

**CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER**

**JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE MILTON-FREEWATER UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

*The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater and the Milton-Freewater Unified School Board Members held a joint work session Monday, March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.*

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

*City of Milton-Freewater staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman and Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer.*

*The following School Board members were present: Don Miller, Duane Geyer, George Gillette, Dennis Burks, Sharee LaRue-Wright, Ken Sloan and Tim McElrath.*

*School District Superintendent Marilyn McBride was also present.*

*Citizens present were: Betty Alexander, Craig Gaines and Christine Boedigheimer.*

*Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was present.*

*The City Council held a joint work session with the Milton-Freewater Unified School Board. During the work session the two groups discussed the exploration of a scaled down version of the school resource officer program based on a proposal developed by the Police Chief. Both groups felt it would be very beneficial to the city and the school district. Marilyn McBride shared her appreciation of the idea and reported that her staff had offered office space at the high school for this officer. Other topics of discussion included the Legion Ball Field, possibilities of acquiring top soil for the Roger's Cannery property, educating students of the proper etiquette for crossing crosswalks, youth representative participation on City Committees and the need for volunteers to participate in the Volunteers in Policing Services (V.I.P.S.). There was an announcement that the Grange Hall by Ferndale School was going to be torn down and turned into a parking lot. This would allow for additional parking and a better, safer way for kids to be dropped off and picked up from school. All that can be salvaged from the Grange will be auctioned off June 5, 2010. There will also be an F.F.A. sponsored yard sale held at the same time as the auction to raise money. Donation of items will be gladly accepted. The contact is Sharee LaRue-Wright for information or visit the website at [www.ferndalegrangeauction.com](http://www.ferndalegrangeauction.com).*

*There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.m.*

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

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. following the joint work session with the Milton-Freewater Unified School Board members in the Albee Room of the Library.

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

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Finance Director Dave Richmond, Municipal Court Clerk Marta Lomeli, Accounts Payable Clerk Tatia Oliver and Accounting Clerk Laurie Bubar.

Citizens present were Rene Lomeli and Armando Lomeli.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

The consent calendar items consisted of council minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting and accounts payable from February 17, 2010 through March 1, 2010.

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

**PRESENTATION:**

**RECOGNITION – MARCH 2010 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK MARTA LOMELI**

Mayor Key presented Marta Lomeli with the March 2010 Employee of the Month Award. Marta has worked for the city since June 2002. She has held several positions since she began. She was a dispatcher for the police department, cashier, accounting clerk and most recently promoted to the Municipal Court Clerk, June 2008, for the Finance Department. Even though she does not have the friendliest of customers in this role for the city, Marta handles everyone with calm courtesy and respect. Mayor Key, on behalf of the other City Councilors, presented Marta with a one-hundred dollar (\$100) check to show their appreciation.

Manager Hall commended Marta for the great job she does not only as the Municipal Court Clerk but also for her skill of translating for some of the toughest situations in court and for the police department.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 955, ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE, ELECTRIC REGULATIONS, SECTION 5-6-28, TO COINCIDE WITH THE NET METERING INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES**

Councilor Anliker moved that Ordinance #955 be introduced by title only and full reading waived. Councilor Lyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The City Manager then read the ordinance by title. Councilor Anliker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 955, An Ordinance Amending City Code Title Five, Chapter 6, Regarding Electrical Regulations. Councilor Lyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR BANKING TRANSACTIONS WITH BAKER BOYER BANK TO BE PERFORMED BY CITY MANAGER**

Manager Hall reported this agenda item was at the request of Baker Boyer Bank's auditor. The bank must have written authorization that the city manager has the authority to authorize wire transfers from State Investment Pool funds to cover the city's payables and payroll checks. There is not a large sum of funds that are kept in the accounts due to the interest earning goals.

Councilor Humbert motioned to formally recognize the City Manager's authorization to

make transfers and transactions on behalf of the City of Milton-Freewater within the perimeters of the City Charter and City Purchasing rules and regulations. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Hall reported the letter of final determination was received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and was dated March 3, 2010. This starts the six month time period to adopt the floodplain ordinance with the deadline being September 3, 2010.

Councilor Humbert asked what happens if the ordinance is not adopted.

Manager Hall explained if a floodplain ordinance is not adopted then no residents in that designated floodplain would be able to participate in the flood insurance program. All Federally funded loans or programs would seize and no loans of any sort would be given out for homes, businesses, construction, etc. This would have a huge impact on the city as well as its citizens. Manager Hall recommended adopting an ordinance before the deadline to eliminate this risk. She announced the city would be bringing in a flood insurance expert to hold training sessions for local realtors, banking institutions and residents to help walk them through this process as smoothly as possible. There would be some travel expenses for the insurance agent but she felt it was worth making sure citizens had all the information they needed. Currently, the citizens will be able to receive the preferred insurance rates for one year. At the request of Manager Hall, Oregon State Senators and Representatives, on behalf of the Milton-Freewater citizens have written letters to FEMA for an additional extension on the preferred insurance rates. There has been no response back from FEMA yet on this request.

Councilor Humbert suggested trying to get the AO-1 floodplain designation written into the ordinance.

Manager Hall said she would pursue the request but wasn't sure if the zone designation could be put into the ordinance.

Manager Hall asked if council would like to have the property across from city hall on a future agenda for discussion of its disposition.

A brief discussion ensued of the possible uses for the property and agreed to have it placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Manager Hall asked the council if they wanted her to pursue another wildlife contract for nuisance animals within the city.

Council authorized Manager Hall to negotiate a contract for \$1,200 a year. If this was not possible, Council requested a copy of the report of calls from the contractor that come through for assistance with this service.

### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Anliker reported there was a good turnout with the Sunday evening program series offered by area churches. He also announced that the asphalt at the corner of Broadway and Casco Street was raveling and coming apart.

Councilor Humbert formally thanked the Public Works crew for clearing out the mud in the ditch by Oak Street.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard said he has heard from some citizens and he would also like to

thank the Public Works crew for graveling some of the alleys. He thanked the council for allowing the city to help the M-F Water Control Board by paying their insurance premium until they can pay the city back once they have a new secretary/treasurer. He announced the Milton-Freewater Community Development Partnership has donated \$5,000 towards the levee repair.

Councilor Lyon asked if Granite Northwest was going to fix the problems with the street that was deteriorating.

Manager Hall said that was the agreement.

Mayor Key asked if the bushes and shrubs could be trimmed at the corner of College Street and 8<sup>th</sup>. He said it was very hard to see around it and vehicles had to pull out into the intersection quite a ways to see if traffic was coming.

Manager Hall said she would report this to the Public Works department.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Lewis S. Key, Mayor