed if awarded. Councilor Adair asked about timing of the award notice; Green said it is supposed to be November, but they don't expect to know before January. He went on to review the information in the agenda memo regarding the brownfield redevelopment opportunities on the north side of the river. Green noted Baker Technical Institute could also contribute under their Natural Resources brownfield program, using the project as a teaching opportunity.

Mayor Lundbom asked about next steps. Green noted on the planning side they would complete assessments, considering the intended future use and on the technical assistance they would do Phase 1 and Phase 2. Councilor Paul Smith asked about timeline; Green replied if awarded the funding they could potentially have someone under contract before the end of the year. Councilor Sky asked about the planning for the river restoration and if that would coincide or be incorporated with redevelopment work. Green noted it could lead to next steps with the river restoration but not much more, it will not get into the details of how the rechanneling should look. Sky clarified he was if the restoration work would include planning for the potential changes or just be temporary until a decision is reached. Green noted that all of the restoration would include considerations for river restorations; ODFW has been a part of the working groups and another set of stakeholders would need to be brought in for that planning. Councilors noted there is not good reason to keep the debris and this is the direction needed; if they plan for any development in the future, an assessment will need to be done to know what is below the superficial problems. There was discussion about the planned route for extending Seventh Avenue and the associated trail, which accommodates for river rechanneling. If rechanneling is not done, they will need to decide what will be done in the greenway between the street and river.

Green also updated the council on the sections of trail from Oregon Pine Bridge to the last percolation pond and the Davis Creek area are constructed and in the final review stage; the North trail that runs above the percolation ponds and down to the riverfront will begin later in the month. The Phase 2 trails proposed for in the OPRD grant, is scheduled for a decision in late September. Allison Field asked if the trails are open to the public. There was discussion among staff; it was noted nobody will be kicked off, but it is still under construction, lacks fencing and signage, so people need to explore with caution. Councilor Holland added some concerns about certain sections of the trail he felt needed modification, staff noted they would review those areas but need to make sure it would not be development in the floodplain.

Green provided a handout of the results summary of the Innovation Gateway & Aquatics Center survey that will be available at the fair booth this week. He noted that 75% or more were in favor of the various proposals and 97% were in favor of the aquatic center.

Councilor Adair motioned for the city to move forward with applying for the BFR funding. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paul Smith and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 14—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

Mayor Lundbom and City Manager Green reviewed the upcoming meetings. Green elaborated on some of the details for the WEFTEC Conference. Council commended Green on the work he is doing that leads to the invitations at conferences.

Chief Durr updated the council on some recent burglaries and unlawful entries into cars, noting Sergeant Moore arrested three people involved that day.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 27, 2019



Ron Lundbom, Mayor