

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

April 28th, 2020

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Gregg Haberly, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Daisy Goebel, City Planner
Mike Durr, Police Chief

GUESTS PRESENT:

By Phone or Computer: Stephanie LeQuieu, Rudy Diaz, Sherrie Rininger

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, noting all councilors were present besides Councilor Haberly who was excused.

Agenda Item No. 2—Approval of Prior Minutes

The minutes from the April 14th City Council meeting were presented. *No changes were proposed.*

Councilor Holland made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Adair seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the public to the virtual city council meeting and asked if there was anything they would like to add to tonight's agenda. *None appearing.*

Agenda Item No. 5—Resolution No. 20-832-05, A Resolution to Declare Accounts Uncollectible and take off the Books as Receivable

City Manager Green explained the process of collecting water and sewer accounts and explained why some were not able to be collected.

Councilor Schuette moved to approve Resolution No. 20-832-05, A Resolution to Declare Accounts Uncollectible and Take off the Books as Receivable. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6—EDA Grant Update

Green reviewed the final EDA Grant graphics and components including the Innovation Gateway plan, fiber optic network plan, map of areas impacted by flooding, new wastewater treatment plan, and upcoming street repairs. In addition to the familiar high-level Innovation Gateway plan, Green presented a more detailed map and renderings of the restored wetlands, event center, hotel, water gardens, community pavilion, riverfront park, community garden, event lawn, and expanded greenhouse. These graphics are focused on creating a vibrant community space, encouraging business expansion, and diversifying economic opportunities. Images of existing structures and development cost estimates will also be included. This project will create 36 new permanent jobs on top of working with local businesses and contractors throughout all stages of construction and development. The EDA grant will be submitted next week and the city will receive notification within 60 days. Green told the council that he does not anticipate this timeframe being expanded due to COVID-19, but he did announce that the EDA will be providing additional funding opportunities related to coronavirus relief to communities similar to John Day.

Green presented a graph of the productivity of different crops in the greenhouse. The steep hills and valleys illustrate the need for more grow space. The focus group survey results showed that increased variety and reduced cost are high priorities for consumers. Staff is exploring the possibility of direct-to-consumer sales and expanding the market outside of the city. Survey results showed that consumers rated the quality of greenhouse produce very highly.

Agenda Item No. 7—Police Report, Vehicle Replacement & Equipment Upgrades

Police Chief Mike Durr spoke about recent burglaries and car break-ins. Investigations by the John Day Police and other agencies resulted in the identification of five persons allegedly responsible. Many of the stolen goods were recovered and several of the suspects were arrested.

City Manager Green explained the need for a new police vehicle. The city's current police vehicles have been inherited from other police departments and require a consistently large budget outlays for upkeep and repairs. Green proposed a five-year lease option for \$12,278 where the vehicle would be owned outright afterwards. These vehicles are fully-equipped and radio systems are upgraded and could be used for public works after the police department is done using them. The vehicle is in stock and can begin the up-fitting next month. The first payment would be made this fiscal year and the remaining four payments would begin next fiscal year.

Councilor Schuette recommended council approve the five-year lease option for \$12,278. Councilor Adair seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8—Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Agreement and Professional Services Agreements

Green updated the council on the brownfield redevelopment fund. The city has been awarded about \$60,000 grant with a 6,000 matching funds needed from the city. The full \$66,000 can be used as a match for the EDA grant. The scope of the brownfield redevelopment includes site assessment including wetland delineation, hazardous building materials survey, and soil sampling and analysis. This work will be done by Maul Foster and Alongi. Councilor Holland asked that chinook salmon be included in the

portion of the proposal that spoke to threatened and endangered species. Green agreed that this should be proposed.

Councilor Smith moved to authorize the city manager and mayor to sign the Brownfield Redevelopment Fund grant agreement with the Oregon Business Development Department for the Oregon Pine Focused Site Assessment, provided the agreement is substantially in the format and terms of the application and prior brownfield development agreements. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Councilor Sky moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the city's standard professional services agreement with Maul Foster Alongi for the Phase 1 ESA for the Iron Triangle property for a not-to-exceed price of \$38,000 based on their bid dated November 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette and passed unanimously.

Councilor Adair moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the city's standard professional services agreement with Maul Foster and Alongi for the Oregon Pine focused site assessment for a not-to-exceed price of \$65,000 based on their bid dated November 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8—Other Business and Upcoming Meetings

Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings and expressed hope that the council would be able to meet in person by the end of May.

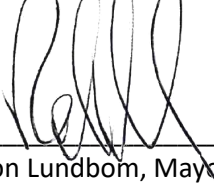
Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 12, 2020



Ron Lundbom, Mayor