

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

March 20th, 2020

COUCILORS PRESENT:

Ron Lundbom, Mayor
Steve Schuette, Council President (by phone)
Shannon Adair, Councilor
Paul Smith, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Elliot Sky, Councilor
David Holland, Councilor
Gregg Haberly, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mike Durr, Police Chief
Scott Moore (by phone)

GUESTS PRESENT:

By Phone or Computer: Ersela Dehiya, Betsy Oakes, Sherrie Rininger, Misty Palmer, Tia Barrietua, Adam Whitaker

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the emergency meeting to order at 6:00 pm, noting councilors present and absent.

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the public to the virtual city council meeting in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agenda Item No. 4— Resolution No. 20-831-04 - State of Emergency Declaration

City Manager Green presented the emergency declaration resolution on the advice of legal counsel to allow for continuity of operations of our local government during the COVID-19 outbreak. He explained the emergency declaration resolution, which would be in effect for 30 days with the option to extend it. The resolution proposed authorizes the city manager to effectively run the city in the event the council cannot meet – and to make all necessary decisions for the orderly operation of the government until those decisions can be ratified or rescinded by the city council. Some decisions we have already implemented, like restricting access to public buildings. Green said we could end up under stay at home guidelines that do not allow us to meet publicly. This allows for continuity until the council can meet.

Mayor Lundbom asked for feedback from callers on the line. None appearing.

Councilor Adair moved to approve Resolution No. 20-831-04, A Resolution of the City of John Day Declaring A State Of Emergency In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic; and Authorizing the City Manager to Take Actions Necessary and Appropriate to Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the City and City’s Citizens. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and passed unanimously.

Green said he would schedule the April 14 city council meeting virtually and we will continue to hold virtual meetings while the Oregon State of Emergency is in place. He also noted we have put information on the city website at cityofjohnday.com/COVID to keep residents apprised of information related to the virus and its impacts on our government and essential services in the event we go to a shelter-in-place.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Adair moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 14, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Lundbom', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ron Lundbom, Mayor