
CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER GOVERNING BODY

Verl Pressnall At Large, Position 1
Steve Irving At Large, Position 2
Edwin E. Chesnut At Large, Position 3

Lewis S. Key Mayor
Orrin Lyon (CL President) Ward 1
Bradley J. Humbert Ward 2
Jeff Anliker Ward 3

**CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES****June 12, 2017**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library, 8 SW 8th Avenue, Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

The following City Council members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Ed Chesnut, Verl Pressnall, Jeff Anliker and Steve Irving.

Councilor Brad Humbert was absent.

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

Citizens and Guests present was Gerry Seagrave.

Representing the news media was Sherrie Widmer of the Valley Herald.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of:

- Council Minutes from May 8, 2017
- Accounts payables from May 3, 2017 through May 16, 2017
- Accounts payables from May 17, 2017 through June 5, 2017
- Resolution No. 2342, Amendment of the Golf Course Rates, 3%
- Resolution No. 2343, Authorizing Signature to Oregon Department of Transportation Grant No. 32219 for the City's Senior & Disable Taxi-Ticket Program and the City's Fixed-route Bus Program.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt the consent calendar items. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:**RESOLUTION NO. 2344, 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 then reviewed the adjustments for those departments that needed to be made in order to stay in compliance with the local budget law.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2344, Resolution to make appropriations due to unforeseen expenditures and revenues. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION NO. 2345, RECEIPT OF STATE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

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 \$52,400.

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 declared the hearing to be closed. He then opened the floor to the entire Council. There being no Council comments, the Mayor called for the staff report.

Finance Director Dave Richmond explained the city was anticipating receiving \$52,400 from the State Revenue Sharing fund. The funds were being proposed to be expended for public safety purposes.

Councilor Anliker motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2345, Resolution Electing to Receive State Revenue Sharing Funds for Public Safety Purposes. Councilor Pressnall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION NO. 2346, ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

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 2018.

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 declared the hearing to be closed. He then opened the floor to the entire Council. There being no Council comments, the Mayor called for the staff report.

Finance Director Dave Richmond explained the City is required by Oregon Budget Law to submit a budget, adopted by council, to the County Assessor before July 15th. Along with the budget the City has to submit a resolution giving authority to impose and categorize taxes and appropriate expenditures. The budget committee met on April 27, 2017 and approved the proposed budget of \$29,742,416 approved to levy taxes at the rate of \$3.7499 per \$1,000 of assessed value and \$60,000 Local Option Tax for senior transportation.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2346, Resolution Adopting the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year in the sum of \$29,742,416 levy taxes at the rate of \$3.7499 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations and \$60,000 Local Option Tax for senior transportation and make appropriations as listed on the Resolution. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Manager Hall thanked Mr. Richmond for all his hard work and dedication to the budget. She stated that if the city is successful in obtaining the \$3 million dollar grant from the transportation bill that there will need to be an adjustment to the budget document to account for the additional funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 2347, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ELECTRIC SERVICE AVAILABILITY FEE BY \$5.00 PER MONTH

Manager Hall stated this was a request for a \$5.00 increase per month to the electric service availability fee for all rate classes currently being charged the fee. Currently the fee is \$10.00 for inside city limits and \$11.00 for outside city limits customers. One of the reasons for the increase is for a more predictable income and less reliance on sale of electricity. This will help offset the fixed capital and the maintenance costs incurred from having customers hooked up to our system even if they have very low power usage. Also, the City's major power supplier, the Bonneville Power Administration, is likely to be raising their wholesale power rates as of October 1, 2017.

A discussion ensued regarding the priority of power producers on the grid and the loss of the city selling surplus power which generator approximately \$1 million dollars in revenue.

Councilor Pressnall motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2347, Resolution Amending Electric Rates and Charges. Councilor Chesnut seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2348, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AQUATIC CENTER RATES TO REFLECT THE REMOVAL OF THE NON-CITY RESIDENT RATES

Manager Hall began by saying she needed to give credit where credit was due for bringing this item to her and that was Krista Gannon, Public Works Assistant/Project Aide. The request is to remove the non-city resident rate since the aquatic center bond has been paid off. Another reason to review the aquatic center rates is due to the competition of a neighboring city opening their brand new pool. Manager Hall said staff was still working on the pool heaters and that she still wants to explore placing a local option tax on the ballot next spring.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2348, Resolution Amending the Aquatic Center Rate Resolution to Reflect the Removal of the Non-City Resident Rates Effective June 13, 2017. Councilor Pressnall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

Gerry Seagrave invited the council to the 6th Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July. The event will be held at Yantis Park and she said new this year will be the Fireman's Breakfast which they usually hold the event at Ace Hardware's parking lot. She said the Freedom Walk was growing in participants each year and she encouraged anyone who belongs to an organization or group to participate in the event as a vendor.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hall reported that the paving projects have begun and they are starting with Cowl Street. She heard from the state's representative, Melissa Drugge, who informed her that the state has agreed to include Outwest Motel in the extension of water infrastructure outside city limits. She stated she has asked for this in writing. She informed the owner of Outwest Motel, Mike Anderson, who was very pleased to hear that they would be included. She lastly reported that there were two new employees starting in the next couple of weeks, Ryan Alden will be working for the utility department and Celso Flores will be working for the parks department.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Irving stated he appreciated the work that the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT) team is doing, especially with their last successful bust in Milton-Freewater and asked that a thank you be sent from the council.

Councilor Anliker said he appreciated the local coverage of the BENT team as well.

Councilor Chesnut requested the council goals be reviewed. He stated the "Your Speed Is" sign appeared to not be working and that had been approached by a citizen to have it placed back at the base of Milton hill.

Mayor Key said there has been speeding on College Street but stated that may have been school related with kids going to and from school.

Councilor Pressnall suggested looking into water conservation efforts. He explained there are water timers that can be placed on the hose bib to set specific times to water. He suggested looking into purchasing units at a bulk rate and distributing to customers.

Manager Hall stated she would look into this idea.

Councilor Irving suggested a reminder be placed in the city newsletter to remind citizens about sprinklers hitting sidewalks and streets.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. to an executive session pursuant to 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations. Pursuant to 192.660 (4) representatives of the news media shall not be allowed to attend.

At the end of the executive session the city recorder checked the lobby for any guests or citizens prior to going into the next executive session since the next executive session did allow attendance by specific attendees. There was no one waiting.

The council then adjourned to an to an Executive Session pursuant to 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing at 8:11 p.m.

The council returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to ratify the Supervisors and Technicians Bargaining Agreement as orally presented by City Manager Hall. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

Lewis S. Key, Mayor