



CITY OF  
**JOHN DAY**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday May 28, 2024, 6:30 pm**  
**John Day Fire Station**  
**316 S Canyon Blvd, John Day, OR 97845**  
**(541)575-0028** [www.cityofjohnday.com](http://www.cityofjohnday.com)

*This meeting is open to the public. This agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting. However, the agenda does not limit the ability of the Council to consider additional subjects. Meetings may be canceled without notice. Zoom Meeting participants should use the "raise your hand" feature during these times to alert the moderator that they would like to speak.*

**Join Zoom Meeting**

City of John Day is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Meeting ID: 958 6794 2253

Passcode: 776959

**Call to Order: Regular Meeting 6:30 pm.**

1. Call John Day City Council Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Amend or Accept Regular Agenda

**5. Public Comments (*Please Limit to 3 Minutes*)**

*Public Comments are an opportunity to present information or speak on an issue that is not on the agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes for each person. Visitors may state their comments and should not expect the council to engage in back and forth dialogue regarding the comment, council may either choose to add it to a follow up meeting or direct City Manager to follow up with the speaker.*

**6. Consent Agenda**

*All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to every member of the City Council for reading and study, are considered routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.*

- a. Accounts Payable through May 22, 2024
- b. Appointment of Planning Commissioners for a term of 4 years ending Dec 2027  
Bradley Hale  
Valarie Maynard  
Vernon Pifer

7. Presentation and request by the Change Club for the City to try and obtain a sculpture from the City of Portland.
8. Purple Pipe Project Recommendation from Council subcommittee
9. Mayor Appointment Discussion
10. City Manager Comments
11. Mayor and Council Comments
12. Adjournment: Next Meeting June 4, 2024 (City and URA Budget)

**City of John Day**  
 Check/Voucher Register  
 From 5/9/2024 Through 5/22/2024

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Transaction Amount</u>
750067	5/9/2024	ED STAUB & SONS PROPANE	<u>696.98</u>
Total 750067			696.98
750068	5/9/2024	GRANT ESD	174.49
	5/9/2024	GRANT ESD	28.25
	5/9/2024	GRANT ESD	<u>14.07</u>
Total 750068			216.81
750069	5/9/2024	HIGH DESERT OFFICE EQUIPMENT	<u>102.00</u>
Total 750069			102.00
750070	5/9/2024	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC.	<u>360.09</u>
Total 750070			360.09
750071	5/9/2024	JOHN DAY AUTO PARTS	33.38
	5/9/2024	JOHN DAY AUTO PARTS	3.79
	5/9/2024	JOHN DAY AUTO PARTS	152.79
	5/9/2024	JOHN DAY AUTO PARTS	2,261.09
	5/9/2024	JOHN DAY AUTO PARTS	<u>1,507.39</u>
Total 750071			3,958.44
750072	5/9/2024	JOHN DAY TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	<u>6.99</u>
Total 750072			6.99
750073	5/9/2024	JD RENTS & POWER EQUIPMENT INC	<u>91.77</u>
Total 750073			91.77
750074	5/9/2024	TRIANGLE OIL	28.70
	5/9/2024	TRIANGLE OIL	<u>125.52</u>
Total 750074			154.22

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750075	5/9/2024	BADGER METER INC.	<u>312.27</u>
Total 750075			312.27
750076	5/9/2024	CHESTERS	<u>10.98</u>
Total 750076			10.98
750077	5/9/2024	CwM-H2O, LLC	<u>4,750.00</u>
Total 750077			4,750.00
750078	5/9/2024	EO MEDIA GROUP	<u>378.00</u>
Total 750078			378.00
750079	5/9/2024	PECK RUBANOFF & HATFIELD PC	<u>7,644.05</u>
Total 750079			7,644.05
750080	5/9/2024	CITY OF SENECA	<u>141.43</u>
Total 750080			141.43
750081	5/9/2024	VISA	297.04
	5/9/2024	VISA	18.87
	5/9/2024	VISA	<u>767.81</u>
Total 750081			1,083.72
750082	5/16/2024	ED STAUB & SONS PROPANE	5.00
	5/16/2024	ED STAUB & SONS PROPANE	<u>100.00</u>
Total 750082			105.00
750083	5/16/2024	GIBCO	<u>52.00</u>
Total 750083			52.00

