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**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

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**CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES****January 14, 2019****OATH OF OFFICE**

*At 6:45 p.m. Orrin Lyon – City Councilor Ward 1, Steve Irving – City Councilor At Large Position #2 and Edwin E. Chesnut - City Councilor At Large Position #3, were sworn into their respective offices by City Recorder and Notary Public Leanne Steadman.*

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library, 8 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

The following City Council members were present: Council President Orrin Lyon, Councilors Verl Pressnall, Ed Chesnut, Brad Humbert, Steve Irving and Jose Garcia.

Mayor Lewis Key was absent.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Electric Department Superintendent Mike Watkins, Conservation Specialist Pat Didion and Public Works Technician Steven Patten.

Citizens and guests present were: Wes Koklich and Lindsay Winsor.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

The consent calendar items consisted of:

- Council Minutes from December 10, 2018
- Accounts payables from December 4, 2018 through December 18, 2018
- Accounts payables from December 19, 2018 through January 9, 2019

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

**PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

Public Works Technician Steven Patten gave an update on the Basalt Aquifer and Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project. During his presentation he gave some background on the typical Basalt Aquifer structure and he stated that groundwater data for City wells show a decline rate of 3 (three) to 4 (four) feet per year. He stated there is no immediate emergency for the city at this time but that alternate avenues such as an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) plan is being studied by local partners such as the Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council. He stated that the State of Oregon has permitted ASR's since 1995. He then reviewed some components of the feasibility study along with the engineer's estimate for testing of city well #5. The first estimate would be testing for two months and with all components to complete that task the estimate was approximately \$788,600 (seven hundred eighty eight thousand six hundred dollars) and the second

estimate was for a permanent system to be installed at city well #5 with that being approximately \$2,710,000 (two million seven hundred ten thousand dollars).

Manager Hall asked what the options would be for funding a project like this.

Mr. Patten stated there were multiple funding sources, such as Oregon Water Resource with a 50% cost share, potential private partners that could help or bringing in an instream flow component.

A discussion ensued.

Manager Hall stated in closing there is still more studying to be done but the decision will ultimately be up to the city council whether or not the project goes forward at some point. She thanked Mr. Patten for his update and presentation.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

City Manager Hall stated that the City's Charter requires the election of a Council President from their membership at the first council meeting of each odd-numbered year. Councilor Lyon has served the past ten years and has indicated he would be willing to continue to serve in that role.

Councilor Irving made a motion to nominate Councilor Orrin Lyon as Council President. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Councilor Lyon abstaining from the vote.

### **APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES; PLANNING COMMISSION, BUDGET COMMITTEE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

City Recorder Leanne Steadman reported in February of each year, staggered terms of the City advisory committees expire. She stated that a press release was published in the newspaper of record, the Valley Herald. The press release was also sent to the Walla Walla Union Bulletin and East Oregonian. It was also posted along with the committee application on the City webpage. She reported that Mayor Key had made the following recommendations for appointment to the advisory board and committees: to the Planning Commission – Myra Sherwin (4 year term), Mary Ward (4 year term), to the Budget Committee – Lindsay Winsor (3 year term), and to the Recreation Committee – Kate Winters (4 year term) and Carl Wheeler (4 year term).

Councilor Humbert motioned to approve the recommended appointments to the various boards and committees as suggested by Mayor Key. Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **BID AWARD – PURCHASE OF (100) 70 WATT CREE LED STREETLIGHTS**

Electric Superintendent Mike Watkins stated the City was looking at replacing some of its High-Pressure Sodium street lamps with LED streetlights. Replacement of the existing street lights would be a savings to the City in both energy use and maintenance. The City would also benefit from a Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Energy-Efficiency Rebate which he credited Conservation Specialist Pat Didion for. The first phase of replacing the lights would result in a total project payback within two years. Staff advertised and accepted sealed bids. There were four bids received with WESCO Distribution being the low bidder. Staff's recommendation was to award a bid to purchase 100 (one hundred) 70 (seventy) watt CREE Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights for the total cost of \$33,888.

Councilor Chesnut asked what Q-Dials were.

Mr. Watkins stated it was the ability to dial-down the light, similar to a dimmer switch. He said although that was not in the bid specifications each bidder added that to their bid as an additional option. He said the city was not interested in that option at this time.

Councilor Chesnut said he assumed these lights would be installed on the main arterial streets.

Mr. Watkins replied that they would be installed on the main streets first.

Councilor Humbert motioned to award a bid to WESCO Distribution, Inc. for the purchase of 100 (one hundred) 70 (seventy) watt CREE LED streetlights for the total cost of \$33,888 (thirty three thousand eight hundred eighty eight dollars). Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Hall stated that the second executive session, regarding labor negotiations, scheduled on the agenda would not be needed and would be carried forward to the next council meeting, February 11, 2019.

### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Chesnut asked that both the Rotary Room and Albee Room thermostats be looked at as he stated the blower on both units seemed to run continuously making it hard to hear and uncomfortable temperature wise.

Councilor Irving announced the Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale on Friday, January 25, 2019 and Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the Community Building from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days.

The council adjourned to executive session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to 192.660(2) (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

The council returned to open session at 8:16 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Lewis S. Key, Mayor