



Scott Kaulig also related the same types of concerns as all the other citizens. Donna Kulibert reported that there have been an increased number of individuals (with backpacks) going between the high school and Pioneer Park. A lot of drinking and smoking among minors and what appears to be drug trafficking is occurring. She asked if there is some way officers could search the backpacks. All citizens have asked for more police patrolling, early closure of the park, permanent closure of the skate park or possibly relocating it to a location that would not be in a neighborhood. Mayor Higgins and City Administrator Ross responded. The city has taken the following steps so far to alleviate the problems in the park:

- Increased police patrols
- Getting prices for security cameras
- Skate park has been closed for this year
- Avista is putting in additional lighting
- Picnic tables have been removed (due to property damage)
- Kids have been trespassed from the park (tickets were issued)

Other options are being looked into. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to close the skate park until spring, close Pioneer park at 7pm or at dark, offer a reward (pertaining to perpetrators committing illegal acts such as graffiti, property damage, drugs/alcohol, etc) leading to arrest and conviction, prosecute offenders to the fullest and get a list of individuals banned from the park and enforce it. Councilmember Kulibert seconded the motion. There was council and staff discussion Administrator Ross noted that there would have to be a new ordinance to change park hours. Councilmember King has a concern about closing the park at 7pm. This may affect other family activities. Discussion. Attorney McMullen reported that some kids have been trespassed out of the park and if they return and are caught, they will be arrested. If this happens the court will be pursuing restitution for every offense. ML court will work with Spokane's juvenile court since we do not have a direct connection. There was also discussion of how to develop a fund for offering a reward. Administrator Ross and City Attorney McMullen will be checking into the Counties Program. We will also coordinate with Sheriff's crime stoppers program. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson amended his motion to close the skate park until spring, do an ordinance to set hours to close Pioneer Park at dark and direct staff to research all other topics in original motion. Councilmember Kulibert seconded the amended motion. Question called, council polled; all ayes.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

### **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

Outstanding Waste Water Treatment Plant Award Presentation from the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Mike Hepp, Compliance Specialist for DOE Eastern Region and Lucy Peterschmidt, Facility and WWTP & Reuse Manager presented a 2010 Outstanding Performance Award to the City of Medical Lake. The award read: *Washington State Department of Ecology recognizes the exemplary effort and work accomplished by the City of Medical Lake and the dedicated team at the M.L. Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Facility. Thank you for protecting and keeping Washington's waters clean.* Mr. Hepp stated that the WWTP had perfect compliance in 2010 pertaining to their wastewater discharge permit. It is the first time ML has won this award. There are only six reuse facilities in the eastern region and reuse facilities have higher standards to follow. The plaque was presented to Mayor Higgins who in turn gave the award to Steve Cooper, treatment plant operator. He introduced Larry Lynch, operator II and Darrell Pasher, operator I. Administrator Ross commended the operators of the plant stating that our reclaimed water facility is a 1 mg/d plant and is run 7 days per week with only 4 operators. Congratulations and thanks were given to all the operators. One operator, Bill Ahlf was unable to attend this meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Russ Miller and Brandon Jenkins, Volunteer Firefighters

Mayor Higgins announced the appointments. Chief Estes and new volunteers were not available to attend this meeting. They will come to a later meeting for introductions to council.

**MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

Mayor Higgins discussed times for a Budget Workshop. It was decided that September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm would be set for this workshop.

**STAFF REPORT:**ASCAP License Agreement

Administrator Ross explained that ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) is an organization that represents the copyrights of musicians, authors and publishers. Owners or operators of facilities or presenters of concerts and other events are responsible for performances on their premises, and therefore liable for copyright infringements. The enclosed license agreement will allow the City to continue to sponsor concerts, on-hold music, etc as well as provide venues for events that are not sponsored by the City (Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival). The annual cost of the license is \$309.00 Councilmember Jorgenson, made a motion, seconded by Maike to approve the license agreement between ASCAP and the City of Medical Lake and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign. Council polled; all ayes.

