
CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER GOVERNING BODY

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CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER**August 25, 2025****CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in a Special Session on Monday, August 25, 2025 in the Albee Room of the City Library, 8 SW 8th Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Mike Odman, Councilors Emily Holden, Steve Irving, Destiny Jensen, Wes Koklich and John Lyon

Councilor Jose Garcia was absent.

Staff members present were: City Manager Chad Morris, City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Finance Director Laurie Bubar, Library Director Lili Schmidt, Electric Engineering Technician Tina Kain, Public Works Engineering Technician Steven Patten, Public Works Assistant/Project Aid Krista Gannon and Conservation Specialist Ryan Westman.

Guests and citizens present were: Carol Irving, Treyton Moore, Megan Hoel, Claudia Osorio and Sheila Hagar via conference phone.

Representing the news media were: Sherrie Widmer of the Valley Herald and Dan Thesman of Elkhorn Media Group via conference phone.

BUSINESS ITEM:**BID AWARD – SEWER TREATMENT PLANT PRIMARY DIGESTER RECOATING**

When staff performed cleaning of the interior of the primary digester, it was discovered the epoxy coating was peeling and some areas had voids of coating. This was discovered in the air gap area between the top of the digester liquid contents and lid. Anderson Perry & Associates was contracted with to compile a bid packet for the project. The project was advertised and bids were opened on Thursday, August 21, 2025. There were five bids received. Anderson Perry's recommendation was to award the bid to the second lowest bidder, Columbia Industrial Coatings, LLC, as the lowest bidder did not provide a responsible bid due to not having any experience with the type of coating material required. This recommendation was also reviewed by the City Attorney David Blanc who concurred with the recommendation. City Manager Morris stated the company could start on the project approximately two weeks after awarded the bid with another three weeks of work with an estimated completion date as the end of October.

Mayor Odman asked how long the warranty was good for.

Manager Morris replied, three years.

Councilor Holden motioned to approve and issue the notice of intent to award Primary Sewer Digester Recoating, Contract 319 to the lowest determined responsible bidder per OAR 137-049-0390 to Columbia Industrial Coatings, LLC. of Richland, Washington as per unit prices as bid. Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Councilor Lyon motioned to approve and issue the notice of award Primary Sewer Digester Recoating, Contract 319 to the lowest determined responsible bidder per OAR 137-049-0390 to Columbia Industrial Coatings, LLC. of Richland, Washington as per unit prices as bid, upon the conclusion of the seven-day protest period, planned for September 2, 2025. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Mike Odman, Mayor