
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
Jose Garcia Ward 3

**CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES****December 10, 2018**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, December 10, 2018 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 Ed Chesnut, Orrin Lyon, Brad Humbert, Steve Irving, Jose Garcia and Verl Pressnall.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall and City Recorder Leanne Steadman.

Citizens and guests present were: Paul Seaquist.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of:

- Council Minutes from November 13, 2018
- Executive Session Minutes from November 13, 2018
- Accounts payables from November 8, 2018 through November 20, 2018
- Accounts payables from November 21, 2018 through December 3, 2018
- Resolution No. 2383, Acceptance of the Umatilla County Election Results from the General Election of November 6, 2018.

Councilor Humber motioned to adopt the consent calendar items. Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 83607 CHUCKHOLE LANE**

Mayor Key opened the public hearing by reading the rules and stated this was a public hearing to consider comments from citizens regarding the proposed sale of 6.58 acres of surplus property, a vacant lot located at 83607 Chuckhole Lane. Council has declared the property to be of no public purpose as it is not in our near city limits, has no water rights and there are no foreseeable plans for its use in the future. According to the County Tax Assessor's records the property has an assessed value of \$20,170.

No member of the council disclosed ex parte contact and no audience member challenged any council member's right to participate in the hearing.

City Recorder Leanne Steadman stated the hearing had been published according to law and there were no written comments on file.

Mayor Key asked City Manager Hall to give the staff report.

Manager Hall's report is included in its entirety.

"Mr. Mayor, staff has sought comparable values for this property from similar real estate sales as well as information from the county tax assessor. According to staff research, the property is assessed at \$20,170 and its real market value is estimated at \$45,000. The property has no water rights, is zoned Exclusive Farm Use, and is not within city limits, the city's urban growth boundary nor is it contiguous to city limits. It is located off a very primitive dirt road drive and not near a major interstate or thoroughfare. The parcel lost its farm deferral tax status in 2010. The property was declared to be surplus and of no public use in November of 2018 by the City Council at an open advertised meeting. We have been approached by the abutting property owner, Bryan Johnson who is interested in buying the entire parcel. Negotiations for the parcel were conducted with the proposed terms of the sale being \$30,000 contingent upon Council approval tonight".

Mayor Key opened the floor for citizen comments. There being no comments, the Mayor declared the hearing to be closed.

There were no questions from the council.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to sell the subject property of 83607 Chuckhole Lane to Bryan Johnson for \$30,000. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

UPDATE/PROGRESS REPORT – ON CITY COUNCIL GOALS ADOPTED JANUARY 9, 2017

Manager Hall presented the updates on all the goals that had an update since her last report in October 2018. She stated beginning in 2019 she will be reinstating the monthly joint meetings with representatives of the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance (MFDA), Chamber of Commerce, Community Development Partnership (CDP) and Milton-Freewater Unified School District. She also announced that there will be community meetings regarding the basin's water resources at the Community Building on Thursday, December 13th in the evening and Friday, December 14th in the morning. In addition to her goal updates she wanted the council to know that she has heard from two citizens who have expressed concerns about the city hall elevator.

A brief discussion ensued.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Chesnut stated he was pleased to see that the blue house west of the bus barn parking lot has been abated.

Manager Hall stated that was all due to the Code Enforcement Officer Jason Schaffner and him being able to get in touch with the bank that owns the house.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor