

City of Medical Lake  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 15, 2014

Mayor Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Council, staff and audience said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council present:** Destiny Stein                      A.J. Burton                      Shirley Maike  
                                 Brenda Redell                      Art Kulibert

**Council absent:** Laura Parsons                      Howard Jorgenson

**Staff present:** Doug Ross                      Cindy McMullen

**Others present:** Municipal Judge Richard B. Kayne, Fire Chief Mayfield,  
Deputy Fire Chief Corey Stevens, 4 citizens and the Cheney Free Press reporter

**Additions to the Agenda:** Councilmember Maike moved to add to the agenda the following: excusing Councilmember Jorgenson from the meeting and to add authorization to accept a Washington State Trauma Needs Grant to the Medical Lake Fire Department. Councilmember Kulibert seconded. All councilmembers voted aye. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Maike moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 regular council meeting; Councilmember Redell seconded. All councilmembers voted aye. Motion passed.

**Interested citizens: Audience Requests and Comments:** Russell E. Brown, of 234 S. Stanley, Medical Lake, addressed the Council on the deer issue in town, noting a significant increase in the deer population in town in the last 5 years and increased problems with deer for city residents. He encouraged the City Council to reconsider its recent vote not to enact a deer management ordinance.

**Scheduled Items**

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor reported that he and City Administrator Doug Ross met with representatives of DSHS regarding financial issues around the Waste Water Treatment and EMS and Police services to the state institutions. Fire Chief Mayfield added that he had received a telephone inquiry form Fire Dispatch in East Pierce County regarding the City's arrangement with the State for services. Councilmember Maike noted that Western State Hospital has a line item in the state budget to fund EMS and police services from the local jurisdictions. The City has asked the Spokane County Assessor to update the assessment of value of the state lands within the City.

**Staff report:** Medical Lake Municipal Court Judge Richard B. Kayne gave the Annual Court Update, noting the number of cases filed in each offence category and also that since instituting nCourt on-line payments for fines and restitution there has been an notable increase in the fines, costs and restitution paid to the Court.

**Franchise Agreement for Fiber Optic Cable:** City Administrator Ross advised the Council that Zayo Group has acquired the fiber optic cable portion of the franchise formerly with Avista. The prior franchise has expired and Zayo Group has asked the City to grant it a new 15 year franchise. Councilmember Maike moved to grant the franchise to Zayo Group and to direct staff to prepare the necessary documents. Councilmember Redell seconded; all councilmembers voted aye. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee Report.** No report.

**Planning Commission Report:** Administrator Ross reported that he is again working with the Planning Commission and that its next meeting will be on April 22, 2014.

**Parks and Recreation Committee Report:** Councilmember Redell reported that softball is just starting. Administrator Ross announced that thanks to Ashlee King the City received a Well City Award which will lower the City's medical insurance premiums by 2% in 2015.

**Public Works Committee Report:** Councilmember Kulibert moved to approve the Six year Water System Plan Contract with E&H Engineering for a maximum cost of \$18,000. Councilmember Burton seconded; all councilmembers voted aye. Motion passed. Councilmember Maike moved to approve Resolution 489 Declaring a Sole Source for the Purchase of Water Meters. Councilmember Burton seconded; all councilmembers voted aye. Motion passed. Councilmember Kulibert asked what percentage of the City has been converted to the new meter system. Mr. Ross responded that, with the work of the part-time temporary employee the Council had authorized, there were approximately 250 meters left to be installed in the City. The work has gone so quickly that the City's stock of meters has been depleted, thus the need for Resolution 489.

**Public Safety Committee Report:** Councilmember Maike moved to accept the Washington State Trauma Needs Grant to the Medical Lake Fire Department in the amount of \$1473. Councilmember Burton seconded; all councilmembers voted aye. Motion passed. Fire Chief Mayfield explained that the grant will be used to purchase a new laptop and projector for training.

**Consent Agenda:** Councilmember Maike moved to approve claim warrants 27460 to 27517 in the amount of \$115,150.57. Councilmember Redell seconded; all councilmembers voted aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Councilmember Maike moved for the second reading of Ordinance 1035 Adopting Certain Animal Control Provisions of the RCW and Spokane County Code by Reference. Councilmember Redell seconded. Councilmember Kulibert expressed concern that these laws seem outdated and do not include concerns previously raised such as microchipping and the hazards of collars for cats. Councilmembers voted aye: Maike, Redell, Stein, Burton. Councilmember voting nay: Kulibert. Motion passed. Ms. McMullen read the ordinance.

**No executive session.**

**Adjournment:** Councilmember Redell moved to adjourn; Councilmember Stein seconded. All Councilmembers voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Mayor

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Finance Director