



Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to ORS 223.297 to 223.314, the City of John Day hereby notifies interested parties a public hearing will be held by the John Day City Council on October 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at John Day City Hall, 450 East Main Street, John Day, to consider adoption of the System Development Charge (SDC) Study in accordance with ORS 223.304.

The draft SDC Study is available at John Day City Hall for review. Any questions should be directed to Peggy Gray, City Manager, at 541-575-0028.

City Hall Addition

The City of John Day solicited informal bids and awarded the bid to Burton Builder's in the amount of \$20,573.00 for a 15'x18' addition to City Hall. The new addition will be the City Recorder's new office and will include a storage room for the vault and office supplies. The vacant City Recorder's office will become the new office for Police Chief Tirico. Currently the Dispatch Supervisor and the Police Chief share an office. This remodel will offer additional security and space for the Dispatch Center as well as for City Hall; the City has budgeted \$30,000 for this project.

NW Bridge Street Overlay Project

On June 3, 2009, the City of John Day received news from David Galati of ODOT that the Oregon Local Program Committee has approved our grant application to overlay NW Bridge Street from Main Street to NW 7th Street. The City will receive \$94,000 for this project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The City received three sealed bids for the Bridge Street Overlay (1 ½") project. The John Day City Council awarded Tidewater Contractors Inc., the bid in the amount of \$85,581.60 at their August 11, 2009 council meeting. As the bid came in under the grant amount; the City anticipates paving to both ends of 7th Street using an additional grant (Small Cities Allotment grant) from ODOT that was originally approved for a chip seal project in the amount of \$25,000. However, ODOT has approved the City to overlay instead of chip seal in conjunction with the ARRA grant.

The Notice to Proceed has been sent to Tidewater. Tidewater is estimated to begin the project on or around October 15, 2009. We estimate the overlay project to take approximately two days. Local residents will be asked to have their vehicles off NW Bridge Street and 7th Street during this time. The City truly appreciates your cooperation and patience during construction.

Burn Season still in Effect

The John Day Fire Chief Ron Smith wants to remind residents that the burning ban is still in effect. As soon as fire restrictions are lifted they will be announced on KJDY or you can contact City Hall for more information.

Walking Trail

Mike Cosgrove is in the process of receiving a Recreational Trail Project (RTP) grant from Oregon State Parks in the amount of \$126,374 to build a walking trail. The original proposal was to recreate an 1800's prospector's trail along Canyon Creek. The trail was proposed to link the towns of John Day and Canyon City while provide residents and visitors with a safe walking and biking route with opportunities to enjoy scenic area, historic sites, gold panning, and local destinations. The 4.18 mile trail will follow existing walkways and streets for 3.09 miles. Mike requested RTP funds to construct an additional 1.09 miles of 8' wide multi-use non-motorized gravel trail and two pedestrian bridges.

The original grant application was sponsored by Eastern Oregon Workforce Solutions (a non-profit for Eastern Oregon Training and Employment Consortium (TEC)). A change in directors with TEC has caused the administration of the grant to be redirected through Grant School District #3, who will serve as the administrator of the project.

At the August 25, 2009 John Day City Council meeting Mike Cosgrove updated the City Council on his efforts to build a walking trail in the John Day area.

Due to concerns voiced by several citizens, Mr. Cosgrove has concentrated his efforts to two sections of the trail as follows:

1. Along Inland Street in Canyon City, build a bridge across Canyon Creek, and then go behind the High School. This section of the trail ends at the old Prairie Maid site (.48 miles).
2. Begin at the new walking bridge on NW Bridge Street, John Day, go along the John Day River through the fair grounds, and then widen the existing Boy Scout (Bob Miles) trail that ends at the Nazarene Church Park. A walking bridge is planned crossing the John Day River from the R.V. Park at the fair grounds to the city's storm drain easement that goes to 7th street (.76 miles).

Upon legal review by the city's attorney; it was noted the storm drain easements would have to be amended or new easements directly granted to the owner of the trail needed to be developed. The City needs to make sure the use of the trail does not impair the use our storm drain easement. Ownership of the walking trail and the new pedestrian bridge are still in question.

Step Forward Activities

Step Forward Activities will be signing their grant agreement with the State on September 15, 2009. Construction of the residential (group) care facility consisting of two homes is anticipated to begin around the first to middle of October 2009.