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750084	5/16/2024	KJDY	349.00
Total 750084			349.00
750085	5/16/2024	ANALYTICAL LABS	275.42
Total 750085			275.42
750086	5/16/2024	MALLORY SAFETY & SUPPLY	1,014.63
Total 750086			1,014.63
750087	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	2,867.41
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	100.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	180.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	60.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	2,640.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	200.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	220.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	60.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	440.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	40.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	520.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	460.00
	5/16/2024	BRYANT, LOVLIEN, & JARVIS, PC.	118.00
Total 750087			7,905.41
750090	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	86.83
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	957.14
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	105.20
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	47.00
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	59.69
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	375.86
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	1,857.22
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	56.96
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	75.68
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	37.66

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	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	105.50
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	68.18
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	290.32
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	218.35
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	1,369.11
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	402.89
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	67.05
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	229.40
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	51.00
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	84.51
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	47.91
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	60.04
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	362.41
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	126.94
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	245.00
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	51.68
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	73.51
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	74.07
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	102.54
	5/16/2024	OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC CO-OP	<u>74.70</u>
Total 750090			7,802.02
750091	5/16/2024	USA BLUEBOOK	<u>1,177.09</u>
Total 750091			1,177.09
750092	5/16/2024	EO MEDIA GROUP	114.00
	5/16/2024	EO MEDIA GROUP	<u>114.00</u>
Total 750092			228.00
750093	5/16/2024	TYLER SHEEDY CONSTRUCTION INC.	<u>9,495.24</u>
Total 750093			9,495.24
750094	5/22/2024	ACS - ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS	207.50

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	5/22/2024	ACS - ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS	<u>207.50</u>
Total 750094			415.00
750095	5/22/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	<u>71.20</u>
Total 750095			71.20
750096	5/22/2024	Baker County Pest Control LLC	<u>185.00</u>
Total 750096			185.00
750097	5/22/2024	CwM-H2O, LLC	<u>2,458.75</u>
Total 750097			2,458.75
750098	5/22/2024	ED STAUB & SONS PROPANE	<u>440.93</u>
Total 750098			440.93
750099	5/22/2024	TEC COPIER SYSTEMS LLC	<u>84.10</u>
Total 750099			84.10
750100	5/22/2024	TRIANGLE OIL	184.55
	5/22/2024	TRIANGLE OIL	<u>631.40</u>
Total 750100			815.95
750101	5/22/2024	VERIZON	42.60
	5/22/2024	VERIZON	128.33
	5/22/2024	VERIZON	<u>42.60</u>
Total 750101			213.53
750102	5/22/2024	WASHINGTON FEDERAL (WAFD BANK)	14,848.64
	5/22/2024	WASHINGTON FEDERAL (WAFD BANK)	5,217.09
	5/22/2024	WASHINGTON FEDERAL (WAFD BANK)	<u>50,076.40</u>

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Total 750102			70,142.13
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Report Total			123,138.15
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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE ACTION REQUESTED May 14, 2024			
Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution <input type="checkbox"/>	Motion X (consent)	Information <input type="checkbox"/>
Date Prepared: 5-23-24		Dept.: City Manager's Office	
SUBJECT: Appointments to Planning Commission		Contact Person for this Item: Melissa Bethel, City Manager, <a href="mailto:bethelm@grantcounty-org.gov">bethelm@grantcounty-org.gov</a> 541 575 0028 ex 4224	

**SUBJECT: Council Appointment to City of John Day Planning Commission**

**BACKGROUND:**

Title 2, Chapter 1 of the John Day Municipal Code provides for the creation of a Planning Commission. The Planning Commission consists of 6 members who are residents within the city limits and one member from the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

Terms are four years. Currently the City has 3 members who are residents within the City limits and 1 member who serves as the UGB representative. 3 positions remain open. Three volunteers have expressed interest in serving.

