

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

March 10th, 2020

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Steve Schuette, Council President

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Monte Legg, Public Works Director
Don Gabbard, Fire Chief
Mike Durr, Police Chief

Adam Heninger, Agribusiness Manager
Daisy Goebel, Associate Planner
Aaron Lieuallen, Project Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Louis Provencher
Darin Toy
Mindy Winegar

Stephanie LeQuieu
Ray Cox
Rudy Diaz, Blue Mountain Eagle

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

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

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

Minutes from February 25th were presented. No changes were presented.

Councilor Smith moved to approve the minutes from February 15th. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and 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. Louis Provencher suggested that the city provide general information regarding the topics discussed in executive sessions in public notices. The council agreed that this could be done in the future.

Agenda Item No. 4—Consent Agenda

No items were presented on the consent agenda.

Agenda Item No. 5—Resolution 20-830-03, A Resolution to Authorize Expenditures of the OPRD Integrated Park System Grant

City Manager Green presented the design for the integrated park system; the city needs approval to expend the funds granted and begin the process of soliciting bids for the first portion of this process on the west end of the 7th street complex. Green explained the different phases of the timeline and what the grant covers.

Councilor Adair made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-830-03, A Resolution to Authorize Expenditures of the OPRD Integrated Park System Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6—Notice of Intent to Award—4th Street Repairs

City Manager Green described the three bids the city considered during this process as well as the funding structure that will be utilized to complete these repairs. Green explained that the steering committee has scored the bids but has not checked references so an award recommendation will not be provided at this meeting. Green suggested the council hold another meeting before April, on a date that does not conflict with spring break. Ray Cox asked if the design and approach have been finalized; Green clarified that it has not been and the engineers they select will assist with the design process.

Agenda Item No. 7—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

Green provided an update on the wastewater treatment process; he also updated the council on the BUILD grant process and where we can improve in the next cycle. Bids will be going up for additional street repair projects in the next few weeks. The city reviewed the hotel/conference center project and the plan for designing and constructing this portion of the innovation gateway. This design as well as the aquatic center will be presented at a future council meeting in April. Green explained the two-phase approach to the aquatic center design, which was presented to the council. Green discussed the RERC process and announced that they would be working more closely with mountain bike groups moving forward in this process. Darin Toy explained the opportunity and needs of mountain bikers in order to take advantage of our area and capitalizing on trail development in town.

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings and asked if councilors had anything to add. Councilor Smith asked if several items could be added to the budget including giving a line item to Hope 4 Paws and providing the police department with funding for cameras in public spaces. Green said he would look into the city's funding options for assisting with developing a camera system. Stephanie LeQuieu requested that the city provide funding for Hope 4 Paws in the form of vaccines for pets. Councilor Sky requested that the city take a broader approach to assisting with financial support for small local nonprofits. Green announced that our community promotion line item could potentially be expanded and the council agreed that this would be a productive use of funds. Mayor Lundbom asked what the city would like to do to beautify our downtown this spring. Monte Legg explained that the weight of planters on downtown light fixtures was too heavy but other options would be explored. Councilor Haberly brought up the Cycle Oregon group and council discussed their plans for coming to the community. Staff are coordinating closely with Cycle Oregon and other local agencies to accommodate their needs. Councilor Haberly asked if the economic benefits of the group were worth it. Councilor Adair said they definitely saw an increase in sales at 1188 as a result of the last event.

Green suggested that this discussion be added to the next agenda. Mindy Winegar provided input regarding her view of Cycle Oregon and disagreed with Councilor Adair's assessment of how much economic investment Cycle Oregon provides the city. Winegar gave an update on what is happening at the fairgrounds and what projects she is pursuing with the master plan. Aaron Lieuallen spoke to the council about how well the public works department has been doing. Chief Durr updated the council on recent burglaries in our area and the investigation the police department did. The department pursued a lead on Friday that led to the recovery of the vast majority of the stolen property. Adam Heninger gave an update on the greenhouse, he and Chief Gabbard recently attended a conference in Arizona which helped them improve grow cycles and increase efficiency at the greenhouse.

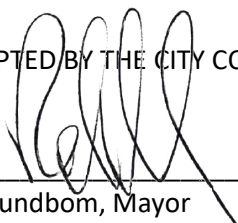
Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 14, 2020



Ron Lundbom, Mayor