**CITY OF JOHN DAY**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2024**

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

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Sherrie Rininger, Mayor

David Holland, Councilor

Chris Labhart, Councilor

Eric Bush, Council President

Edwin Newby, Councilor (Virtual)

Ron Phillips, Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Melissa Bethel, City Manager

Nick Ducote, Contract grant writer and 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 with Councilor Newby being virtual.

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

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

**Agenda Item No. 5—Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Consent Agenda**

Items on the consent agenda for approval:

1. Accounts Payable through September 30, 2024
2. Minutes for September 24, 2024

***Councilor Bush moved to accept the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously.***

Councilor Holland has a correction to the minutes for September 24, 2024. Under Agenda Item No. 11 it should list Rininger as a Councilor rather than Council President.

***Councilor Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holland and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 7—Presentation and discussion regarding traffic light/4 way stop at the intersection of Hwy 26 and Canyon Blvd**

Ken Patterson who works for ODOT came to ask Councils opinion regarding whether or not they would like to put the traffic light back up or keep it as a 4 way stop. Council came to a consensus to have ODOT host some Townhalls to receive community input.

**Agenda Item No. 8—Project Updates**

Ducote updated Council on the Sewer Project and the Broadband Project. The final environmental clearance has been received from USDA and funding is being finalized.

The City needed funds to continue the Broadband Project because the engineering costs were not eligible to be repaid by the EDA Grant. In April 2024 the City received the Broadband Technical Assistance Program funding of $65,000. The draft scope of work was received from LS Network.

***Councilor Bush moved to direct the City Manager and Ducote to enter into a agreement with LS Networks for the final design of the Broadband build out for the Innovation Gateway segment and the Airport segment. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously.***

Council came to a consensus to have Ducote look for additional Broadband funds.

**Agenda Item No. 9—Camping Ordinance update and discussion regarding town hall, draft ordinance and survey**

There will be a Townhall to discuss the Camping Ordinance on October 15th, 2024. There will be a Camping Survey for citizens to fill out so Council can have feedback. Council came to a consensus to provide the Camping Survey at the Townhall as well as at City Hall.

**Agenda Item No. 10—Website update/marketing discussion**

Bethel updated the website so it lists the current Council members, Budget Committee members and Planning Commission. Bethel asked Council if the Library sign can be taken down. Council came to a consensus that the sign can be taken down.

**Agenda Item No. 11—City Manager Comments**

Bethel will be attending a LOC Convention next week.

**Agenda Item No. 12—Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilor Holland informed Council he might not make it to the Townhall on October 15th, 2024.

The next regular Council meeting will be October 22nd, 2024

**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