



CITY OF JOHN DAY

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NEWSLETTER

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2008 Year in Review

The following is a status of City projects and accomplishments this past year.

- **NW Bridge Street/OTEC Pole Project** – The Project is complete. Ordinance 08-134-7 declaring the assessment on property benefited for the cost of the sidewalk construction for the NW Bridge St/OTEC Pole Project was adopted at the November 25, 2008 John Day Council meeting. The notice of assessment was mailed by certified mail to the owners of the assessed property on December 2, 2008.
- **2010-2011 ODOT Pedestrian & Bicycle Grant** – On December 1st, The City received a letter from Sheila Lyons of the ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program stating that our NW Bridge Street Improvements – Phase 2 project was not selected for funding. ODOT received 68 project applications and there was only enough funding available to fund 17 projects statewide, some of which received only partial funding. Transportation funding will be reauthorized by the state and federal governments in 2009.

- **TE Enhancement Grant Application** – We were unsuccessful in our grant application for our Main Street Project removing overhead cobra streetlights to underground utilities and replacing sidewalks. Our project was one of 31 finalists that advanced to the committee for consideration. Unfortunately, it was not among those advancing for final approval, and is no longer in consideration for TE funds. We have been invited to apply again in the future. Due to current budget constraints in the street fund; this option will need to be discussed during our budget process.
- **Wastewater Facilities Plan (WWFP)** – The final draft of the Wastewater Facilities Plan is near completion and the City staff should be receiving a copy in the next couple of weeks. Troy Baker of Anderson Perry & Associates is scheduled to present the final draft to the City Council at the first council meeting in January 2009.

- **Local Street Network Plan** – The City of John Day, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) are currently sponsoring a study of John Day's local street, bicycle, and pedestrian network. This study, known as the John Day Local Street Network Plan, is intended to help the City identify a logical extension of future local streets and identify opportunities for improving the overall bicycle and pedestrian network. A consultant team led by Kittelson & Associates, Inc. has been hired to lead the study effort.

On November 19, 2008, the Technical Advisory Committee, the Project Management Team and a public open house were held. The meetings were well attended and the project team received a lot of great feedback and ideas for improving John Day's transportation environment. Public input is important in developing a plan that reflects the community's goals and values. During the course of this project, members of the community will be encouraged to participate in the development of this plan. Additional newsletters will provide updates and announcements for future public meetings and feedback opportunities.

- **2007-2009 Technical Assistance Grant Department of Land Conservation Department (DLCD)– Update Airport Approach (A-A) Overlay** – The purpose of this project is to update the City of John Day Airport Approach Overlay Zone prior to the city annexing the Industrial Park and contiguous parcels between the industrial park and the city limits, to be determined. The intent of the zoning update is to provide greater certainty for industrial users wanting to locate at the industrial park, consistent with local economic development goals. Currently, industrial uses require a conditional use permit. Maintaining the site's Industrial Certification is a priority. The Technical Advisory Committee has held two conference calls with a third scheduled in January. Key issues to be addressed are airport land use compatibility (prevent further residential encroachment); potential issues with industrial park tenants wanting to live-on site, having overnight accommodation, or have an on-site caretaker; unresolved questions regarding extent of city airport zoning-how

much land adjacent to the airport does the city intend to annex? And the Airport Planning Rule –code amendments will be consistent. Once the TAC reaches consensus on the draft amendments a joint City of John Day Planning Commission and City Council work session will be held to draw up final draft of the amendments to public and governing bodies prior to public hearing and adoption.

- **Airport Annexation** – The City has received comments from adjacent property owners regarding the airport annexation. Most of them have been positive; however, from the comments received; they are not happy about having to share the annexation costs. I have been waiting to see what funds will be available after we have the airport overlay zone update completed; the remaining funds in the DLCD funds could be used toward the annexation costs.
- **Fire Department Relocation** – On June 30, 2008, the City of John Day purchased property at 316 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day (the old A & W property) for the relocation of the John Day Volunteer Fire Department. The City of John Day has formed an Advisory Committee consisting of Fire Chief Steve Allen, Assistant Fire Chief Ron Smith, Jim Spell, Chris Cronin, Donn Willey, Tom Sutton, Lilianna McKern, and John Day Fire Fighter Volunteer Don Gabbard. This committee will be responsible for developing a request for proposal/qualifications (RFP/RFQ) for an engineer/consultant for the planning and design of the new fire station and find possible funding sources for the construction of the building. The first meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2009.
- **Transportation Utility Fee (TUF)** – Due to the extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and not knowing if (or when) the County Court will grant cities a portion of the revenues to our street funds, The City has not pursued forming a TUF advisory committee. The Transportation Utility Fee will be reviewed during the upcoming budget process.

WINTER STORMS

The City has purchased used 4-wheeler for snow removal in the winter months and for weed control in the spring and summer. For safety reasons, please be aware of the Public Works Crews out and about on the 4-wheeler and the snow plows. Please do not shovel the snow from your parking lots and driveways into the City streets or the State highways as this creates a road hazard for motorists.