**CITY OF JOHN DAY**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 25, 2024**

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

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David Holland, Councilor

Chris Labhart, Councilor

Eric Bush, Councilor

Edwin Newby, Councilor

Ron Phillips, Councilor

Sherrie Rininger, Council President

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Melissa Bethel, City Manager

Rob Gaslin, Contract Finance

**Agenda Item No. 1—Call Meeting to Order**

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Agenda Item No. 2—Pledge of Allegiance**

The City Council stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item No. 3—Roll Call and Attendance**

All councilors were present.

**Agenda Item No. 4—Amend or Accept Regular Agenda**

***Councilor Labhart moved to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bush and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 5—Public Comments**

Colton Osborne: He asked if the homeless encampment is going to be addressed or discussed. Bethel said she will address this under the City Manager comments.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Consent Agenda**

Items on the consent agenda for approval:

1. Accounts Payable through June 18, 2024
2. Minutes for May 14, 2024 & May 21, 2024 Budget Meeting

***Councilor Bush made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 7—Budget to Actual for 5/1/24 to 5/31/24**

Gaslin presented the Budget to Actual report to the Council.

**Agenda Item No. 8—FY24-25 Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee on June 4, 2024 (receive public comment)**

**Public Hearing:**

***Councilor Labhart made a motion to open the Public Hearing for FY24-25 City of John Day Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bush and passed unanimously***

No Public Comments were made

***Councilor Bush made a motion to close the Public Hearing for FY24-25 City of John Day Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Newby and passed unanimously.***

Councilor Holland voiced his opinion against the budget item giving money to the County for services that the citizens of John Day are already currently paying for. Councilors discussed this topic and gave different opinions.

1. **Approval of Resolution 24-909-01 A Resolution to Adopt FY24-25 Budget**

***Councilor Bush moved to approve Resolution 24-909-01 A Resolution to Adopt 24-25 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed 4-2 with Councilor Holland and Councilor Labhart being opposed.***

1. **Approval of Resolution 24-910-02 A Resolution to Accept State Shared Revenues**

***Councilor Bush moved to approve Resolution 24-910-02 A Resolution to Accept State Shared Revenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Labhart and passed unanimously.***

1. **Approval of Resolution 24-911-03 A Resolution to Impose Taxes for FY24-25**

***Councilor Bush moved to approve Resolution 24-911-03 A Resolution to Impose Taxes for FY24-25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.***

1. **Approval of Resolution 24-912-04 A Resolution to Appropriate FY24-25 Budget**

***Councilor Bush moved to approve Resolution 24-912-04 A Resolution to Appropriate FY24-25 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed 5-1 with Councilor Holland being opposed.***

**Agenda Item No. 9—City Manager Comments**

Bethel informed the Council and public that she will be gone at a conference in Hood River until Friday afternoon

As of July 2023, all Cities in the state of Oregon were required to adopt camping Ordinances for the homeless. Council never adopted an ordinance for this so at this time the City can’t enforce anything. Bethel has spoke to the City Attorney and has a draft Ordinance that they will be working on to adopt.

**Agenda Item No. 10—Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilor Holland would like to see the two Cybermill buildings that the City owns be put on the agenda in the near future as they are time sensitive as well as the EDA grant. Bethel said they have been working on these items and they are still moving forward.

Councilor Holland also brought up the Greenhouse and his concerns because it’s costing the City money when it could be a productive asset to the community.

 Councilor Labhart personally thanked Bruce Ward for all of the volunteer work he has done.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business before council the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is the City and URA Budget adoption on July 9, 2024.

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Melissa Bethel, CM