

CITY OF JOHN DAY

NEWSLETTER

From the desk of Peggy Carey, City Manager

March 2005

John Day City Council appoints new Mayor/Councilor

At their February 8, 2005 council meeting, the John Day City Council appointed Bob Quinton as the city's new Mayor on a 4-1 vote.

Bob Quinton was elected to the John Day City council on the November 2004 general election as city councilor. Quinton will fill out the remaining term of Roger Simonsen who resigned last year.

Mayor Quinton is the commercial/agricultural loan officer for the Bank of Eastern Oregon. He has a bachelor's degree in business and finance.

He is the incoming president for the Chamber of Commerce, interim president of Families First and is very active in the community.

At their March 8, 2005 council meeting the John Day City Council appointed Steve Schuette to fill the vacant council position left by Bob Quinton.

Steve is a retired Oregon State Police Officer and was a unanimous choice by the city council.

Steve has been a resident of John Day for the past 20 years. Steve stated because he is retired he will have the time to devote to being on the council. He has experience working with all kinds of people, different agencies, and sometimes, difficult situations.

Steve was one of the three qualified candidates to apply for the position. The other candidates were Michael Cosgrove and Ron Lundbom. Michael Cosgrove rescinded his application prior to the selection.

Council President Gene Officer stated it was a tough decision to make

selecting one of the three candidates to fill the position because all three applicants were highly qualified.

John Day Main Street Enhancement Plan Public Meeting

Approximately 40 people attended the second public hearing on the John Day Main Street Enhancement Plan on February 24, 2005 at the Outpost Pizza Pub & Grille.

The City of John Day would like to express their appreciation to all who attended. The John Day plan needs to reflect the values of John Day and public input into the plan is essential.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2005. This will be a joint public meeting with the John Day Planning Commission and the John Day City Council. 7 p.m. – 9

p.m., location to be determined.

Proposed Street Projects for 2005-2006

From the desk of Terry Eccles, Public Works Director

We have begun the preliminary design process of SE Dayton Street. We have asked our engineers to develop three alternatives to be presented to the public for their review and input. We anticipate the review process to begin in April with construction in 2006. The cost is estimated to be \$245,000 for this project.

For 2005-2006 fiscal years we have 11 chip seal projects listed for an estimated 30,000 square yards. However, due to the unknown costs of oil we anticipate accomplishing the higher priority projects including: NW Bridge Street from 7th Street to Charolais Heights at a cost of \$7,500, Bridge Street from 7th Street to 3rd Street \$4,500, NW 5th from Brent to Canton approximately \$6,500, and 2nd Street between Bridge and Canyon and

Bridge to Dayton at a cost of \$3,000, for a total of 5 chip seal projects, 14,577 square yards for an estimated total of \$21,500.

Additional projects we would like to accomplish pending actual costs due to oil prices include: 4th Street from Canton to Bridge and 5th from Canton to Brent estimated cost \$3,600, and Bridge, remaining part of Bridge Street from 3rd Street to Main estimated cost of \$3,500, NW 1st and Dayton to Bridge Street \$6,300. The intersection of Charolais Heights and Valley View needs reconstructed and drainage issues addressed at an estimated cost of \$5,500. Valley View Drive needs alignment and widening in the area of Davis Creek crossing, which may require a retaining wall or property acquisition. The projected cost of this project is estimated to be \$20,000 - \$25,000. The total estimated cost of additional projects is \$43,900.

As we near completion of the John Day/Grant County Airport Industrial Park the

remaining work to be completed is the Airport Road including Skyline Road. Estimated cost for this work is \$33,700 for Airport Road and \$18,000 for Skyline Road. In addition the City in cooperation with the County would like to complete the remaining portion of 4th Street from the bridge crossing Canyon Creek to the intersection of Ansel Krutsinger's driveway by widening and paving that section. It is anticipated that it would cost \$101,640. The total for 4th Street, Airport Road and Skyline Road is approximately \$154,000.

New website

Watch for our new web page coming soon! City Recorder Anna Bass has been working with the League of Oregon Cities to develop the City of John Day's new web page.

You will soon be able to access council agendas, council minutes, as well as directory information for John Day City Council, staff and community services such as motels and restaurants and much more. Address will be cityofjohnday.com.