**CITY OF JOHN DAY**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2024**

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

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Sherrie Rininger, Mayor

David Holland, Councilor

Chris Labhart, Councilor

Eric Bush, Council President

Edwin Newby, Councilor

Ron Phillips, Councilor

**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 Newby and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 5—Public Comments**

Christine Ostberg: Ostberg is the Library Director and clarified that the library is not dilapidated. It is structurally sound and she has been updating the building. She asked Council to be mindful on the words they use because it has an effect on people.

**Agenda Item No. 6—Consent Agenda**

Items on the consent agenda for approval:

1. Accounts Payable through October 9, 2024

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

**Agenda Item No. 7—Community Grant Request by Grant Union FBLA for $1,500**

There are 24 members in the High School FBLA program this year and 11 members in the Jr. High program.

***Councilor Newby made a motion to move forward on the grant to Grant Union FBLA $1,500. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 8—Finance Update**

Gaslin gave a financial update to Council and presented a budget to actual report.

**Agenda Item No. 9—City Council Position Appointment**

Councilor Labhart stated the John Day City Council has six members with the majority being appointed rather than elected by the public. With the upcoming election being two weeks away there will be three Councilors elected by the public. Councilor Labhart believes they should let the public have their say by vote then appoint a new Councilor at that time. Councilor Holland agrees.

***Councilor Bush made a motion to appoint Bradley Hale to the vacant Council position. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed 5-1 with Councilor Holland being opposed.***

Councilor Holland stated he has nothing personal against the applicant, it’s the process that he is against because it’s not what was told to the public.

***Councilor Bush moved to direct City Manager to administer the Oath of Office to Bradley Hale for City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 10—City Manager Comments**

Bethel said she attended a League of Oregon Cities conference in Bend last week and gave information about that.

**Agenda Item No. 11—Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilor Hale stated he has to resign from the budget and planning committee.

The next regular council meeting will be November 12th, 2024.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business before council the meeting was adjourned.

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Melissa Bethel, CM