



John Day Newsletter

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Downtown Beautification continues on SE Dayton Street

You may have seen a lot of activity on SE Dayton Street these past few weeks. The John Day Public Works Department has been busy developing a new pocket park in front of the OTEC substation. Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative has pledged \$3,250 to assist in the construction of the new pocket park. The rest of the funds are coming out of the City Street Fund.

Hanging baskets have been placed throughout the downtown core. The concrete planters have been planted with

several types of flowers to match the hanging baskets. The City has hired the local 4H kids to water the plants throughout the summer with the assistance of their 4H leaders.

The flowers were purchased locally using City Street Funds. If anyone would like to assist with the expense of the flowers and the cost of maintenance, the City will accept donations; please contact City Hall.



New SE Dayton Street pocket park. New concrete benches, planters, and trees will be added to the park in the near future.

John Day City Council Goal Session

At their April 10, 2007 work session the John Day City Council agreed on five priorities for 2007. At their April 24, 2007 council meeting the John Day City Council voted to accept the goals for 2007 as follows:

- Replace Street Reve-nues
- Fire Department Relocation/New Station and Pursue funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant replacement (tie)
- Annex land up to and including the Industrial Park
- Additional Industrial Park Tenants
- Marketing Plan for Industrial Park should Economic Development position go away.

Charolais Heights Intersection

Due to right of way issues with the Oregon Department of Forestry, this project has been placed on hold.

The City of John Day will continue to budget for this project should the issues be worked out in the future.

NW Bridge Street Sidewalk Project

The Public Hearing for the NW Bridge Street Sidewalk Project was held April 24, 2007. Public Works Director Terry Eccles gave a brief description of the project to the property owners that were in attendance. Cost estimates of the side-

walk project were distributed to each property owner. The John Day City Council heard concerns and questions regarding the project from the public. There was one concern regarding right of way that has since been resolved. The Council decided to move forward with

the project. The final design has been sent to ODOT for approval this week. Once the plans have been approved by ODOT, the City will go out for bid on the project, in conjunction with the OTEC Pole Project.

Grass and Weeds Public Notice



New light poles with hanging baskets brightens up SE Dayton Street.

No owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting the property. An owner or person in charge of property shall cut down or destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, weeds or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or in the case of weeds

or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or going to seed.

Noxious vegetation is a nuisance in our community. The City is willing to remove the nuisance of a particular parcel of property at the request of the owner of the property for a fee sufficient to cover the city's abatement costs. Even in the absence of such requests, the city may abate all such nuisances

10 or more days after the final publication of this notice and charge the cost of doing so on a particular parcel of property to the owner.

Your cooperation is much appreciated, especially by our police department whose duty is to enforce our nuisance ordinance.

"It is our intention to install the new water meters and have them pay for themselves in reduced labor costs and water loss."

Terry Eccles, Public Works Director

Automated Water Meters

The John Day Public Works Department scheduled meetings with three different companies to have them demonstrate their automated water meter systems. They all were asked to provide five meters, the drive-by and walk-by mobile readers, and the equipment needed to demonstrate the download of

information to a sample ASYST billing system. There were four primary items reviewed; ease of installation, readability of all instruments, ease of processing from meter to billing; and ease of interface between their software and ASYST (the city's billing system). There were also several discussions concerning dis-

tance, speed, and accuracy to make a determination of a better candidate. Based on the evaluation process and input from the panel; city staff will recommend to the John Day City Council to proceed with Orion Software and Badger Meters. These were presented by General Pacific, Inc., Portland, OR.

Booster Pump Station for Reservoir No. 6



Reservoir No. 6 located on La Costa Road west of John Day.

Reservoir No. 6 is about 27 feet deep with a volume of approximately 850,000 gallons. This is about 31,500 gallon per foot of depth. The reservoir is currently filling to about 21 feet; about 660,000 gallons or 78% of what it was designed for. There is just under 200,000 gallons of storage not utilized. If a booster pump system is installed and a isolation valve placed in between the system, the reservoir would

be filled to its full level. This would infuse the reservoir with much more water (nearly a quarter of its volume) and this water would have a fresh chlorine residual. The systems must be isolated otherwise Reservoir 6 will stay at 21 feet or so. The booster pump will pump in a circle if the isolation valve is not in place. This isolation valve can be manually opened as needed. The John Day City Council

voted to place a booster pump station at the SE corner of the ODOT weigh station west of John Day. The system will consist of a buried vault with a lid to access the booster pump and the piping. The City has an existing water line on the south side of the highway at this location and can tee into the line easily. A power drop will be required, along with a electrical control box mounted on a pole.