

**City of Milton-Freewater
City Council Minutes**

OATH OF OFFICE

Prior to Mayor Key opening the meeting, Steve Irving – Councilor At Large Position #2, was sworn into his respective office by City Manager and Notary Public Linda Hall.

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Ed Chesnut, Sam Hopkins-Hubbard, Jeff Anliker, Steve Irving and Brad Humbert.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall and City Recorder Leanne Steadman.

Citizens present were: Merle Sherman and Manford Anliker. Mr. Anliker joined the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Press member Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of council minutes from the January 10, 2011 meeting and accounts payable from January 6th through January 18th, 2011.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES; LIBRARY BOARD, PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Key reported he had reviewed the applications submitted for the various advisory committees. He suggested appointing the following citizens to the various board and committees as follows; to the Planning Commission - Myra Sherwin (4-yr term), Ben Silva (4-yr term), Bob White (4-yr term), Christa Guerrero (3-yr term), to the Recreation Committee - Roger Everett (4-yr term), Merle Sherman (4-yr term), Rick Rambo (4-yr term), William Kelly (4-yr term), Kassidy Harris (Youth position), to the Library Board - Bill White (4-yr term) and Elizabeth (Liz) Curtis (4-yr term). There were no applications received for the budget committee.

Councilor Anliker asked who Christa Guerrero would be replacing on the Planning Commission.

Ms. Steadman and Councilor Lyon replied Scott Gilmore had to resign due to his work schedule and not being able to meet the meeting requirements.

Councilor Chesnut expressed his appreciation for the interest taken by Kassidy Harris for applying for the youth position on the Recreation Committee.

Councilor Humbert made a motion to approve the recommended appointments to the various boards as suggested by Mayor Key. Councilor Chesnut seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Sherman was in the audience and thanked the City Council for his reappointment to the Recreation Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hall reported that there was yet another on-duty police officer shot in Oregon recently. The officer was from Lincoln City, Oregon and was performing a routine traffic stop when he was shot multiple times. The shooter has not been located and several surrounding cities continue to look for the shooter. The officer was flown to a hospital in Portland and was listed in critical condition.

She then explained that she is working on ramping up the email policy with regard to records retention and public records requests. She expressed she would like to be proactive and ensure proper procedures are in place. She shared a recent court case involving email and Commissioners in an Oregon County. At which time a discussion ensued regarding what was considered a public record and what was not. The Attorney General has proposed changes to the public records and public meetings law and she said she would have more on this topic in the near future.

The Umatilla County Land Use Hearings scheduled for January 27th and February 22nd have been changed to February 24th and March 17th. The hearing has to do with the update of the Umatilla County Development Code.

She reported she would be out of the office on Monday, January 31st and Tuesday, February 1st.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Chesnut said in regard to the Umatilla County Development Code he has not had the chance to look at their website to see if the proposed final order was listed. In his opinion, one of the things that it may include would be from Oregon Fish and Wildlife. He felt they may have a final adoption of their revised wintering deer and elk area with possibly intending to use those boundaries as a no wind, no turbine zone.

Manager Hall asked if that was a large zone.

Councilor Chesnut said it was either the deer or elk wintering zone that came down within a mile or two from the railroad tracks between Milton-Freewater and Walla Walla. The boundary also included the face of the Blue Mountains extending to Pilot Rock, Oregon. He expressed this was his opinion of what could be included in the amendments and revisions.

Councilor Chesnut then announced that he would forward the information he received from the last League of Oregon Cities Conference he attended with regard to public records. He shared some of the key points of the class he attended with regard to personal computers of the councilors.

Mayor Key said he had talked to County Commissioner Larry Givens and he was going to be traveling to Washington D.C. He asked if there were any issues that Commissioner Givens should present on behalf of the City.

Funding for the levee was suggested.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session pursuant to 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed at 7:28 p.m.

The council returned to open session at 8:26 p.m.

No further action was taken therefore the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor