

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

July 14th, 2020

COUCILORS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

Gregg Haberly, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Green, City Manager
Mike Durr, Police Chief
Lindsay Bullock, Secretary

Don Gabbard, Fire Chief
Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

(in person)
Rudy Diaz, Blue Mountain Eagle

(Virtual)
Sean Maloney, ODOT Region 5
Logan Baggett, Elkhorn Media
Martha
Stephanie
Sherri Rininger
Allison Field
Caller 03
Caller 04

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Mayor Lundbom called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., noting everyone was present except Councilor Gregg Haberly, who was absent and excused.

Agenda Item No. 2—Approval of Prior Minutes

The minutes from the June 9th, 2020 City Council Meeting were presented.

Councilor Schuette made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Adair seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

Mayor Lundbom welcomed the public to the city council meeting and asked if there was anything they would like to add to the agenda. *Stephanie was added after the consent agenda as Item No. 5. Sherri Rininger was added after Stephanie as Item No. 6.*

Agenda Item No. 4 – Consent Agenda

Councilor Holland commented the proposed street name doesn't help people understand where to go; for fire, police or delivery logistics, the ease of finding it could be a problem. If it was a city street, it would logically be named NW 6th Ave, but he is unsure if they have the authority to decide that. City Manager Green stated the code is unclear, but ultimately it is up to the council to assign street names within the city. Police Chief Durr stated the town is small enough that emergency services would know where to go if a call came in.

Councilor Sky moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, which approves the street designation of the private lane “NW River Rock Lane” as part of LP-19-03. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Stephanie, Item No. 5:

Mayor Lundbom stated Stephanie has been collecting names of businesses who are interested in applying for COVID relief funds. Per Stephanie, she doesn't have exact numbers, but there were a lot of applicants, majority from City of JD. \$10 million from Business Oregon but it's really strict. Stephanie stated she submitted her report from April and May. City Manager Green has received it but has not given it to the council due to confidential information contained in it. Once the confidential information is removed it will be submitted for review. Start up and entrepreneur grants have been received and are becoming ready to help between 1-3 new businesses setting up in town.

Sky: businesses weathering COVID well? Money worthwhile? Some businesses have weathered okay, but the majority have been hammered and the money is well worth it, but is not nearly enough. The biggest detriment that could happen now is a reversion to level 1 and closure.

Sherri Rininger: Action Item No. 6

Ms. Rininger asked if there are any plans in the near future to re-paint downtown crosswalks. City Manager Green said there is money in the budget for it and Public Works will make it happen. Ms. Rininger next asked if the City of John Day has an ordinance against panhandling in the city limits, out of concern over a situation that occurred during the recent holiday weekend. A family was situated at the traffic light intersection with a sign requesting money. Ms. Rininger stated that she had called Chief Durr about it, and Chief Durr said they'd keep an eye on the situation. According to Ms. Rininger, the couple in question was later found to be scammers. Ms. Rininger asked that if there is no current ordinance, can one be made? Chief Durr stated that ministerial aid is the official route to go, and people are encouraged to go to the police department to receive help instead of panhandling. Mayor Lundbom stated he hesitated to make new rules or ordinances after one occurrence and instead suggested citizens be guided to the correct path. Councilor Adair agreed that if this becomes a regular problem in the future it should be addressed then.

Agenda Item No. 7—395 S. Sidewalk Project

Sean Maloney provided an update of their concept plan for the project.

Mayor Lundbom asked why the water couldn't be put into a pipe and dumped in Canyon Creek. Mr. Maloney stated due to endangered fish species that could be affected as well as the need to purchase a right-of-way to proceed, the most logical decision is as presented. Councilor Holland stated he has been part of this process since the beginning, and every year or two years that it was put off, the price has continued to increase exponentially. He asked if this trend would continue to the extent that the project could not be completed. Mr. Maloney stated different scopes have included different options, but now with enhanced funding and the decision of what to do with the ground water, he does not expect too much fluctuation in their cost. Mr. Maloney offered to keep City Manager Green and the council updated with any changes to the estimate. Mayor Lundbom requested an update in the future by Mr. Maloney.

Agenda Item No. 8—4th Avenue Repairs

Councilor Adair moved to approve the professional services agreement with GHD Engineering Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9—Integrated Park System

City Manager Green provided a bid overview for the 7th Street Parking area and discussed the phases and next steps for the project.

Agenda Item No. 10—Treatment Plant Update & Funding Application

Councilor Smith moved to approve the Flagline scope of work, as submitted, and authorize the city manager to award a services agreement to Flagline subject to final review and approval by Business Oregon, USDA and the city attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Council President Schuette moved to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to apply for \$1.5 million in water/wastewater financing through Business Oregon for the treatment plant, through one or more applications as needed. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 11—John Day Community Broadband

City Manager Green requested that if the grant is awarded, he be allowed to immediately begin working with Comm Structure Engineering, the City's established partner through this process, without having to bring it to a future council meeting, in order to save time and begin work right away, as the project is time-sensitive.

Councilor Sky made a motion that City Manager Green be allowed to begin work with Comm Structure Engineering without consulting the council upon approval, provided the grant is funded through the state CARES act. The motion was seconded by Holland and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 12—Innovation Gateway Update & Funding Applications

City Manager Green Recapped the progress made on Innovation Gateway projects so far this year. Two brownfield redevelopment grants were awarded, the iron triangle property acquisition was completed on June 30th, the environmental site assessments and wetland delineations have been completed for both properties and are in the review process; eight wetlands have been identified on one properties. Groundwater testing for the Iron Triangle and Oregon Pine properties will need to occur in the next two months. Green proposed that after a clean bill of health is provided, the city create a joint trenching project to co-locate fiber, power, conduit, and water. Streets and sewer would still need to be constructed for the sites. This project will also include widening of access streets for future improvements. Nick announced that the city is preparing site design reviews for the industrial park and Iron Triangle is preparing theirs for the subdivision plat so that these projects will be shovel-ready by September 15th when the BUILD grant is announced.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Resolution No. 20-840-13, A Resolution to Declare Accounts Uncollectable and Take Off Books as Receivable

Councilor Adair moved to approve Resolution No. 20-840-13, A Resolution to Declare Accounts Uncollectible and Take off Books as Receivable. The motion was seconded by Council President Schuette and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

- July 21, City Council Study Session, 7 P.M. Virtual/Fire Hall
- July 28, City Council Meeting, 7 P.M. Virtual/Fire Hall
- August 11, City Council Meeting, 7 P.M. Virtual/Fire Hall
- August 25, City Council Meeting, 7 P.M. Virtual/Fire Hall

Adjourn


There being no further business before the council, Councilor Schuette moved to adjourn the meeting at 08:24 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adair and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green

City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON July 28, 2020



Ron Lundbom, Mayor