

March 24, 2008

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

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in session for an informal work session on Monday, March 24, 2008, in the City Manager's office of City Hall at 4:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Debbie Kelley, Steve Irving, Keith Woods, Ed Chesnut and Brad Humbert. Youth Councilor Patsy Sandoval was absent. The only staff member present was City Manager Linda Hall.

Representing the press was Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald.

The City Manager briefed the City Council members on the current status and list of progress for each one of the Council's current two, five and ten year goals.

The Council discussed several of the goals, asking questions and making comments on the progress of each.

Some discussion ensued around the possibility of additional goals for the future. Suggestions for these included community policing, expansion of public transportation "park and ride" programs for the city's general ridership bus, implementation of a hotel/motel transient tax, expansion of the Urban Renewal Agency Plan, implementation of a Council/Mayor Appreciation Award program to recognize privately owned properties which have been improved or significantly cleaned up, and an overall goal theme of "Sprucing up/Cleaning up Milton-Freewater".

Ms. Hall commented that she had several potential funding sources and private and public partnerships in mind to work together toward such an overall goal. Community Development Partnership, Rotary, Urban Renewal, G.E.O.D.C. (with a residential rehabilitation grant/loan program), private citizens, FFA and 4-H groups, etc.

Discussion ensued over the issues surrounding these possible goals.

Ms. Hall also updated the Council on the status of the current Community Development Block Grant economic development revolving loan fund, the status of the Orchard Park lease with the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary "urban forestation" program, and the URA

5th Plan Amendment work session which will be scheduled for later this spring.

Council also requested an update be presented at a future council meeting on the status of the golf course promotional winter programs.

There being no further discussions, the work session was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Lewis Key, Mayor