As the members are volunteer, personal information has been redacted including signatures for the safety of our citizens. Applications have been received by:

Vernon Pifer  
Valerie Maynard  
Bradley Hale

Appointed members will be to a term of 4 years ending December 2027.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Planning Commission members are volunteer and do not receive compensation.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Applications for Pifer, Maynard and Hale



# CITY OF JOHN DAY

## Application for Boards/Commission

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### Contact Information

Name:	Valerie Maynard
Street Address:	
Mailing Address:	Same
City/State/Zip Code:	John Day, OR 97845
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	N/A
E-Mail Address:	

### Background

Years of Residence in John Day:	24
Place of Employment:	Grant County Emergency Communications Agency (9-1-1 Center)
Occupation:	Retired 9-1-1 Director
Educational Background:	High School graduate Department of Public Safety Standards and Training - Basic, Intermediate, Advanced Telecommunications certificate, Emergency Medical Dispatch certificate, Supervisor and Manager training.
Prior Civic Activities:	Girl Scouts volunteer – Early 2000s (uncertain on exact dates) Grant County Fire Defense Board secretary 2008-2020 Grant County Emergency Food & Shelter program 2009-2022 Oregon Public Safety Answering Point Advisory Committee 2017-2022 Radio Communications Plain Language Best Practices Committee 2018-2020

### Boards/Commissions of Interest

Please check all of the following Boards/Commissions that interest you:

- City Council**
- Budget Committee**
- Planning Commission**

### Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize any special training, skills or experience you may have pertinent to the Board/Commission to which you are applying.

Working as 911 Manager for the City of John Day I have 17 years' experience with the City's budget process. And then after forming the Grant County Emergency Communications Agency under an IGA I was responsible for the entire budget process from 2019-2022, until I retired.

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## Motivation

Discuss your motivation for serving on this Board/Commission.

Now that I am retired I have the time to volunteer and would like to contribute to the community that I live in. I believe that I have the knowledge necessary to make a positive contribution to the City of John Day's Budget Committee.

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## Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)	Valerie Maynard
Signature	
Date	05/10/2024

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# CITY OF JOHN DAY

## Application for Boards/Commission

### Contact Information

Name: Vernon Eugene Pifer  
Street Address:  
Mailing Address:  
City/State/Zip Code: John Day, OR, 97845  
Home Phone: 541-408-5106  
Work Phone:  
E-Mail Address:

### Background

Years of Residence in John Day: 9 months  
Place of Employment: retired-USAFA-MSGT (E7)  
Occupation:  
Educational Background: High School Diploma - Custer S.D.  
AS-Aviation Maint. Tech - Lane Community College - Eugene  
80 credit hours supervisor training - COCC - Bend  
Prior Civic Activities: Church council - 4 years  
Praise/Worship teams - 30 years  
Community clean-up events  
Food distribution, food bank

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Owned and operated Composite Creations, Prineville OR, 11/05-5/14  
Book keeping - Quick books mfg, Production and Sales mgr, Customer service  
Inventory mgr - Lancair Int, Redmond OR, 1/92-9/05  
Purchasing, Inside sales/customer service, tech support, Shipping/receiving  
Six S auditor, PCC/Schlosser Casting, Redmond OR,

#### Motivation

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Desire to serve the needs of the community. To be part of finding and implementing solutions for problems. Being a member of team efforts for development and improvement.

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Name (printed)

Vernon E Pifer

Signature

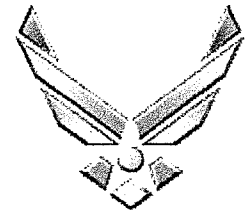
Date

5/08/24

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# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## TECHNICAL SERGEANT VERNON PIFER

Technical Sergeant Vernon Pifer is a Pneudraulic System Technician with the 142<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Squadron. His primary responsibilities include troubleshooting, maintaining, and repairing the F-15 Pneudraulic System. He is a 7 Level that is Red X certified and assists in training new personnel assigned to the shop.

He served 14 days active duty for Noble Eagle following the 9/11 attack. He has supported Temporary Duties to include 4 times to Panama, 3 times to Iceland, 1 to Turkey, 1 to Saudi Arabia, 1 to Denmark, 1 to Tyndall AFB and 1 to Key West.

