

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

June 9, 2020

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

David Holland, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Anna Bass, Solutions CPAs
Chantal DesJardin, Secretary
Don Gabbard, Fire Chief

GUESTS PRESENT (IN PERSON):

Rudy Diaz
Logan Bagett
Andy Day
Chris Fox
Lisa Weigum
Zach Williams
Marissa Williams
Sam Palmer
Russ Young
Stephanie Williams
Dusty Williams

GUESTS PRESENT (VIRTUALLY):

Louis
Bret, Uptmor
Aaron Lieuallen
541-620-372
Chris
Didgette McCracken
Stephanie LeQuieu
831-596-1771
541-620-1125
Logan Bagett

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 6:04PM, noting everyone was present except Councilor Holland, who was excused.

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

Councilor Schuette moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and passed unanimously.

Councilor Adair moved to approve the audio recorded city council minutes of May 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haberly and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the audience. *No items added to the agenda.*

Agenda Item No. 4—Executive Session

Mayor Lundbom read the executive session notice as included in the agenda memo.

Councilor Smith moved to enter executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e). The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette and passed unanimously.

Council met in executive session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Councilor Schuette moved to leave executive session at 6:43PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously. Council then recessed.

Agenda Item No. 5—Items for Approval on Consent Agenda

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting back into order at 7:00PM. He asked if anyone had something to add to the agenda; Stephanie LeQuieu was added to Item 13.

No items for approval on the consent agenda.

Agenda Item No. 6—Public Hearing for Resolution No. 20-834-07—A Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Councilor Smith moved to open the public hearing for Resolution No. 20-834-07, A Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette and passed unanimously.

No public comment.

Councilor Adair moved to close the public hearing for Resolution No. 20-834-7, A Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Councilor Schuette moved to approve Resolution No. 20-834-07, A Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7—Resolution No. 20-835-08—A Resolution to Appropriate Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Councilor Adair moved to approve Resolution No. 20-835-08, A Resolution to Appropriate Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously

Agenda Item No. 8—Resolution No. 20-836-09— A Resolution of the City of John Day, Grant County, Oregon Approving Participation in the State Revenue Sharing Program

Councilor Sky moved to approve Resolution No. 20-836-09, A Resolution of the City of John Day, Grant County, Oregon Approving Participation in the State Revenue Sharing Program. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9—Resolution No. 20-837-10— A Resolution to Impose and Categorize Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Councilor Adair moved to approve Resolution No. 20-837-10, A Resolution to Impose and Categorize Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10—Resolution No. 20-838-11—A Resolution Extending Workers’ Compensation Coverage to the Volunteers of the City of John Day

Councilor Schuette moved to approve Resolution No. 20-838-11, A Resolution Extending Workers’ Compensation Coverage to the Volunteers of the City of John Day. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 11—Resolution No. 20-839-12—A Resolution to Support Grant County Initiating a Ballot Measure to Establish a County Service District for the Purposes of Providing and Operating a New Public Swimming Pool for the Residents of Central Grant County

City Manager Green reviewed the extensive work the steering committee has done to try and replace the city pool before it is lost altogether. City Council approved the spending of \$73,200 on the new design, but the actual came in at \$69,720, just under \$30,000 of which was local money with the remainder funded by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department. Green stated there is no money budgeted in the coming fiscal year except from anticipated funding from a property sale, which will be held for five years for the new pool if it is approved by voters. Green noted the Kam Wah Chung master plan is proceeding and the State is actively working to put forward the new interpretive center at the site, as discussed.

City Manager Green also discussed the constantly shifting COVID-19 regulations and JDCC Parks & Recreation decision not to open the pool for the summer season. He noted that it was a very late decision to allow public pools to open during Phase 2 and some of the effects that last-minute notice and other factors had on making it unfeasible for Gleason to open for the season.

