

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

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in regular session Monday, November 9, 2009 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 and Brad Humbert.

Councilor Steve Irving was absent due to a work obligation.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Fire Chief Shane Garner and Public Works Supervisor Bryan DeBeaumont.

Citizen Shannon DeBeaumont was present.

Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of regular council minutes from the October 26, 2009 meeting and accounts payable from October 21, 2009 – November 4, 2009.

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

RECOGNITION – NOVEMBER 2009 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, BRYAN DeBEAUMONT

Councilor Humbert presented Public Works Supervisor Bryan DeBeaumont with the November 2009 Employee of the Month award. Bryan has worked for the city 20 years. He is the supervisor of the solid waste, sewer treatment and farm facilities. He has also been a volunteer firefighter since 1993 and serves on the City Safety Committee. On behalf of the Mayor and the other City Councilors, Councilor Humbert presented Bryan with a one-hundred dollar (\$100) check to show their appreciation.

City Manager Linda Hall commended Bryan for being a great supervisor by leading by example.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2154 DECLARING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT TO BE SURPLUS

Fire Chief Shane Garner reported that the fire department purchased a new breathing air compressor which replaced one that was 20 – 25 years old. He stated there was no need to keep the old one and suggested donating the equipment to East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District who did not have a breathing air compressor and could get some use out of it. The city currently has a mutual aid agreement with them and they have donated a hurst tool to the City Fire Department in the past.

Councilor Anliker asked what the approximate value of the old piece of equipment was.

Chief Garner said there probably wasn't much value since it was so old.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard felt it was a very nice gesture to donate the equipment to a fire department that could use it.

Councilor Anliker motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2154, Resolution Declaring Fire Department Equipment to be Surplus and Gift said Equipment to East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District. Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BID AWARD – ALFALFA HAY SALES, CONTRACT #229

City Manger Hall reported the city advertised and accepted sealed bids for hay produced at the city farm. There were four bids received; English Hay Company, Jeff Leber, Joe Bronkhorst and Michael Onstot. Staff's recommendation was to award the total tonnage of 489.4 tons to English Hay Company of Mesa, Washington which was the highest bidder for a total amount of \$35,236.80.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to award all nine lots of Contract #229 to English Hay Company in the amount of \$72.00 per ton with a calculated tonnage of 489.4 tons for a total of \$35,236.80. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hall welcomed Mayor Key back who was out with an illness. She reported there was a new email server installed last week. Emails will be run through both servers until all the bugs are worked out with the new one. She said if she has not responded to an email within a couple of days to please call her or the city recorder because chances are she didn't receive the message. She gave a reminder of the joint work session with the Milton-Freewater Unified School Board on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the music room.

A discussion ensued about a School Resource Officer and how it worked in the past along with the cost of the position. Councilor Humbert suggested having an officer drop in and make a presence at different times on school property.

Manager Hall said she would check with the police chief to see if that was feasible.

There was a discussion about the next regular council meeting of November 23, 2009. It was suggested to hold the meeting right after the joint work session with the Milton-Freewater School Board on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Council consensus was to move the meeting time to 7:10 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. to allow time to get to the Albee Room after the work session. The meeting on November 23, 2009 would be cancelled due to the holiday and be held on November 17th instead.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Key thanked everyone for the card and plant that he received from the city councilors and staff while he was out with his illness. He passed around a thank you letter that he had received from a gentleman of Rhode Island. Mayor Key had a request from him for information about Milton-Freewater which he put together in a packet and sent off.

Councilor Anliker met with Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer and they put a letter together that was mailed out to area Churches looking for volunteers for community policing. He felt combined efforts would lead to a better community. Citizens wanting more information on the program or if anyone wants to volunteer contact Councilor Jeff Anliker or Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer. A notice in the city wide newsletter will also be published.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor