

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.  
April 5, 2011

Mayor Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Council present:** Shirley Maike                      A. J. Burton                      Jeff King  
   Brenda Redell                      Art Kulibert                      Howard Jorgenson

**Council Absent:** John Paikuli  
Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by King to excuse Councilmember Paikuli from this meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

**Staff present:** Doug Ross                      Pam McBroom                      Cindy McMullen                      Jeff Estes  
   William Allen

**Others present:** Cheney Free Press Reporter Ryan Lancaster, Robert Kibling, Sheriff Knezovich and three Spokane County Sheriff's office representatives, as well as eight visitors.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

March 15, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Maike, seconded by King, to approve the March 15, 2011 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Council polled; all ayes.

**INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:**

Joanna Williams – 921 N. Howard, M.L.

Joanna gave council an update on the "Feed Medical Lake Program". She is currently waiting for their permit from the Health District to serve food. At this time there are 14 confirmed volunteers to help with this program, but more are needed. The next volunteer meeting will be Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. It is anticipated that the first Feed M.L serving will be June 15<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has questions or wants to volunteer they can contact Ms. Williams.

Peg James – 619 E. Tara Lee, M.L.

Peg James is the Director of the Medical Lake Food Bank Association. She updated council on the increasing need in the community over the past couple of years. Council was given information on the following:

- Who can donate
- What can be donated
- Where and when you can donate
- Why you should donate (15% of M.L. residents are in need, food donations are down by 30% and the city's need has increased in the past year by 25%)
- How to get started

It was noted that money received by Care and Share is donated to the Food Bank for the purchase of groceries. She asked council to spread the word about the increasing need.

Robert Kibling – 620 Golden Court, M.L.

Bob is the President of the Food Bank and also talked to council about the increasing need for donations. He briefed council on Care and Share and it was noted that over 9,000 volunteer hours were logged last year.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Volunteer Firefighter, William Allen

Chief Estes introduced Allen to council and gave them some background. He is stationed at FAFB and has been in Medical Lake for the past six months. Council and staff welcomed Allen.

**MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

**STAFF REPORT:**

Geiger Jail Replacement/Community Correction Center; Discussion with Spokane County Representatives

Lieutenant Mike Sparber, Project Manager for the Jail Replacement Project and Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich both spoke to council about the progress that has been made and where the project stands to date. There was much discussion between the council and the SCSO representatives. The following were discussed:

- Unsafe condition of current jail
- Siting process – current proposed location (it was noted that Pine Lodge Correctional Facility is not an option because it does not meet their needs for a jail)
- Cost of the new jail (\$199,490,800)
- Citizen cost
- New jobs that will be created from project

After discussion it was noted that council is not opposed to a new jail because the need is apparent. Council is however opposed to the proposed location of this new jail.

Administrator Ross reported that the Avista light energy rebate program has been completed. By doing this project the city will receive approximately \$9,000 rebate from Avista and cut monthly electricity fees. Ross also told council that all of City Hall had been re-keyed. This had to be done because there was a problem with an employee of Vanguard Cleaning Service.

**FINANCE:**

None.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

None.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

TIB Consultant Agreement for Brooks Road (SR902) Sidewalk Project; E & H Engineering

Administrator Ross explained that the City has received a grant from the TIB in the amount of \$137,430 to construct a new sidewalk on the north side of SR 902 between Stanley Street and Graham Lane. The city’s portion of this project will be \$15,270. The Consultant Agreement is required paperwork to hire City Engineer, E & H Engineering for design and inspections of the project. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to approve the TIB Consultant Agreement with E & H Engineering, for the Brooks Road Sidewalk Project and authorize Mayor Higgins signature. Councilmember King seconded the motion. Council polled; all ayes.

Administrator Ross reported that there had been some complaints on the compost trailer. He asked citizens to be patient. This is a new company hauling the compost and there are a few details to be worked out. Also, there will be a larger trailer installed. It was also noted that the platform needs some repairs at this time. Maintenance has been notified and the repairs will be done.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember Kulibert gave a report on the Public Safety Committee meeting. The Firefighter Response System Service Agreement that was supposed to come back to council for decision can be tabled. Another solution has been provided to the department so this agreement will not be needed.

**MEMBERS REPORT:**

Councilmember Jorgenson invited everyone to the unveiling of new lights at the varsity baseball field at the high school on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 19230 through 19298 in the amount of \$79,674.12 and Payroll Warrants 9509 through 9532 in the amount of \$115,325.87 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, seconded by Redell. Council polled; all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Mayor Higgins

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City Clerk / Finance Director