Concerned residents inquired about what the specific restrictions were that made it unfeasible and if the tax money that was used to subsidize the pool would be refunded to taxpayers. City Manager Green noted restrictions were included with the agenda and are available on the website and he reviewed some of the restrictions with additional comments from Lisa Weigum, Parks and Recreation District Board Member. Weigum spoke to the roadblocks of staffing and maintenance necessary before they could open, along with the provisions they were responsible for enforcing once they were open to enforce strict social distancing measures that would be difficult with the limited staffing and small pool area. She noted their insurance provider would require complete compliance 100% of the time, otherwise all their liability insurance would be lost for any kind of accident, even if not COVID-19 related. This compliance included an extensive plan of operations that had to be submitted before opening, further shortening the season. Weigum also touched on some of the other pools in eastern Oregon and their discovery that it was not feasible for them either.

There was discussion about what the other cities had done regarding passing resolutions similar to John Day’s to refer the new pool to the voters on the November ballot. John Day City Council supported that it should be put on the ballot to give voters the chance to choose. There was discussion about the

process for referring on the ballot. Dusty Williams commented on the city surveys being sent by Mt. Vernon, Canyon City and Prairie City related to the pool, adding that once it is on the ballot John Day, in numbers, could outvote anyone in other cities who voted against the measure. Green responded that when it comes to numbers, due to the proposed District's size, John Day does not hold the majority of votes – Canyon City and Prairie City outnumber John Day, and that does not include the people in Mt. Vernon and the surrounding areas. Lisa Weigum also commented that the surveys were not an accurate measurement because they were sent to water account holders, not the register voters, which is who would vote on a ballot measure. Stephanie LeQuieu noted as a Mt. Vernon resident, she didn't feel that there was adequate time to return the survey, it was delivered in an odd form of mail, and the explanation of cost was not thorough, it was generalized, and didn't provide an opportunity to make an informed decision. It could have been more straight forward and descriptive. Lisa Weigum noted that Canyon City's survey did not include anything stating that a decision would be made based on the results. County Commissioner Sam Palmer noted that he had done some constituent outreach but no formal decision had been made in county court. He added that he was leaning towards putting it on the ballot, even if not in favor of adding taxes on property owners. Councilor Smith commented that the report was well written, and the city's money spent was well worth it to draft a report for replacement.

Councilor Adair moved to approved Resolution No. 20-839-12, A Resolution to Support Grant County Initiating A Ballot Measure to Establish a County Service District for the Purposes of Providing and Operating a New Public Swimming Pool for the Residents of Central Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schuette and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 12—Riverside Home Park Appeal of Ordinance No. 20-180-01 and Ordinance No. 20-185-06

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

Councilor Schuette moved to withdraw Ordinance No. 20-181-01 and Ordinance No. 20-185-06 and request the city planning staff resubmit Code Amendments AMD-20-01 and AMD-20-06 to the John Day Planning Commission for consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair. Mayor Lundbom asked how it would affect previous development; Green clarified because the thirty day period had not lapsed, the ordinance had never gone into effect and therefore no development had been affected. There was discussion with Chris Fox regarding his current code violations and enforcement proceedings. Green noted that some components of the code are not clear regarding development of manufactured homes and since a Code Interpretation was not effective, a more clear, precise, and consistent language was vital to ensuring understanding of the standards for both property owners and city staff. He emphasized the ordinances are not meant to be punitive, but provide uniformity and clarity to guide development and it is beneficial for the planning commission and city council to have an opportunity to receive Riverside's input prior to going to the Land Use Board of Appeals. There was further discussion about the condition of the homes in the park, resident's perception of their condition, and Chris Fox's challenges regarding nuisance code compliance.

Mayor Lundbom called for a vote on the motion, it was passed unanimously in favor.

Agenda Item No. 13—Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

Stephanie LeQuieu noted due to new social distancing guidelines, they will need to mark stalls on SW Brent Street and inquired about using paint or tape; Public Works Director Monte Legg noted due to COVID-19, he was okay with the additional paint, as long as they used the paint that washes away.

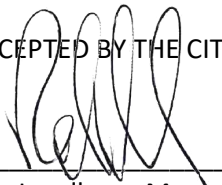
Mayor Lundbom reviewed the upcoming meetings and topics for discussion. He checked in with councilors and staff. Green noted he would schedule the study sessions sometime in the first few weeks of July.

Councilor Schuette motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green
City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 14, 2020



Ron Lundbom, Mayor