
CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER GOVERNING BODY

Damien Reino At Large, Position 1
Steve Irving - Council President At Large, Position 2
Wes Koklich At Large, Position 3

Lewis S. Key Mayor
John Lyon Ward 1
Bradley J. Humbert Ward 2
Jose Garcia Ward 3

**CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES****October 11, 2021**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via virtual platform “Zoom” due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and practicing social distancing.

The following City Council members participated: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors John Lyon, Wes Koklich, Damien Reino and Steve Irving.

Councilors Jose Garcia and Brad Humbert were absent.

Staff members participating were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman and Public Works Technician Steven Patten.

There were no guests or citizens that participated.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of:

- Council Minutes from September 13, 2021
- Accounts payables from September 4, 2021 through September 21, 2021
- Accounts payables from September 22, 2021 through October 5, 2021

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

BUSINESS ITEMS:**APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN PATTEN TO BE THE CITY’S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
WALLA WALLA BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE WALLA WALLA WATER
2050 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Public Works Technician Steven Patten stated the Walla Walla Water 2050 process started in October 2019 with a two day planning workshop with basin partners. In 2020, the process created a Strategic Plan Advisory Committee (SPAC) to advise and make recommendations to state of Washington, state of Oregon and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. In June of 2021, the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan was completed and published by Washington Department of Ecology. The plan includes an overview of the watershed, current conditions, desired future conditions and recommended strategies to achieve the desired future conditions. Now that the Strategic Plan has been completed, the Walla Walla Water 2050 process is transitioning to focus more on implementation of the plan. The first step in this process is the development of a new advisory committee called the Walla Walla Basin Advisory Committee. To date, Steven Patten has been the City’s representative for the Walla Walla Water 2050 process and

Manager Linda Hall stated she highly recommended for Mr. Patten to continue serving as the representative.

A brief discussion ensued around the final SPAC plan, effects of the plan and benefits of keeping the levee certified to help reduce the risk of flooding.

Councilor Lyon motioned to appoint Steven Patten as the City of Milton-Freewater's representative on the Walla Walla Advisory Committee for the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan. Councilor Reino seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2473, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES TO THE CITY'S BANKING AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2474, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TO MAKE TRANSFERS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT POOL AND FIDELITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

City Recorder Leanne Steadman stated with the retirement of David Richmond and the appointment of Dustin Dougherty as the new Finance Director, it was necessary to change the authorized signatures on the City's banking accounts. The only change was that of the finance director, all other signatories listed on the proposed resolutions remained the same. The change affected the banking and investment accounts as well as the Local Government Pool account and Fidelity Investment account.

Councilor Irving motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2473, Resolution Authorizing Signatures to the City of Milton-Freewater Banking and Investment Accounts. Councilor Lyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Councilor Lyon motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2474, Resolution Authorizing Certain Employees to Make Transfers in the Local Government Pool and Fidelity Investment Account. Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COUNCIL GOALS UPDATE – NEW POLICE STATION

Manager Hall orally presented an update of the new police station project. She stated that there was a slight change in design in that there will be four designated parking spaces instead of three inside the sally port and a slight modification of the training room which will allow for more usable space. She stated she was still very pleased with the work that the consultant is doing and the project was still on track for bids going out next spring with construction beginning next summer. She expressed her gratitude of the town's support on this project.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Hall stated there has been a change in ownership for the property located on NE 2nd. Staff, a local contractor and the new property owner are working together on cleaning up the location.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Lyon asked when could the council meetings go back to in-person meetings.

Manager Hall stated she was trying to strike the balance of keeping everyone safe, and the preferability of face to face meetings.

A discussion ensued.

Mayor Key inquired about a delinquent customer account.

Manager Hall stated she couldn't comment on that.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor