

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

April 25th, 2023

COUCILORS PRESENT:

Heather Rookstool, Mayor
Sherrie Rininger, Councilor
David Holland, Councilor
Katrina Randleas, Councilor
Elliot Sky, Councilor
Ron Phillips, Councilor

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Lieuallen
Rick Allen, Interim City Manager
Stephanie Allen, Senior Accountant (Virtual)
Casey Myers, Public Works Director (Virtual)
Sarah Wright, Cashier

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jon Meiling
Eric Bush
Heather Swank
Carl Swank
Cam Marlowe
Bob Pereira
Chris Labhart

ONLINE GUESTS PRESENT:

Greg Caller 1
Dave Z. Caller 2
Justin
Shannon Adair
Justin Davis
Michele
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Agenda Item No. 1—Call Regular Council Meeting to Order

Mayor Rookstool called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item No. 2—Roll Call and Attendance

Mayor Rookstool noted that all councilors were present.

Agenda Item No. 3—Amend or Accept Regular Agenda

Mayor Rookstool gave amendments to the agenda as follows: Eric Bush is going to be added to the agenda for senior leader training on June 6th. There will be minutes from the City Council Meeting on April 11th, 2023 that will need to be approved as well as the check register.

Agenda Item No. 4—Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda for approval:

- a) Check Register

b) Approval of April 11th, 2023 City Council Minutes.

Councilor Rininger made a motion to approve the minutes from April 11th, 2023 as well as the check register. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randleas and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5—Public Comments

Mayor Rookstool welcomed the public and asked if there was anyone present for something not on the agenda.

Cam Marlowe came forward asking where we stood with R3. Mayor Rookstool stated that R3 was already submitted to the state with Burns and Lakeview only. If the state accepts that, then we can go to the board and request to become a member. Until everything goes through the process there isn't much we can do about it now.

Agenda Item No. 6—Swearing in New Council Member – Chris Labhart

Mayor Rookstool swore in new council member Chris Labhart.

Agenda Item No. 7—Eric Bush, Senior Leader Training

Eric Bush encourages every council member to attend 6 hours of training on June 6th at the airport. One of the challenges as a small community is we don't have as many opportunities to deal with disasters, this training will be a great opportunity for that.

Agenda Item No. 8—Native Grass Landscaping Grant – JD River Trail Section

Aaron Lieuallen stated that Malheur Lumber had a settlement with the DEQ and they approved the cities project. The settlement is \$42,100. The project will be doing some erosion control, bank stabilization and beautification. There is no additional cost for the city.

Councilor Sky made a motion to move forward with the Native Grass Landscaping Grant—JD River Trail Section. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randleas and passed 7-0.

Agenda Item No. 9—Resolution Grant County Digital 23

Mayor Rookstool opened with the CyberMill side. Praire City opened their CyberMill in October of 2022 with 166 total users and 40 bookings. Seneca opened their CyberMill in November 2021.

Grant County Digital's mission is to bring affordable, reliable, high-quality broadband access to the citizens of Grant County. One of the big early work projects was securing 6 million dollars in federal funding for mile fiber to Seneca, Long Creek, Monument, Kimberley and Spray. The Ford Family Foundation grant for \$250,000 and the Oregon Brownfields grant for \$60,000 will cover the cost of the CyberMill construction.

Councilor Sky made a motion to approve the Resolution for Grant County Digital with the amendments presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randleas and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10—Approval City Manager Recruitment Solicitation and Salary Range

Greg Prothman and Dave Zabell were virtually present to discuss the city manager position profile. Prothman stated that he thinks the most relevant thing for the council to think about tonight is the compensation elements. They've recommended a salary range from \$85,000 to \$145,000, which is significantly larger than the last city manager. The range provides council with the opportunity to hire a rising star without overpaying. Anna Bass reviewed it and we are currently budgeted for \$120,000 for the city manager salary.

Councilor Randleas made a motion to approve the city manager recruitment solicitation and salary range as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 11—Additional Comments, Announcements, and Department Reports

The next council meeting is on May 9th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

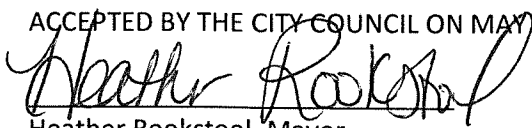
Adjourn

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Randleas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sky and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rick Allen
Interim City Manager

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 9TH, 2023


Heather Rookstool, Mayor