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Street and South Canyon Boulevard, east and south of the stoplight.

City Manager Peggy Gray said the project, made possible by an Oregon Department of Transportation grant, "enhances the look and feel of the city's downtown area and we hope, a sense of pride for the community."

Mayor Ron Lundbom said they've been fortunate to have the state's help and added, "I think it turned out great."



Mayor Ron Lundbom

The City has received another ODOT grant to construct new sidewalks and widen existing bicycle lanes on South Canyon Boulevard from Southwest Sixth Avenue to Grant Union Junior-Senior High School. That project is scheduled for 2018.

Gray said the city is applying for 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program funds which will complete the downtown improvements, with new sidewalks and pedestrian lights on remaining portions of Main Street and South Canyon Boulevard.

John Day is also getting a new fire station, which is under construction on South Canyon Boulevard. The facility will allow the John Day Rural Fire District to better serve John Day, with more garage space for emergency vehicles, as well as a meeting and training room for community use. Expected completion is spring 2016.

Lundbom, who has lived in John Day with his wife, Sherri, since 1966, is midway through his current term as mayor. He previously served as mayor in 2012 when he succeeded Bob Quinton, who moved outside the city limits. Lundbom's other civic positions have included city councilor, Grant County Airport Commission chairman and Grant County Air Search president.

He owns the Napa Auto Parts store, that was first owned by his parents in 1966, and has been the school golf coach for 10 years.

"I like being involved," Lundbom said.

Current city council members are president Steve Schuette, and councilors Louis Provencher, Paul Smith, Lisa Weigum, Gregg Haberly and Donn Willey.

Lundbom said he likes working with the council and city staff to keep John Day moving forward and growing.

"We have a good group and we all have the same goals," he said.

"My job is so easy with Peggy, who is on the ball with everything," Lundbom added.

Gray has lived in the John Day and Canyon City area for almost 40 years, and has worked for the City of John Day for 23 years - 14 as the city manager.

She gave credit to all the people - too many to mention, she said - who give of their time to make the community so special.

"This is the most giving community I've seen," Gray said.

"What amazes me is how this community pulls together during a crisis - the recent fires proved this again," she said.

"How all the agencies have worked together - ODOT and



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John Day is home to the Grant County Fairgrounds, site of many annual events, including the county fair in August.

all the state agencies, county, cities, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, Sheriff's Office, local police and fire departments - it was, and is, just incredible," Gray said.

Lundbom said the people here are about as nice as they get.

"It's been a great place to raise our kids," he said.

John Day City Council meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The council meets only the second Tuesday in November and December, because of holidays.

John Day City Hall is at 450 E. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., excluding holidays.

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