



Volume 11-12

December 2016

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- Dec 13** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- Dec 15** Historic Preservation
6:00 p.m.
- Dec 23 & 26** City Hall Closed
For Christmas Holiday
- Jan 2** City Hall Closed
For New Year's Day
- Jan 10** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- Jan 16** City Hall Closed for
Martin Luther King
Day
- Jan 19** Historic Preservation
6:00 p.m.
- Jan 25** Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.



Mayor's Message

The City is excited to announce that it has been awarded a grant for a substantial portion of the cost to install railroad crossing safety improvements on Marguerite Rd at the UPRR mainline. We have been working on this for many years. Also, the City was recently awarded a transportation improvement grant for resurfacing several roads in town. These two accomplishments are the result of hard work by our city staff. The City recently completed a purchase of two unimproved lots on South Riverway which will create an opportunity for river access in that part of the community. Next year we plan to start a planning process for the site and for park facilities in general in Millwood. Great things are happening in Millwood!

I hope that everyone has a merry Christmas season and a happy New Year.

- Mayor Kevin Freeman



Connie Smith took the oath of office for the Millwood City Council on Nov. 29. She will serve the remainder of the term of the council position which became vacant when Richard Schoen passed away.

Council Report

At its regular November meeting the city council held a public hearing on the preliminary 2017 budget, and a hearing on the update of the Capital Facilities plan for next year. The council approved the property tax levy for next year which is 3% more than the levy for 2016. Council approved the three-year renewal of the SCRAPs interlocal agreement. Council authorized the purchase of two unimproved lots on E South Riverway for park land. Council appointed Connie Smith to Council Position No. 1 which became vacant when Richard Schoen passed away in July. Ms. Smith's term will expire in December, 2017.

The council held a special meeting on Nov 29 to open the hearing on the 2017 final budget, and to approve an amendment of the 2016 budget to appropriate funds for the purchase of two unimproved lots on South Riverway. The 2017 budget hearing was continued to the December meeting when the budget ordinance will be on the agenda for adoption. The council received a report from the treasurer that a 3% utility rate increase will be needed next year to provide funds for water operations. Connie Smith took the oath of office and participated in her first council meeting.

Public Works

Leaf pickup program is over for this year. Please remove your leaves from the right-of-way and dispose of them at the transfer station.

Snow Removal

This winter we will be using deicer prior to a snow event and plowing arterial streets at 2" and residential streets at 4" accumulation. We are asking that you remove all vehicles from the roadway after a snow fall so that the snow plow drivers can remove the snow from the roadways.

Remember to shovel your sidewalks and assist your elderly neighbors with their walkways!

When blowing your driveways and sidewalks please do not blow it into the streets.

Thanks for your cooperation in continuing to make these successful programs.

City of Millwood
Public Works



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Inland Empire Paper's Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 2nd....



These were two main ingredients to our wonderful tree lighting program on Friday: The Company Ballet performers and Gingerbread House build in the lodge.

The program included West Valley HS band, three (3) dances by The Company Ballet and then the after event of gingerbread house build with the Spokane County Library and our first Christmas Market in our Millwood Historic District.

Emergency Numbers to keep on hand:

- Emergency.....911
- Call before you dig.....811
- Information and referral.....211
- Crime Check.....456-2233
- Union Pacific Railroad Crisis Line
(800) 848-8715
- UPRR Public Affairs (503) 249-3079

Utility Rates To Change

January 1, 2017

The City Council is scheduled to consider changes in the rates charged for city water and sewer service at its meeting on Dec. 13. The combined rates are planned to increase by 2.7% effective Jan. 1, however, water rates are increasing more, and the sewer rate is decreasing. So, the actual rate impact will depend on whether the customer is served by both services or only one.

	Existing Monthly Rate	New Monthly Rate
Water	\$ 21.00	\$26.75
Sewer	<u>31.58</u>	<u>27.25</u>
Total	\$ 52.58	\$54.00



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