

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2026
TO: Milton-Freewater Mayor/City Council
FROM: Tim Johnson, Interim City Manager
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for March 1-15, 2026

The following identifies meeting and actions that took place March 1-15

Mayor/Council Meetings

City Council Meeting

- Meeting with Mayor every Wednesday, March 4 & 11
- Meetings with individual City Council members pending later in the month

Internal Meetings

- Department Directors
- Individual Dept. Directors meetings
- Weekly meeting with HR
- Weekly PW meeting

External Meetings

- Meeting with City Managers and County Administrators, S.E. Washington
- Meeting with WMS Aquatics, Pool Inspection and recommendations. In attendance, Council President, Steve Irving, City Council member Wes Koklich, Water Divi. Shane Wright, Wastewater, Nate Lyons, Public Works Admin., Steven Patten and Krista Gannon

Other

Removal of graffiti

Worked with Councilmember Wes Koklich on painting of utility boxes impacted by graffiti. The boxes were located on east side of Key Blvd., south of Sykes Blvd. See photos below:



Additionally, a utility box on N.E. 8th and N. Elizabeth



A Big Thank You

The city received 100 donated trees from Schmidt Nursery that were brought from the valley specifically for our community. Yes --- 100% DONATED.

These are low maintenance trees staff was able to determine would be good trees for our area and low maintenance (leaves, pruning, etc.) that are also sidewalk friendly and some are flowering as well as shade trees to update some of our landscape areas and even begin a small tree replacement program. An area

specifically targeted will be along S Main adjacent to True Value in the parking strip area where the old trees were recently removed. There are also five going to the golf course that were removed last year.

Golf Course

A variety of actions have and continue to take place related to the turf and general maintenance at the golf course.

First, new protective nets were placed at the course. Unbelievably during the process of putting them up a golfer hit and broke the glass of a front door storm door. Not sure what the statistical probability of that event was, but certainly amazing. See photos below.

Additionally, work continues on horticultural elements. Staff has trimmed the arborvitae hedge by the putting green by the clubhouse. See photos below.

Work continues to paint out former graffiti along sheds facing the course. See photos below.



