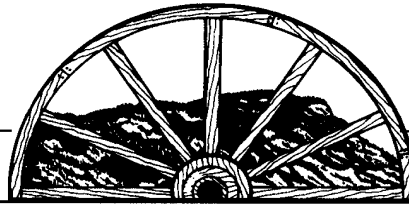

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MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of La Grande
Vacancies on City Boards, Advisory Committees/Commissions
January 16, 2018

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The City Council of the City of La Grande has established by Ordinance ten Advisory Commissions; a Building Board of Appeals, and the Budget Committee which is mandated by State Statute. In addition, the Council has appointment privileges for other City and County Boards of Directors; for example, the Union County Tourism Advisory Committee. Individuals serving as unpaid Board, Committee, or Commission members play a vital role in assisting Staff and Council by making recommendations in connection with a variety of important administrative and/or policy-making decisions that directly impact City operations in particular, and our community in general. Such recommendations include providing input to appropriate Staff regarding Department or Program annual budgets.

AIR QUALITY COMMISSION: The Air Quality Commission was established in response to the City's mandated Air Quality Program in 1995. The intent of the Program is to benefit our citizens' health and welfare by ensuring we all have clean air and improved visibility, as well as improving economic development opportunities within the community. Commissioners meet on an as-needed basis and are provided with administrative staff support for routine Commission meetings and events. There are 6, 3-year seats, the terms for which shall begin immediately upon appointment: 1 shall expire on December 31, 2018; 2 shall expire on December 31, 2019; and 3 shall expire on December 31, 2020. Applicants may express a preference for term duration. 2 of these seats may be filled by a resident of the area within the City's Urban Growth Boundary or within the boundaries of Union County.

ARTS COMMISSION: The primary purpose of this seven-member Commission is to encourage greater opportunities for and recognition of the arts in our community including providing coordination of and communication among groups and individuals engaged in the arts to enhance the artistic diversity available for the citizens of La Grande; promoting development of the arts as an economic driver to the area; assisting with programs and projects that encourage the arts for local youth; advising the La Grande City Council on art related issues. There is 1 vacancy on the Arts Commission, the term for which shall begin immediately upon appointment and expiring on December 31, 2019.

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS This five-member Board was established by Ordinance Number 3224, the Dangerous Building Ordinance. The purpose of the Board is to hear appeals of decisions of the Building Official regarding application of the various Building Codes and Ordinances. Members shall be residents of the City, except that one member may be from the area within the City Urban Growth Boundary, or within the

boundaries of Union County. Board members shall be individuals who have an interest in construction issues facing the City of La Grande, and who are qualified by experience and training to decide matters pertaining to building construction. There are 4 vacancies on this Board; one will expire on December 31, 2019; two will expires on December 31, 2020; and one will expire on December 31, 2021. This Board meets as needed.

PARKING, TRAFFIC SAFETY, AND STREET MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMISSION: The Commission's duties are to recommend traffic safety priorities to the City Manager and City Council; develop and recommend coordinated safety programs; review information and data regarding traffic safety issues; receive complaints from City residents about traffic and safety conditions; promote City and State Traffic Safety Programs to the public; and promote public awareness and support of traffic laws and safety. This Commission meets on an as needed basis, and has 2 vacant seats, the terms for which shall be filled immediately upon appointment; 1 shall expire on December 31, 2018, and 1 shall expire on December 31, 2020.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Commission is empowered by the City Council and charged with recommending to the City Council issues related to Comprehensive Plan amendments; zoning and rezoning; public road dedications and vacations; street naming and renaming; and Ordinance adoptions related to land use or development issues; rendering a final decision, unless appealed to the City Council, in connection with "non-administrative" land use applications including, but not limited to, subdivisions, conditional use permits, variances and appeals of administrative decisions. The Commission meets monthly and has 1 vacancy, a 4-year term to be filled immediately upon appointment. This term will expire on December 31, 2021.

URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMISSION: The Urban Renewal Advisory Commission considers, prioritizes, and recommends policies to the Urban Renewal Agency dedicated to the revitalization of the Urban Renewal District. It also recommends to the Urban Renewal Agency that the Agency invest in public improvements and public/private development partnerships that will benefit and enhance the Urban Renewal District and facilitate the development of commercial and industrial parts of the District to create jobs and income which will provide economic support to the District. The Commission has 1 vacant seat, the term for which shall begin immediately upon appointment, and shall expire on December 31, 2020.

Applications may be found on the City's web site at www.cityoflagrande.org, obtained from Kayla Nichols, Assistant to the City Manager, or City Recorder Angelika Brooks on the Second Floor of City Hall, 1000 Adams Avenue; 962-1309. Completed applications should be returned to Ms. Nichols or Ms. Brooks by Noon on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, for consideration during the Council's Regular Session on February 7, 2018.