

**CITY OF JOHN DAY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JOHN DAY, OREGON**

June 13th, 2023

COUCILORS PRESENT:

Heather Rookstool, Mayor
David Holland, Council President
Katrina Randleas, Councilor
Ron Phillips, Councilor
Chris Labhart, 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
King 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 work session to order at 6:00 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—Work Session Discussion Items

a. Water Reclamation Project—Purple Pipe Project

John Day got awarded almost 3 million dollars in August of 2022 to design and build the purple pipe distribution system. The Purple Pipe is an underground pipe system that goes from the new treatment plant to a variety of end users for our Class A waste water discharge. The waste water discharge can be used for a lot of different purposes such as irrigating a golf course or a park. The City awarded HECO engineers to design the purple pipe. The end users will pay for the purple pipe water which will bring revenue back to the city to help pay for this system.

b. Waste Water Treatment Project

Nick Decote opened this up by saying there are 6 different tasks that are going on with this project. The big project they are working on is the environmental compliance consultation. There were public comments made by Fish and Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries with concerns about this project, which opened up a consultation process. The big issue is the monitoring that the fish services want the City to do in order to use the facility. If we are able to agree on the fish monitoring then we can submit a biological assessment, then the fish services have to give a biological opinion which will be adopted by USDA.

c. Notice of Violations and Orders to Abate and Vacate Property

As of right now no action has been taken. Chris Emery is planning on putting an add out to sell the property, whoever buys it will be responsible for cleaning it up. Rick Allen is going to take the violation and record it so the buyer sees it when they do a title search on the property. The building that he is not cleaning up is affecting the tenants on both sides of the property.

Agenda Item No. 4—Additional Comments

No additional comments were made.

Agenda Item No. 5—Adjourn Work Session

There being no further business before the council, Councilor Holland moved to adjourn the work session at 6:52 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randleas and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Heather Rookstool
Mayor

ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON July 25th, 2023


Heather Rookstool, Mayor