### EDUCATION:

January 1999, Completed NCO Correspondence Course 6

Assoc. of Science Degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1991-Present: Pneudraulic System Technician, 142nd MXS, Portland, OR
2. March 1974 -November 1974: Pneudraulic System Technician, 5th FTR SQ, Minot AFB
3. Feb 1973- Feb 1974: Pneudraulic System Technician, Utapao, Thailand
4. April 1971-Feb. 1973: Pneudraulic System Technician, Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, SD
5. May 1972-Nov. 1972: Pneudraulic System Technician, TDY Anderson AFB, Guam



### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

AF Commendation Medal  
AF Achievement Medal  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal 3 Devices  
National Defense Service Medal 2 Devices  
Global War on Terrorism Medal  
AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device 2 Devices  
AF Good Conduct Medal 1 Device  
AF Longevity Service 2 Devices  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 "M" Device 1 Device

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Promoted to E-6 July 2001  
Promoted to E-5 October 1993  
Promoted to E-4 September 1972 (Joined Oregon Air National Guard June 1991 at rank of E-4)  
(Current as of March 2006)

# Vern Pifer

## Objective

To obtain a job where I can use my extensive customer service and supervisory skills. I enjoy working with people to solve problems. I want to contribute to the growth and profitability of a company.

## Experience

### **Composite Creations, Inc.**

11/05 - 5/14

Owner

Run day to day operations of a composite shop manufacturing parts mostly for the aircraft and race car industries. Responsible for purchasing, customer service/sales, setting production schedule and taking care of all the finances of the company.

### **USAF Air Guard**

06/91 - 08/07

Hydraulic Repairman

Served on active duty Air Force for four years and 16 years in the Air Guard. In both positions I held the position as Hydraulic Repairman working on various aircraft. Retired at 20 years of service and honorably discharged as an E-7 Master Sgt.

### **Lancair International Inc.**

01/92 - 09/05

Inventory/Customer Service Manager

Managed daily operations of the inventory department which included supervising 7 - 10 employees in shipping and receiving. Department was responsible for packing kits to be shipped in large crates all over the world as well as daily orders for small parts. Also supervised the purchasing department to make sure parts were ordered accurately and on time. Other duties included managing the customer service department. I was responsible for taking customer orders and providing technical support for customers building their airplanes. I needed to know every airplane kit that Lancair sold so I could make sure the customer received the correct parts in a timely manner. I achieved a 98% success rate in customer satisfaction.

### **Pozzi Windows**

08/85 - 05 87 and 08/89 - 01/92

Assistant Foreman

Worked in various window assembly departments before becoming a lead man and assistant foreman. Trained several crews to meet or exceed all production schedules.

## Education

Lane Community College/Eugene Oregon

Associate of Science Degree - 06/79

Aviation Maintenance Technology

*Central OR Community College/Bend Oregon*

Certification of Completion - 80 credit hours of supervisory training in 1986





# CITY OF JOHN DAY

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CITY OF JOHN DAY

## Application for Boards/Commission

### Contact Information

Name:	BRADLEY LANCE HALE
Street Address:	
Mailing Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	JOHN DAY OR 97845
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	1
E-Mail Address:	

### Background

Years of Residence in John Day:	1 YEAR
Place of Employment:	RETIRED
Occupation:	LAND SURVEYING
Educational Background:	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE OF APPLIED DRAFTING (LCC)
Prior Civic Activities:	SELLWOOD JUNIOR BASEBALL COACH, 4 YRS CIO BASKETBALL COACH 4 YRS, BLEED DRIVE PARTICIPATE

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COLLEGE ACCOUNTING COURSE AND ENGINEERING COMPUTATIONS (LCC & CIT)  
NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY COMMANDER & BATTALION INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 24 YRS  
MAINTAINED MAINTAINED HOME BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS ON HOME BASED QUICKEN  
SOFTWARE, WITH MONTHLY RECONCILIATION  
MANAGED 3 SURVEY CREWS AT CIVIL ENGINEERING FIRM FOR 4 YRS  
SURVEY CREW CHIEF MANAGING COLLECTION OF DATA AND PERFORMING FIELD  
CALCULATIONS AND PRECISION STAKING FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS.

