

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

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, June 14, 2010 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, Brad Humbert, Sam Hopkins-Hubbard, Jeff Anliker and Steve Irving.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Finance Director Dave Richmond and Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw.

Budget Committee Members present were: Marge Roff and Wes Koklich.

Citizens present were: Sonia Arizmendi and Ramon Arizmendi.

Press member Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was also present.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of:

- Council minutes from the May 24, 2010 meeting.
- Accounts payable from May 20, 2010 through June 8, 2010.
- Resolution No. 2173, Amending the Municipal Golf Course Rates reflecting a 3% rate increase effective July 1, 2010.
- Resolution No. 2174, Authorizing Signature to an Oregon Department of Transportation Grant Agreement No. 26685 to receive reimbursable grant funds up to \$50,806.
- Resolution No. 2175, Authorizing Signature to an American Red Cross, Blue Mountain Chapter, provider agreement for CPR instructor training.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2176 – TRANSFER FUNDS DUE TO UNFORESEEN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Finance Director Dave Richmond explained that during the current budget year there were events that occurred that were not foreseen at the time of preparing and adopting the budget. He reviewed the various departments that needed to have adjustments made in order to stay in compliance with the local budget law. One of the adjustments was for the fees associated with internet and credit card payments. There was \$1.8 million dollars paid by credit card and/or debit card and there is a fee for each transaction either a percentage or minimum charge that the city must pay. These fees exceeded the anticipated amount by \$16,800. Mr. Richmond then explained the other transfers needed - \$38,900 in ODOT grant funds received for street improvements, \$134,368 in additional electric revenues from BPA standstill agreement. Unanticipated expenditures were \$7,800 in postage and repair costs and \$20,000 for landfill engineering.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2176, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Due to Unforeseen Revenues and Expenditures. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION NO. 2177, STATE REVENUE SHARING

Mayor Key opened and summarized the rules for a public hearing held for the purpose of gaining citizen input towards the receipt and use of State Revenue Sharing funds in the amount of \$45,725.

No member of the Council declared ex parte contact and no audience member challenged any Councilor's right to participate in the hearing.

The City Recorder reported the hearing had been published according to law and there were no written comments on file.

Mayor Key opened the floor to citizen comments. There being no citizen comments, the Mayor opened the floor to the entire Council. There being no Council comments, the Mayor declared the hearing to be closed.

Finance Director Dave Richmond explained the State Revenue Sharing fund is based upon population figures and our city proposes the funds be spent for public safety purposes.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2177, Resolution Electing to Receive State Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of \$45,725. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION NO. 2178, ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET

Mayor Key announced the public hearing rules read earlier would remain in effect. He said the public hearing was being held for the purpose of gaining citizen input towards the proposed city budget for fiscal year 2011.

No member of the Council declared ex parte contact and no audience member challenged any Councilor's right to participate in the hearing.

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Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2178, Resolution Adopting the Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in the sum of \$29,344,881, levy taxes at the rate of \$3.7499 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations, \$60,000 Local Option Tax for public transportation and in the sum of \$100,000 for Bonded Debt, and make appropriations as listed. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Mayor, along with the entire Council and staff, thanked the Budget Committee members Marge Roff and Wes Koklich for coming to the council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2179, AMEND SOLID WASTE RATES

Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw stated there was a twenty percent (20%) overall rate increase proposed which was equivalent to a \$2.22 per month increase to the base rate of the solid waste rate. The increase was primarily due to increased cost of mandated fees, testing

requirements, environmental regulations and operation requirements of the current landfill operating permit. The rate increase would be effective July 1, 2010.

There was discussion on who mandates the fees and testing, which is the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and if the amount of the rate increase was sufficient to cover the mandates imposed.

Manager Hall said another expensive attributed to the landfill was the engineering service. The engineering portion must be contracted out and can not be performed by city staff.

Councilor Anliker asked if the minimum solid waste container requirement for multi-unit housing, which was established last year, was helping.

Mr. Bradshaw said it was.

Councilor Anliker motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2179, Resolution Amending Solid Waste Collection Rates reflecting a fifteen percent (15%) rate increase effective July 1, 2010. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2180, AMEND ELECTRIC RATES

City Manager Hall reported there was a three percent (3%) general rate increase proposed which was equivalent to \$2.13 per month increase to the average electric residential customer. Manager Hall explained that Bonneville Power Administration has a new program, effective October 2010, at which time utilities will be required to establish a "high water mark". The high water mark is the amount of power that a utility locks into and everything purchased above that amount will be at a much higher rate. Also, the conservation measures that the utility has been working hard to achieve will be deducted from the base, high water mark resulting in more power needing to be purchased at that much high rate. The rate increase would be effective July 1, 2010.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2180, Resolution Amending the Electric Rates and Charges reflecting a three percent (3%) rate increase effective July 1, 2010. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO APPROACH THE COUNCIL WITH ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Marge Roff, 195 S. Main, approached the council with her concern of the continuous trespassing through the properties at 217 Catherine and 219 Catherine. These properties border the Golf Course and people walk through the back yards. Ms. Roff, along with the property owner of 217 Catherine, were asking for consideration of a fence being installed.

Manager Hall asked for the Councils consent for her and Mr. Bradshaw to talk with both the property owners to come to a solution. Council agreed.

Sonia Arizmendi, 217 Catherine, has had her window broken out by a golf ball in the past and felt a fence would help.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hall reported the letter to citizens regarding the flood insurance would be mailed this week. The letter explains that there will be a meeting on July 15, 16, and 17, 2010, at the Community Building, 109 NE 5th, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be insurance agents on hand to answer questions about the insurance and give quotes on properties. The meeting will also

be announced via city newsletter, a radio announcement, the Chamber of Commerce newsletter and their facebook page along with presentations in front of civic groups. She felt there was some progress made with FEMA by obtaining an extension of two years of the preferred risk insurance rate. There would be a media kick-off of the Smart Grid project in the Albee Room at the Library on Tuesday, June, 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The City of Milton-Freewater was one of 12 utilities, in the nation, chosen for the demonstration project. One last item reported was the completion of the new welcome sign on the south reservoir water tower. The sign was sponsored by the Milton-Freewater Community Development Partnership group.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Anliker announced there would be an event at Yantis Park on June 26, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., "What Difference Does Jesus Make".

Mayor Key suggested sending Sergeant Pat Garrett a letter for upholding the law and maintaining his professionalism throughout the recent court trial of which the city prevailed. He said he read in the "Poplar Mechanics" magazine that Smart Grid meters reduce the power consumption by 37%.

The meeting was adjourned to an Urban Renewal Agency meeting and an Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

The meeting was returned to open session at 8:27 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard, reporting on behalf of the Milton-Freewater Water Control Board, said there was a vegetation meeting held with interested parties. The discussion centered around the vegetation in the levee.

Manager Hall announced she was having a conference call with Congress Greg Walden's representatives, Wade Foster and Nathan Rea. The call was regarding flood insurance, the FEMA maps and the Corp of Engineers requirements. The call was set for Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. She invited any member of the council to join her in the conference call.

Councilor Chesnut announced that Umatilla County Planning Department had new proposed changes to the development code for wind turbines. There was a Blue Mountain Alliance meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room of City Hall.

Mayor Key said the Corp of Engineers was getting a new Commander and he was invited to the welcome reception which was July 9, 2010.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor