

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

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, April 12, 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 and Steve Irving. Councilor Jeff Anliker was absent.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman and Electric Superintendent Mike Charlo.

Citizens present were: Steven Patten, Tara Patten and Glen Diehl.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of council minutes from the March 22, 2010 meeting and accounts payable from March 17, 2010 through April 7, 2010.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2165 – AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE TO THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION (BPA) POWER SALES AGREEMENT, RESOURCE SUPPORT SERVICES, SECONDARY CREDITING SERVICES, REVISION NO. 1 OF EXHIBIT D

Electric Superintendent Mike Charlo reported the BPA Resource Support Services Agreement would be replacing the BPA Service and Exchange Agreement, which is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2011. The agreement will provide the terms and conditions for the exchange of Milton-Freewater's share of the output of the Priest Rapids and Wanapum dams. Mr. Charlo felt the financial impact of the new agreement was to be quite similar to the existing Service and Exchange Agreement. He expressed the most important aspect of the exchange transaction would be the amount of precipitation and water available for generating surplus or secondary power.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2165, Authorizing Signature to the Bonneville Power Administration Power Sales Agreement, Resource Support Services, Secondary Crediting Services, Revision No. 1 of Exhibit D. Councilor Lyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF COOPERATION FOR OREGON SOLUTIONS LEVEE REPAIR PROJECT

City Manager Hall explained the Declaration of Cooperation was one of the last steps in the Oregon Solutions process. The Declaration of Cooperation is a letter of commitment from the major agencies and team members of what they would be willing to contribute towards the levee repair project. The draft copies have been part of the Oregon Solutions meetings for the past couple of months. She felt the City of Milton-Freewater's commitment would not change even with the unknown results of the last levee inspection performed by Anderson Perry on March 30, 2010. Some of the declarations may change for the Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power

Administration, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and Confederated Tribes pending the results of the inspection. She has reason to believe and has heard from reliable sources that the levee repairs may be worse than first anticipated. She felt the inspection may bring to light some documented repairs that were not due to lack of maintenance. She announced the next Oregon Solutions Team meeting will be May 18, 2010, at which time the Corps of Engineers have agreed to give a presentation on findings with some avenues of how to assist Milton-Freewater with repairs.

Councilor Chesnut asked if there was a six (6) month agreement with Oregon Solutions.

Manager Hall said there was a six (6) month agreement when the levee repair project was accepted as an Oregon Solutions project. She said the Project Manager Dick Townsend would like to get his obligation wrapped up, which would end the first of May. Mr. Townsend has asked Manager Hall to step into that roll as Project Manager. Senator Nelson has agreed to continue on as the convener but Manager Hall has been asked to keep the meetings going, come up with the meeting agendas and keep the entire team members up to date of the status of the project. She understands this would be more of an obligation for her time but felt she could do it with the consent of the council. In large part she felt the project has moved forward so successfully was because of the contacts Mr. Townsend has in Salem. She would be able to call Mr. Townsend with questions and he is willing to help in that capacity.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard felt the project would not end due to the contacts and relationships that have been made through the Oregon Solutions Project.

Councilor Chesnut was concerned with the information that has been talked about regarding the levee inspection and possible additional repairs needed. His felt some of the Declaration of Cooperation's would go back into "draft" form until the final inspection report has been made.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard shared some of the conversation had with those in attendance during the levee inspection.

Manager Hall explained she received an email, not addressed to her or the City of Milton-Freewater, that as of March 28, 2010 at 12:00 a.m. there was no longer funding available for the Flood Insurance Preferred Risk Program. She has contacted the Federal Representatives about this information. She felt confident that this will get straightened out before the time comes when citizens have to purchase flood insurance.

Councilor Humbert felt citizens need to pass a bond measure which would be much less than paying the flood insurance premiums.

Councilor Irving motioned to approve the Declaration of Cooperation for the Oregon Solutions Levee Repair Project. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hall announced the next Water Control Board meeting was Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room at City Hall. The council goals survey was mailed out to citizens in the newsletter and there has been a good response. A tabulation of the results will be put together and presented to council after the deadline of April 23rd. She explained she had a good meeting with the Golf Club President, Hal Phillips and the Golf Pro, George Gillette. The Golf Course is one of the funds she is most concerned about. The Golf Club has recently increased their member's dues which they will help by donating some maintenance costs. Manager Hall informed the council for their next meeting there would be an agenda item for them to consider which will include promotional rates offered during the slow and off-peak times of golf. The

golf course restaurant, Shelly's Last Shot, would also be offering discounts for food. These were some ideas to help with the golf course and restaurant revenues. The preliminary budget books will be available Monday, April 19, 2010 to be picked up or if they are not picked up then they will be delivered with the regular council packet that week. The first budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room. She expressed she was happy to report there was 5 million dollars worth of grants in the fiscal year 2011 budget. She gave an update on the alley behind the Let's Go Inn establishment and that the city was still working with the property owners to resolve the issue. She felt she needed to retain access to the alley for public purposes and to continue using it as it has been in the past.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Chesnut reported he attended Central School's 100 year anniversary last weekend. He thought there were around 100 to 200 people that attended the celebration. He was included in the bell ringing of 100 times in honor of 100 years.

Councilor Irving shared a citizen comment from Bill Saager regarding how nice the radio announcement was about the City Manager getting the employee of the month award. He also commented on how nice the parks and golf course looked.

Mayor Key appreciated the wind information that was sent to him.

City Recorder Leanne Steadman reminded council of the April 15, 2010 deadline for the Ethics report.

Mayor Key announced it was that time of year again for the "If I Were Mayor..." contest. He welcomed suggestions for prizes for the contest. He explained last year there was only one entry, therefore, that student received the only prize of an iPod. A discussion was held regarding the type of prizes and possible scholarship that would be offered.

Councilor Humbert asked when the next joint work session was scheduled with the school board.

There was a brief discussion and it was determined there was no date set for the meeting.

Councilor Lyon asked for an update with Sykes.

Manager Hall understood they were still working at half the capacity. She had just met the new Human Resource Manager at the Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting held last week.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor