

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

Library Director Bob Jones gave a tour of the new cozy book furniture in the children's section of the library at 6:45 p.m.

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in regular session Monday, December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Keith Woods, Debbie Kelley, Brad Humbert and Steve Irving.

Councilor Ed Chesnut was absent due to being out of town.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, Electric Superintendent Mike Charlo, Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer, Finance Director Dave Richmond, Electric Assistant Barbara Chadek, Human Resource Officer Teresa Dutcher and City Recorder Leanne Steadman.

Citizens present were: Steve Chadek, Josie Chadek, Jeff Anliker and Patty Key.

Press member Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of regular council meeting minutes from November 10, 2008 and accounts payable from November 19th – December 3, 2008.

Councilor Kelley motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Councilor Woods seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

RECOGNITION – DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Councilor Kelley recognized December Employee of the Month, Barbara Chadek. Barbara has been with the city for one year. She has hit the ground running with her job as the Electric Department Assistant. She had barely been on the job one month when the huge storm of January 4th hit, causing comprehensive damages and knocking out the entire electric service area of power. She handled that like a veteran, and has been proving herself an asset to the City ever since. Councilor Kelley, on behalf of Mayor Key and the other City Councilors, presented Barbara with a \$100 check to show their appreciation.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2112, HONORING COUNCILOR DEBBIE KELLEY

City Manager Linda Hall personally thanked Councilor Kelley and commended her for serving on the council through some very tough times during her twelve years as a city councilor. Ms. Hall said Ms. Kelley has always had the best interest of the city at heart. Ms. Hall then presented a resolution honoring Councilor Debbie Kelley. She said she had been elected to serve the people of the City of Milton-Freewater for three consecutive terms as a city councilor. Ms. Kelley also served as President of the Council for four years in addition to her role as a Councilor. She has been an asset to the community in helping to guide the affairs of our local government through her contributions and experience in decisions and policy making matters.

Councilor Irving presented Councilor Kelley with yellow roses to show his appreciation and friendship and he thanked her for being a dedicated councilor.

Manager Hall said that Councilor Chesnut was out of town on business and had asked Ms. Hall to let Councilor Kelley know he was in favor of the resolution honoring her and thanked her for her years of service.

Councilor Woods said the community needed people like Councilor Kelley to serve as a councilor.

Councilor Irving motion to adopt Resolution No. 2112, Resolution Honoring Councilor Debbie Kelley. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Councilor Kelley abstaining from the vote due to the subject of the resolution.

Mayor Key turned the meeting over to Council President Kelley at 7:10 p.m. and he left the meeting due to another obligation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2113, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN & TRUST WITH BAKER BOYER NATIONAL BANK

Finance Director Dave Richmond reported that the city council had approved the establishment of the City of Milton-Freewater 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust with Baker Boyer Bank on April 14, 2008. He explained that there had been some recent federal legislation changes which had necessitated some minor language amendments to the original plan. He said an amendment was needed to the plan to comply with the Federal Government Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Councilor Woods motion to adopt Resolution No. 2113, Resolution Authorizing Signature to an Amendment to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan & Trust with Baker Boyer National Bank. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Linda Hall gave an update on the Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA). She said the public comment period was getting closer. Ms. Hall said the latest work had been identifying all the commercial and industrial sites that would be readily available for development. Ms. Hall said the project management team was working on narrowing that list down to specifically try to recruit businesses for those specific sites. She said there were still several steps in the process but that she was satisfied with the direction the project was going. She said there may be some requests for changes in property zoning and the comprehensive plan to accommodate businesses and developers' timelines. Ms. Hall also reported that the Golf Course Restaurant, "Shelly's Last Shot" was struggling due to the weather getting colder and less patrons. She said she was asking for a consensus from the city council to bring an amendment to the Golf Course Restaurant contract in January 2009. Her suggestion was to extend the rent obligation requirement until spring of 2009. The council consensus was to bring the contract before them at the next schedule council meeting in January 2009. The last order of business was the presentation of an award (clock/plaque) to Councilor Kelley for her years of service as a councilor presented by Manager Hall.

There being no further business, council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor