**CITY OF JOHN DAY**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 9, 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

Nick Ducote, Contract Grant writer & administrator

**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**

Shannon Adair: Adair is concerned that the residents of John Day are going to lose the Cybermill because nothing has been discussed regarding it recently.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Consent Agenda**

Items on the consent agenda for approval:

1. Accounts Payable through June 20, 2024
2. Minutes for May 25th, June 11th and June 25th, 2024.

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

**Agenda Item No. 7—Ducote Consulting Project Update**

Ducote gave and update on the Treatment Plant. USDA has fully accepted the Environmental Assessment and should be publishing it this week. The USDA funding is being finalized. The Purple Pipe final reimbursement has been submitted.

1. **Approval of Scope of Work and Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project**

***Councilor Bush made a motion to approve the Scope of Work as published for legal review and USDA review and once complete authorize the City Manager to sign the Scope of Work for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 8—Councilor Labhart Discussion Topics**

1. **Charter Review**

Councilor Labhart would like to start the process of doing a charter review. He would like to see the Council appoint a Charter Review Task Force of 11 residents, including 3 Council members to start this process.

1. **Robert’s Rules; Council Rules and Procedure Work Session**

Councilor Labhart would like to schedule a work session to discuss Robert’s Rules and the City Charter. Councilor Bush suggested tabling this until further notice.

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

1. **Camping Ordinance Update**

Bethel informed citizens that in July of 2023 every City in Oregon was supposed to create a Camping Ordinance and John Day didn’t do that. The City will be setting up a workshop for citizens to come and learn about what the City can and can’t do about this.

Frances Preston: Since it’s going to be awhile before this Ordinance is in place, Preston asked if the City will designate another location once this spot is full. Bethel said it depends on your time and place restrictions it may not fill up.

 Council scheduled a Camping Workshop for July 30th at 6:30 pm.

Bethel informed everyone that our new software program will be training staff next week so City Hall will be closed for that. In the next two weeks there will be a job opening for a Finance Director that was budgeted.

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

Councilor Holland has concerns about the Cybermill building and it being time sensitive. He asked Bethel to reach out to those involved with it.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business before council, Councilor Labhart moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bush and passed unanimously.

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Melissa Bethel, CM