

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

OATH OF OFFICE

At 6:45 p.m. Sam Hopkins-Hubbard – Ward 3 Councilor was sworn into office by Notary Public Linda Hall.

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater then met in regular session Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

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

Councilor Lyon was absent due to being out of town.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, Finance Director Dave Richmond, City Planner Gina Hartzheim, and City Recorder Leanne Steadman.

Citizens present were: Marge Roff and Goral LaPorte.

Press member Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of regular council meeting minutes from April 13, 2009, executive session minutes from April 13, 2009, accounts payable from April 9th through April 21st, 2009 and liquor license request from the Let's Go Inn establishment for a greater serving privilege.

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

PRESENTATION:

BOB BOWER – WALLA WALLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL - MONITORING THE SHALLOW AQUIFER IN THE WALLA WALLA RIVER VALLEY

Mayor Key announced the presentation was canceled and rescheduled for May 11, 2009 council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 951
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT
409 WARD, FROM INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL**

City Manager Linda Hall reported that council had held the introduction and first reading of Ordinance #951, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for Property Located at 409 Ward from Industrial to Residential. Manager Hall said staff remained in support of the amendment.

Councilor Chesnut moved that Ordinance #951 be introduced by title only and full reading waived. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The City Manager then read the ordinance by title. Councilor Irving moved to adopt Ordinance No. 951, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for Property Located at 409 Ward, from Industrial to Residential. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion. Councilors Irving, Anliker, Chesnut and Hopkins-Hubbard voted yea. Councilor Humbert voted nay.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 952 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 409 WARD, FROM I-M TO R-3

Manager Hall reported that council had held the introduction and first reading of Ordinance #952, Amending the Zoning Map for Property Located at 409 Ward from I-M to R-3. Manager Hall said staff remained in support of the amendment.

Councilor Humbert moved that Ordinance #952 be introduced by title only and full reading waived. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The City Manager then read the ordinance by title. Councilor Irving moved to adopt Ordinance No. 952, Amending the Zoning Map for Property Located at 409 Ward from I-M to R-3. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion. Councilors Irving, Anliker, Chesnut and Hopkins-Hubbard voted yea. Councilor Humbert voted nay.

RESOLUTION NO. 2123 RESOLUTION CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CITY COUNTY INSURANCE SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RETRO LIABILITY PROGRAM

Finance Director Dave Richmond reported that the City of Milton-Freewater was a member of City County Insurance Services Trust (CIS), a trust established by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) to create and administer pooled retention funds to protect members against the financial consequence of property, casualty, and workers compensation losses. Mr. Richmond said the city participated in the CIS Retro Liability program which allowed the city to self insure a portion of the liability insurance. The program is offered to members with over forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) of both property and liability insurance coverage. The City elected to self insure 15%, paying 85% of the insurance premium, with a maximum cap loss of 107.5%. CIS requires members to commit to staying with them for three years but the City could opt out of the Retro Liability program if they chose too. Staff's recommendation was to continue membership with CIS and continue participation in the Retro Liability Program.

Councilor Chesnut motion to adopt Resolution No. 2123, Resolution for the City of Milton-Freewater to Continue Membership in the City County Insurance Services Trust for Purposes of Participation in the CIS Retro Liability Program. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO APPROACH THE COUNCIL WITH ISSUES NOT ON THIS AGENDA

Marge Roff – 14 SW 9th Ave. thanked the council for their support of the zoning amendments.

Manager Hall reminded Ms. Roff and Mr. LaPorte that the ordinances would not take effect until thirty (30) days from the time the ordinances were advertised in the city's newspaper of record.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hall requested to cancel the May 25, 2009 council meeting due to the holiday if there were no objections from council. The landfill compactor arrived last week and a

Montana County mechanic removed the air conditioner at no charge so the compactor could be shipped. She felt that was very nice for them to help the city out. The Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room. She asked if there were questions on the budget to please get those to her prior to the meeting so there would be sufficient time to research. Manager Hall then gave an update on the floodplain appeal process that she planned to pursue. She said she had been contacted by a consultant that provided floodplain management services with regard to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). She felt this could be a benefit to the city but wanted to check into some references and investigate what services the consultant would provide. Documentation that FEMA's engineering firm used to formulate the maps and information they used has been requested. Bonneville Power Administration may be of some help with their maps as they may show all the pertinent information the city may need to compare to FEMA's maps. Manager Hall said she received a phone call from Dick Townsend. He was a retired LOC Director and past city manager. He said he heard through the grape vine that the City of Milton-Freewater had recently been deemed a floodplain zone. Mr. Townsend was now involved in a group called Oregon Solutions Team. The Team goes to cities that need help with major issues and they are able to get all agencies state, federal and local stakeholders together to come up with a solution to fixing the problem. Manager Hall said she was very interested in pursuing the assistance of the Oregon Solutions Team.

A discussion ensued amongst council members regarding the preliminary floodplain maps and past meeting that FEMA held locally.

There being no further business, at 7:30 p.m. council adjourned to an Urban Renewal Agency Meeting.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor