

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Skate Park Complaint

Mayor, Council and Staff discussed the complaint letter regarding the Skate Park (which was in council packets). The City has received a few letters from the same individual targeting the same problems each time. The main issues relate to noise and nuisance problems directed at the complainant. Acting Police Chief Joe Mehrens reported on number of calls received pertaining to the Skate Park. It was noted that prior to installation of this Skate Park the PD had similar issues with noise because of the basketball court use. Councilmember Redell remarked that complaints regarding skate boarders in the Medical Lake business district have dropped significantly since the Skate Park has been open. Council will be kept updated on this issue.

STAFF REPORT:

Medical Lake Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival Association Fee Waiver Request, Camping Request and Use of ball field #2

Denny McDaniel, President of Medical Lake Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival Association approached the podium and addressed Mayor and Council. He gave a report on the upcoming events planned for this years BWBG Festival and asked for the City's assistance with the following:

- Provide waivers of all applicable fees.
- Provide necessary park set-up/maintenance to accommodate the festival.
- Allow for dry tent camping along the baselines of ball field #1 outside the fence.
- Allow for use of ball field #2 for a second stage/music workshop area.
- Assist in planning/coordinating appropriate security/police coverage and EMT services.
- Assist in obtaining event insurance rates at a reasonable cost.

Mayor, Council, and Staff had many areas of concern that were discussed. It was noted that there was opposition to tying up both ball fields for the whole weekend event as well as waiving all fees for the event. The city has consistently waived fees for the past 5 years. Originally it was the city's intention to help this organization by waiving fees until it became established. It seems that each year more is asked from the city without any direct compensation being made. BWBG does however donate a portion of their proceeds to two Medical Lake organizations involving children. After discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Redell to waive all requested fees for 2008. More discussion ensued. Question was then called; Council polled; 3 yeas (Jorgenson, Redell, Kulibert); 3 nays (Maike, Burton, Paikuli). Mayor Higgins then voted aye which broke the tied vote; motion passed. It was noted that the use of ball field #2 will be a trial this year, readdressed next year. Finance Director McBroom verified that council's intention is to waive the total amount of \$3,370.00. It was verified and noted that in the future the city will not continue to waive all fees each year.

Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Funds

City Administrator Doug Ross reported that the City of Medical Lake has been a member of the Spokane County Urban Consortium since 1988. The consortium allows us to compete for Community Development Block Grant funds through Spokane County, instead of competing, albeit for a bigger pool of money, nationally. Motion by Councilmember Maike; seconded by Redell to remain in the consortium and approve the Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Funds. Council polled; all voted aye. Councilmember Maike asked that the city update their survey noting low income families in Medical Lake. This is a task that needs completed to allow Medical Lake to apply for these CDBG funds.

Approval of Agreement Between the City of Medical Lake and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees Local 270-MP

Tabled.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Paikuli reported on the P & R meeting. The main topic was how fee waiver requests are looked at and ball field use. There was discussion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

2008 – 1st Quarter Financial Report

The 2008 – 1st Quarter Financial Report was distributed in packets for council's information.

PLANNING REPORT:

None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Continuation of Public Hearing: Portion of Hancock Street Vacation Request

Mayor Higgins opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. City Administrator Doug Ross reported on the meeting he had with abutting property owner, Don Mayfield. The requested area to be vacated is approximately 80' X 80'. A sewer main is centered in the right-of-way. It is staff's recommendation that council approve the vacation request with reservation of a forty foot easement. Mayor Higgins called for public testimony. There was none. After 3 calls, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Ordinance 987: Vacating a Portion of Hancock Street; First Reading

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Redell to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 987: Vacating a Portion of Hancock Street with reservation of a 40 foot easement. Councilmember Kulibert asked the width of the pavement. Ross stated that it is 22 feet. Council then polled; all ayes. City Administrator Doug Ross read by title only; second reading is set for May 6, 2008.

Land Use Moratorium Expiration 04/16/08

City Administrator Doug Ross announced that the Land Use Moratorium expires tomorrow at 7:05 p.m. There is a meeting on 4/17 at the Convention Center pertaining to water management.

City Administrator Ross announced that he will be meeting with the City of Spokane to discuss the water intertie, a 30" main to Craig Road. This intertie will be available to the City of Medical Lake for seasonal use. There was discussion regarding the cost of water to the City and an agreement that will have to be in place prior to actual water use. Ross also reported that the Department of Health has given the go ahead to the city to sell reclaimed water. This initially will be sold to the Veteran's Cemetery. Research is being done pertaining to fees. Fee rate suggestions will all go to the PW Committee and then council before it is official. There was some discussion on this topic and other areas of the city where reclaimed water could be used to help with conservation. Councilmember Kulibert suggested that the city submit this information to AWC to be judged as a pilot project. It will be - when we get further along in the process.

Councilmember Jorgenson mentioned that the asphalt plant is now open; repair on pot holes will begin soon. Street repair is on the priority list. He also noted that the streets are getting worn due to semis driving through town. There was discussion regarding weight restrictions.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

142 recruitment pamphlets for Lateral Entry Police Officer position have been mailed out to various jurisdictions. Council will be kept updated on response to those pamphlets.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Kulibert reported of an article he read in the Spokesman Review regarding dedicated funding for the City of Spokane and City of Spokane Valley.

Councilmember Jorgenson announced that the American Legion is sponsoring the Girls Softball team; they will have a Pasta Feed and Silent Auction on April 26, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 15053 through 15127 in the amount of \$93,205.55 and Payroll Warrants 8383 through 8386 in the amount of \$20,405.00.

Consent Agenda was approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, seconded by Redell. Council polled; all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor John Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director