**Motivation**

Discuss your motivation for serving on this Board/Commission.

TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF JOHN DAY COMMUNITY, WHICH I AM  
A CITIZEN OF AT THIS PRESENT TIME WITH A VISION OF  
MAINTAINING A LIFESTYLE AND LIVEABILITY FOR ALL OF ITS CITIZENS.

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Name (printed)	Brad HALE
Signature	
Date	

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## PROMISED LAND PRESENTATION

During the urban unrest in the summer of 2020. Protesters in downtown Portland pulled down or damaged statues in a number of the city's public parks. Among them was a bronze sculpture titled "The Promised Land," which depicts a pioneer family. The kind of which traversed the Oregon Trail in the mid-1800s (photo attached). The sculpture, which had graced Chapman Square near City Hall since 1993, was splashed with red paint and defaced with graffiti.

Shortly afterward, the City of Portland removed the sculpture from the park and placed it, along with other works of public art targeted by the protesters, into storage, where they remain today. A year's long "public conversation" about what comes next for the statues has failed to settle their fate.

One option, championed by some Portlanders, is to return the statues to their original locations or to other public spaces in Portland. This however has not come to pass and, as time goes by, appears less and less likely to happen.

Given this, the John Day Change Club petitions the City of John Day to contact the City of Portland, offer to take ownership of "The Promised Land" sculpture. and offer to pay the cost of its transportation to Grant County. Once it were here, we propose the sculpture (which measures 10.5' tall, with a 5' X 5' footprint) be installed on the ground of the Pit Stop, where we believe it would be a beautiful addition to downtown John Day and a real upgrade to a plot of land that at least so far is a flat and featureless expanse of paver stone.

The sculpture would dovetail perfectly with John Day's western frontier heritage and, we believe, become a source of immense civic pride for our city, revered by its residents as a noble and true representation of the history of the American West and the hardy pioneers who helped build it.

It's possible the City of Portland would let John Day assume ownership of the sculpture gratis. If Portland wanted remuneration however, funding from private sources could likely be obtained to buy and transport it.

If the City council would like to pursue this, members of the Change Club will be happy to help draft a written proposal to the City of Portland.









## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

<b>DATE ACTION REQUESTED: May 28, 2024</b>			
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<b>Date Prepared: 5-23-24</b>		<b>Dept.: City Manager's Office</b>	
<b>SUBJECT: Purple Pipe Project</b>		<b>Contact Person for this Item: Melissa Bethel, City Manager, <a href="mailto:bethelm@grantcounty-org.gov">bethelm@grantcounty-org.gov</a> 541 575 0028 ex 4224</b>	

**SUBJECT: Subcommittee recommendation regarding the purple pipe project**

**BACKGROUND:** In 2021 the City applied for a grant to installing approximately 13,500 linear feet of new HDPE purple pipe for reclaimed water distribution along the John Day River Basin. The project (Purple Pipe) included a drive-up reclaimed water fill station for tenders and public use, along with distribution piping from the WRF to project end users, including: Malheur Lumber; local irrigators; Innovation Gateway facilities such as the City's hydroponics greenhouses, future business park and proposed hotel/event center, and; the City's integrated park system and future recreation facilities along the John Day River.

As the Wastewater Treatment Plant experienced delays and changes to the project (see subcommittee memo) movement on the Purple Pipe project has stalled.

At the May 14, 2024 city council meeting, staff asked the council to appoint a sub committee of 3 councilors to meet with the PW Director, Nick Ducote, Heco Engineering to make a recommendation to council regarding the future of this project. On May 22, the councilors met with staff and contractors to discuss the project and options available for moving forward. The Councilors discussion points and recommendation is reflected in the attached memo.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Potentially the City could be required to return the expended portion of the grant received to date.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Subcommittee memo regarding Purple Pipe Project

## Subcommittee Memo Re: Purple Pipe Project

The City of John Day Purple Pipe Committee (City Manager Melissa Bethal, Public Works Director Casey Myers, Councilor Ron Phillips, Councilor Dave Holland, and Councilor Eric Bush) met with Doug Argo of HECO Engineers and Nick Ducote of Ducote Consulting on May 22, 2024 to discuss the direction of the Purple Pipe Project. At issue is the way the Purple Pipe Project has outpaced the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project (WWTF), the lack of Landowner Agreements, and the business case for the Purple Pipe.

