
CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER GOVERNING BODY

Destiny Jensen At Large, Position 1
Steve Irving - Council President At Large, Position 2
Wes Koklich At Large, Position 3

Mike Odman
John Lyon
vacant
Jose Garcia

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3

CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER**June 12, 2026****CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in a Special Session on June 12, 2026, in the Albee Room of the City Library, 8 SW 8th Avenue immediately following an executive session at 6:54 p.m.

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

Councilor Jose Garcia was absent, and Councilor Ward 2 position is vacant.

Staff members present were: City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Police Chief Joe Shurtz, Finance Director Laurie Bubar, Library Director Lili Schmidt and Police Officers James Farr and Tate Lightfoot.

No guests or citizens were present.

Representing the news media were: Sherrie Widmer of the Valley Herald and Sheila Hagar of the East Oregonian via conference phone.

Councilor Irving motioned to offer the city manager position to Nicole Schneider contingent upon a successful background check. Councilor Lyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Councilor Lyon motioned to offer Nicole Schneider a starting salary of \$150,000 with a six-month review and consideration of an increase. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Councilor Lyon motioned to direct the City Attorney to draft the city manager contract for the city manager position. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There was a consensus of the council for staff to help coordinate any information that the City Attorney may need in the drafting of the city manager's contract.

Mayor Odman tried reaching Ms. Schneider via phone to offer her the position but was unable to.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Adopted July 13, 2026

Mike Odman, Mayor