

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

January 14th, 2020

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Monte Legg, Public Works Director
Julie Larson, Senior Account Clerk

Don Gabbard, Fire Chief
Mike Durr, Police Chief
Daisy Goebel, Associate Planner
Oren Wyss, Treatment Plant Operator

GUESTS PRESENT:

Louis Provencher
Liz Aleman
Dusty Williams
Robert Pereira
Dean Nodine

Rudy Diaz
Jacob Marshall
Jody Moulton
Darin Toy
Chris Fox

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm, noting everyone was present.

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

Two sets of minutes were presented.

Councilor Schutte moved to approve the minutes from December 10th. Councilor Smith Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Holland moved to approve the minutes from December 17th. Councilor Schutte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the public and asked if there was anyone present for something not on the agenda. *None appearing.*

Agenda Item No. 4—Consent Agenda

City Manager Nick Green noted that regional development officer Scott Fairly passed away and requested that the council pay their respects by donating to one of the causes that Mr. Fairley supported. The council unanimously recommended the city donate \$200 to the Pendleton Animal Shelter.

City Manager Green discussed the redirect of funding to the 4th St. repairs. There was an error in the agreement that understated the cost of the repairs as \$50,000. ODOT resubmitted with accurate project cost earlier in the week. City Manager Green requested that the council review the SCA agreement again and approve.

Councilor Adair made a motion to approve the agreement pending final approval by the city manager and/or mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5—Resolution No. 20-828-01, A Resolution Establishing Water Rates, Deposits, and Other Related Charges

\$1/month rate increase. Clarification of city practices and policies. Drip allowance. A member of the public requested clarification on why the city continues to raise water rates if we are able to be competitive for grants. Councilor Holland clarified that the increase is intended to keep the water fund in the black and avoid a large jump in costs after several years of remaining stagnant. In addition, this resolution provides for a \$20 NSF charge for returned checks and a \$25 posting charge. Multi-unit metered customers will be charged an additional \$5 posting charge per unit.

Councilor Holland made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-828-01, A Resolution Establishing Water Rates, Deposits, and Other Related Charges. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6—Resolution No. 20-829-02, A Resolution Establishing Sewer Service and Connection Charges

\$1/month rate increase and clarification of city practices and policies. Monty Legg made a correction that the resolution should provide for commercial port-a-potty dumping, but not septic tank dumping. Questions were raised by Councilor Haberly regarding why septic tanks cannot be processed by the city sewage treatment plant. Mr. Legg explained the sewage treatment process and why the city can't take septic.

Councilor Haberly made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-829-02, A Resolution Establishing Sewer Service and Connection Charges as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

City manager Green gave an update on the status of funding for the wastewater treatment plant.

Agenda Item No. 7— Disaster Recovery – Status Update & Scoping Discussion

City manager Green announced the availability of congressionally appointed funds for disaster recovery. Economic Development has 190 million dedicated to our region. To apply, cities must be under a disaster declaration. The proposal must include a nexus to the disaster, a completed SEDs, and a comprehensive economic recovery strategy approved by EDA. EDA recommends a focus on long-term

economic recovery. Green explained that John Day is a strong candidate for funding in light of the city's industry and economic decline in addition to the disaster. Funding could go toward Oregon Pine, Riverfront Redevelopment, Wastewater Treatment Facility, and other projects. Already-planned capital improvement projects may act as city match. City Manager Green strongly recommended the city council consider the scope of the investment and prioritize projects that are applicable. The council generally agreed that the grant would be a beneficial opportunity for the city. Mayor Lundbom recommended the council convene with a group of stakeholders for a work session at 6:00 pm before the next council meeting on January 28th to evaluate the scope of the request and prioritize the projects involved.

Councilor Schutte made a motion to establish a work session with a group of stakeholders at 6:00 PM on January 28th. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8—Appointments to Planning Commission

Liz Aleman was invited to introduce herself and speak to her application. Ms. Aleman corrected an error in her application where it stated she had 4 decades of professional planning experience. This section should have stated that she had 3 decades of planning experience.

Councilor Sky made a motion to reappoint Tom Wilson to the John Day Planning Commission for another four-year term, and to appoint Elizabeth Aleman for a four-year term both ending on December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings including the work session on January 28th.


Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Schuette moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 28, 2020



Ron Lundbom, Mayor