Before the environmental-related delays of the WWTF project, the Purple Pipe Project and WWTF were generally on parallel development tracks. The delay in navigating the Section 7 process delayed the WWTF project by two years. At some point, the WWTF and Purple Pipe projects have to be married back together and the WWTF delays have reached a feasibility breaking point with the Purple Pipe.

Water Resources Department (the granting agency) has made it clear that the project cannot receive more reimbursements until Landowner Agreements are reached. Landowner Agreements from Malheur Lumber Company have been infeasible to negotiate at this time because of the lack of design engineering and treatment water quality data on the WWTF effluent that has not been constructed yet. Other agreements and end users contemplated were the Golf Course and local parks.

Another layer of complication on the Landowner Agreements is the Class A vs. Class B use restrictions. Class B cannot be used on parks, landscapes open to the public use, or many other uses. Class A tertiary treatment upgrades to utilize the Purple Pipe system could cost \$1,000,000 and the steel tank needed to operate the Purple Pipe could cost over \$1,100,000. Both of these elements will end up being loan-funded. In short, if the City does not build these two elements, then the project can save ~\$2,100,000. One important note, the final decision on the necessity of the tank for the WWTF, apart from the Purple Pipe, will be made by the incoming Final Design Engineering firm.

The business case for the Purple Pipe is based on the revenue potential of the reclaimed and treated water balanced against the costs to build and operate the Purple Pipe system. While much of the Purple Pipe system would be constructed with grants, but the steel tank needed to operate it cannot fit within the existing grant budget and will cost ~\$1.1m. To truly reach the top revenue potential, the Purple Pipe would need to convey Class A water (requiring additional tertiary treatment). Estimates from the previous administration on the potential revenue from the Purple Pipe water sales to Malheur Lumber Co. (not agreed to by the Company) is \$60,000 – 80,000/year. While the Golf Course could take Class B water for their use, the Golf Course will not generate much (if anything) in the form of revenue. Additionally, USDA may not pay for the Class A upgrades and previously communicated that Class A was not required, thus not eligible for their funding. Class A could potentially be added after the WWTF is constructed for additional costs.

The chart below illustrates the cost/benefits of the Purple Pipe in dollars. Debt-financed capital costs to annualized costs, in addition to several other factors, including the increased cost of hiring a Class IV Operator to operate a Class A WWTF, the pumping and operation costs, the maintenance and replacement costs, and subtracts potential revenue. Class B offers essentially no revenue potential. Caveat: these numbers are not financial advice, are based on outdated engineering cost estimates, and could be higher or lower in reality. They are the best estimates at this time.

<i>Cost Category</i>	<b>CLASS B EFFLUENT</b>		<b>CLASS A EFFLUENT</b>	
	<i>Capital Cost</i>	<i>Annualized Cost (30 yrs)</i>	<i>Capital Cost</i>	<i>Annualized Cost (30 yrs)</i>
Additional Treatment	None	0	\$1,000,000	~\$50,000/yr
Tank	\$1,100,000	~\$50,000/yr	\$1,100,000	~\$50,000/yr
Maintenance & Operations	None	~\$30,000/yr	None	~\$60,000/yr (w/ add'l treatment)
Increased Salary (Class IV Operator)	None	None	None	~\$45,000 (w/benefits)
Sales of Water (revenue)	None	None	None	-\$60,000 – 80,000
<b>Total Annualized Cost</b>		<b>~\$80,000</b>		<b>~\$145,000 - \$125,000</b>

**Committee consensus:** The estimated potential revenue from Purple Pipe Class A does not justify the up-front capital costs that will need to be debt-serviced, in addition to the increased operation and maintenance costs. Class B water will provide zero, or very little revenue, and still require a tank to be built with loan funds and operations to be funded annually. We recommend stopping the Purple Pipe at this time. After the WWTF is up and running, and the total amount of debt the City has taken on is determined, the City should revisit the Purple Pipe. And, prior to applying for additional funds, should have Landowner Agreements executed, in-hand.