**CITY OF JOHN DAY**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

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Sherrie Rininger, Mayor

Chris Labhart, Councilor

Bradley Hale, Councilor

Ron Phillips, Councilor

Vern Pifer, Councilor

Heather Swank, Councilor

Eric Bush, Council President (Excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Melissa Bethel, City Manager

Rob Gaslin, Contract Finance

Casey Myers, Public Works Director

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

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Agenda Item No. 2—Pledge of Allegiance**

The City Council stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item No. 3—Roll Call and Attendance**

All councilors were present besides Councilor Bush who is excused.

**Agenda Item No. 4—Amend or Accept Regular Agenda**

***Councilor Hale moved to accept the agenda as published. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pifer and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 5—Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Consent Agenda**

1. Accounts Payable through 2-11-25
2. Minutes of 12-17-24 and 2-11-25

***Councilor Hale made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Swank and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 7—Approval of Contract City Engineer**

The City put out an RFP for an Engineer of Record to provide engineering services as an independent contractor. The City expects to use the engineering services 15-30 hours per month. The City received 4 proposals but one didn’t meet the qualifications. Dyer Partnership had a thorough understanding of the Cities expectations and are familiar with the City.

***Councilor Hale made a motion to have City Manager move forward on a contract with Dyer Partnership for engineering services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pifer and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 8—Discussion regarding cost to repair Vac Truck**

Myers put out a request for council action for the repairs of the Vac Truck’s blower assembly which quit working in November. In the case of a sewer plug up or overflow this piece of equipment is crucial.

***Councilor Labhart made a motion to approve the amount of $23,700 with Enviro-Clean Equipment to repair the Vac Truck. The motion was seconded by Councilor Swank and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 9—Charter Amendment discussion for appointed officials**

Councilor Labhart would like to see the City amend our election ordinance. The majority of Council has been elected rather than appointed. Councilor Labhart believes that people in the community need to have elected officials. The Council agreed a charter amendment is not a top priority at this time.

**Agenda Item No. 10—Financial Update**

Gaslin presented a budget to actual report to Council.

**Agenda Item No. 11—City Manager Comments**

1. Goal setting session

Bethel found a company that does goal setting for Councils. She reached out to Steve and asked if he would be willing to come do a goal setting session and he agreed. Council agreed on doing this March 10th at 8am.

There will be a workshop for the URA to provide information to everyone.

The City needs Budget Committee Members and Planning Commissioners.

The auditors have run into some past issues they are trying to work out but they are still actively working on it.

**Agenda Item No. 12—Mayor and Council Comments**

The camping Ordinance and IGA with the Sheriff’s Department is in place, the next step is to put up signs in the designated area. The RV that has been parked there has been tagged then it can be towed.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business before council the meeting was adjourned.

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Melissa Bethel, CM