

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

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

Heather Rookstool, Mayor  
David Holland, Council President  
Katrina Randleas, Councilor  
Chris Labhart, Councilor  
Ron Phillips, Councilor  
Sherrie Rininger, Councilor

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Don Gabbard, Fire Chief  
Casey Myers, Public Works Director  
Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project Manager  
Stephanie Allen (Virtual)  
Savannah Lovell (Virtual)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Heather Swank	Russell Comer
Kings Williams	Josh Walker
Shannon Adair	Steve Fischer
Susanna Julber	Judy Schuette
Bob Pereira	John Rowell
Jim Spell	

**Agenda Item No. 1—Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Agenda Item No. 2—Roll Call and Attendance**

Mayor Rookstool noted that all councilors were present as well as Interim City Manager Rick Allen.

**Agenda Item No. 3—Amend or Accept Regular Agenda**

Mayor Rookstool asked if there were any amendments or changes to the regular agenda. Mayor Rookstool wants to add a discussion about having an executive session with the recruiting team to talk about the City Manager application.

***Councilor Rininger made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 4—Consent Agenda**

Items on the consent agenda for approval:

- a) Approval of Check Register
- b) Approval of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Council Minutes
- c) Lease Grant County Cyber Mill Building Seneca
- d) Lease Rally Networks Cyber Mill Building Seneca

***Councilor Randleas made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

Mayor Rookstool stated Nick Green is not to be contacted by The City Employees or City Council unless it's approved because we no longer have a contract with him.

**Agenda Item No. 5—Public Comments**

Shannon Adair would like to do something more to inform the public on where we stand with the waste water treatment plant. Adair also wants to know who publicly is going to handle the easements for this project. Nick Decote is handling most of the project management tasks. There have been follow up meetings happening and the city is going to become more informed on updates for this project.

Judy Schuette came forward and wants the council to give some serious thought into who they have been going to for the answers. She believes it is Nick Green because he knows the answer. She urges the council to take the straightest path they can to make sure they have the right person in place who can handle and oversee this project. She believes it's long past due for Council to put aside any personal baggage and think about the responsibilities for completing this project and what is best for the City.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Iron Triangle Development Agreement Term Extension**

The City has a development agreement with Iron Triangle. Rick Allen stated that the agreement needed to be updated because it was expired in order to submit a \$325,000 payment. They changed the date in the agreement to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There is a follow up meeting with Iron Triangle at the end of the month to figure out some of the next steps for the other projects that they have pending.

***Councilor Rininger made a motion to approve the Iron Triangle Development Agreement Term Extension. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randleas and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 7—Transportation Equity Project: Priority Projects & Update**

The City of John Day applied for and was awarded grant funding in 2022 through the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). The project goals are to identify areas where sidewalks, multi-use paths, bicycle lanes, and access to transit could be improved throughout the community. This project originated from community feedback. The ultimate goal is to position the City for future funding opportunities.

**Agenda Item No. 8—Professional Services Agreement (HECO) Purple Pipe Project**

HECO will be doing the construction engineering for the Purple Pipe Project as well as the design engineering.

***Councilor Randleas made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with HECO for the Purple Pipe Project pending legal review. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rininger and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 9—Council Vacancy Process**

Elliot Sky turned in his resignation effective immediately because he is moving, so he is no longer on council. Applications for council can be picked up at The City Hall or online. The deadline for these applications will be July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item No. 10—Executive Session for Recruiting Team**

There will be an executive session June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm with the recruiting team.

**Agenda Item No. 10—Additional Department, Council or Other Comments**

There will be a work session for R3 on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Burns, Oregon.

***Councilor Randleas made a motion that City Hall is closed on June 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the National Holliday as well as Public Works. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.***

Councilor Labhart welcomed the Mayor of Canyon City and stated they are willing and able to work with him regarding any projects.

**Adjourn**

***There being no further business before the council, Councilor Randleas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Heather Rookstool  
Mayor

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Heather Rookstool, Mayor