

# City of John Day Newsletter

September 30, 2010

## John Day Council takes action on Industrial Park Annexation

At their September 14, 2010 council meeting the John Day City Council adopted Ordinance No. 10-144-04, an ordinance identifying the boundaries of the area in the City of John Day urban growth boundary "GI" Zone and "SR1" Zone to be annexed into the City of John Day, stating the benefits of annexation to the City of John Day and the real property owners who petitioned and consented to annexation in writing and proclaiming the annexation of the real property located in Grant County, Oregon T13S, R32E, W.M., Section 26 and Section 27. More specifically, the areas identified include the industrial park and adjacent surrounding properties. The complete ordinance is available for review at city hall.

The John Day Planning Commission and the John Day City Council will conduct public hearings to adopt an ordinance that proposes to rezone property from County to City as per

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## Fire Station Citizens Advisory Committee Update

The Fire Station Citizens Advisory Committee met on August 17, 2010. The Committee was updated on the process of negotiations with BBT Architects. BBT Architects was the firm selected as the top firm in the bid process. The City has not completed negotiations with the architect firm and the City continues to gather more information regarding construction costs and funding options.

The Citizens Advisory Committee recommended to the John Day City Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the John Day Rural Fire District. This MOU would be a signed document showing that both entities (the City and the Rural Fire District) support the construction of the new fire station. The John Day City Council agreed with the recommendation at their August 24, 2010 council meeting. The draft MOU is currently being prepared and a draft document will be brought before each entity for review at a future date.

More information on the proposed fire station can be obtained on the City's website at [www.cityofjohnday.com](http://www.cityofjohnday.com); click on the John Day Fire Station Advisory Committee link.



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Chapter 5-4.1.500 of the John Day City Development Code. The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) shall be notified in writing of the proposed zoning amendments at least 45 days before the first public hearing at which public testimony or new evidence will be received. Date of the public hearing will be announced as soon as it is scheduled.

## **City Received Technical Assistance Grant from DLCD for Code and UGB Joint Management Agreement Update**

Last March the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) awarded the City of John Day a planning grant for an update to the City's Development Code in the amount of \$7,000. The last major rewrite of the Development Code was in 2005. The grant also supports revisions to the City of John Day-Grant County Urban Growth Management Agreement (UGMA).

The first draft of the proposed changes was presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee on August 5, 2010. The City-County UGMA was developed on a separate track with input from County staff. On August 24, 2010 a joint Planning Commission/John Day City Council work session was held to provide the City Council and the Planning Commission and public an opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes before the first public hearing scheduled on **November 9, 2010**. The complete document of the proposed changes is available at city hall for public review.

## **Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) will not be on November Ballot**

Due to a misunderstanding on how the City had to notify the public in regards placing a City Referral on the ballot, the City missed the deadline to have the TUF placed on the November 2010 general election.

The John Day City Council discussed their options at their September 14, 2010 council meeting. A special election was one option or wait until the next general primary in May 2012.

Mayor Quinton stated the transient room tax was discussed at the City Hall Day event that was held that same day. The League of Oregon Cities intends to ask the Legislature to allow local governments more flexible use of transient lodging tax revenues to meet the increase demands placed on both essential services and infrastructure as a result of tourism activities. Specifically, legislation will be introduced to: repeal the 70 percent dedication for tourism promotion and facilities that was approved in 2003; and free up cities to make their own determinations as to how to use those revenues.

If the Legislature changes that ruling, the City could go out for a transient room tax instead of the TUF and use it for the City's street fund. Mayor Quinton noted that currently Grant County has an 8% room tax; 90% of the room tax goes to the Chamber of Commerce; that is not going to be touched with this proposal.

The topic was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.