



**Council Present**

Mayor Brad Smith  
Barbara Northington  
Suzanne Hood  
Lindsey Wenick

**Public Present**

Fire Chief Mike Allen  
Chuck Whites  
Brian Wolfe

June 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 Meeting called to order @6pm by Council President Barbara Northington  
Minutes taken by City Manager/Recorder Deborah Outman

1. Open Floor

Fire Chief Allen stated that fire season started June 11<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Council L. Wenick asked if that included open burns, Chief Allen stated that at this point with a permit burn barrels and contained pits are okay. Councilor L. Winick asked about yard nuisances and if there had been any progress. The reply was yes there is progress and communication with offenders.

2. Shooting Club Gate Installation

Brian Wolfe President of the Shooting Club stated that they are wanting to widen the gates of the road that are accessed from the Shirttail Creek road prior to the entrance for additional safety due to people going around the closed gate while they are actively shooting. Councilor L. Wenick made a motion to allow the Shooting Club to place new extended gates to keep the range safe, no less than the width of the cattle guard, with Councilor Hood seconding the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

3. Herburger Application to Build

The Herburger's property known as 304 1<sup>st</sup> sits on four different saleable lots, which are taxable lots that benefit the city. Councilor Northington asked for a motion to approve if the application to build meets the tax law requirements. Mayor Smith made the motion to approve if it meets the tax lot requirement, seconded by Councilor L. Wenick, all were in favor, motion passed.

4. Smith Garage Variance Request

Mayor Brad Smith is requesting a variance to replace the building and put it back where it is right now. This request is for variance on the setback due to it being on the property line currently. Councilor L. Wenick made a motion to accepted the variance as proposed by the Smith's, councilor Hood second the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.



5. Underground Tech Pipe Repair

DEQ will be fining the city mandating that we repair our infiltration/inflow by summer of 2025. Our last meeting with DEQ included HECO Engineers, Keith Bidel (OAWU), Feather Sams Huestis (Business Oregon). HECO supplied mapping of sewer lines that were planned to be repaired with the construction of the new sewer lagoon, this was not accomplished due to lack of funds and would currently cost around 2million dollars. With the help of Keith Bidel DEQ could see the benefits of cured in place line repair costing the city no more than \$50 thousand, ½ a loan ½ a grant with Business Oregon, with a portion of the fine to be used to pay for repairs. Councilor Hood pointed out that the city is responsible for permits, inspections, licenses and environment approvals and thought possibly tied with the loan. Councilor L. Wenick pointed out that we are responsible for traffic control and suggested that we keep it simple and block off the roads as there are alternate routes. Councilor Northington asked for a motion to proceed with Underground Tech, Mayor Smith made the motion to proceed with Underground Tech, seconded by Councilor Hood, all were in favor, motion passed.

6. John Day Sell of Cyber Building

John Day City Manager Malissa Bethel asked that the council be informed of and get a united peace as they will be selling the CyberMill. Council agreed that the City of John Day did not need their permission.

7. Approval of Minutes

Councilor L. Wenick made the motion to approve May 2024 minutes, seconded by Mayor Smith, all were in favor, motion passed.

8. Bills Before Council

Mayor Smith made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Councilor L. Wenick, all were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

ATEST

  
Council President Barbara Northington  