**FINANCE:**

Finance Director McBroom reported that staff is looking into purchasing new software for the city for their budget, payroll and utility billing. The company offering this new windows based software is Vision MS. This will be discussed at the budget workshop.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

Administrator Ross reported that the Planning Consultant will be sending out an economic survey within the next month to determine types of businesses citizens would like to see in town. This information will be used in the comprehensive plan.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Administrator Ross will be sending a survey out to local businesses to determine the revenue benefit of having events such as Founder's Day, Triathlons such as Wunderwoman, Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival and Concerts in Coney Island Park. Once the survey's are returned, Ross will report results back to council.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Public Hearing for Six – Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2012 - 2017; 6:30 PM

Mayor Higgins opened the public hearing at 7:09 pm. Administrator Ross explained that the Washington State DOT requires all municipalities to annually update their Six Year TIP which then becomes part of the state-wide TIP. Annually, staff completes a visual inspection to determine which streets should be placed on the City's Six Year TIP. He explained that this document is revisited each year and tends to be grant dependent. He gave a brief review of all projects identified on the 2012 to 2017 TIP. It was noted that the TIB grant cycle for 2012 ends August 31, 2011. Mayor Higgins asked for public comment. Bob Kibling, 620 Golden Court, ML – asked if San Salvador Street will ever be listed on this plan for paving. Ross stated that San Salvador had received a two inch asphalt with chip seal over the top just this past month. The county was working on roads in this area and asked the city if they wanted San Salvador done. The city had them do that project for just over \$18,000. Mayor Higgins asked if there were any other citizens

that wanted to comment on this plan. There were no other comments. After three calls, Mayor Higgins closed the hearing at 7:15 pm.

Resolution No. 469; Six Year Transportation Improvement Program – 2012 through 2017

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Maike to approve Resolution No. 469; Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2012 through 2017. Council polled; all ayes.

Cost Proposal for adding Enhanced Refuse Collection Services; Sunshine Disposal - Discussion

Steve Wulf gave council and staff a presentation on adding enhanced refuse collection services to the city. If the City chooses enhanced services – mandatory participation would be required. The following are the three options presented:

- Standardized Refuse Cart Service – each resident would receive a roll cart (size of their choice – 20, 35, 64 or 96 gallon) no additional \$1.00 rental fee would be charged. Sunshine Disposal would be responsible for delivery and maintenance of carts.
- Curbside “Single Stream” Recycling – each resident would receive a 96 gallon recycling cart that would be serviced every other week. Recyclables do not have to be separated and 18 items will be accepted. Glass would not be accepted. The rate would be \$4.90 per month.
- Curbside Organic Recycling (yard and food waste) –This would be a subscription service; customer would pay for service only if they wanted it. Collection would be weekly, the cart is 96 gallons and the cost would be \$13.00 per month.

There was council and staff discussion with Steve Wulf pertaining to types of items that would be accepted, etc... Administrator Ross reported that the recycling center currently available to ML residents would be closed if the city went to this type of refuse collection. He also informed council that he is currently in discussions with DOE because they think the city needs to get a transfer station permit because the center is receiving more than 5% illegal waste (citizens dumping regular garbage at the recycling center). DOE may require this – Ross is meeting with them in two weeks. This is not a good option. The city does not want to become a transfer station. Ross will keep council informed on this issue. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson asked staff to do an advisory vote of the citizens to determine if the majority would be in favor of enhanced refuse services. A survey can be sent out in the utility bills with some educational information. Ross will report the results back to council.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember Kulibert reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting. July stats show 57 calls, 45 EMS and 6 alarm calls, 2 brush fire calls. There were 4 missed calls, 2 in the city 2 mutual aid calls. There is a county wide burn ban in effect (backyard fire pits still ok) but no open campfires allowed. The fire department has a few new firemen coming on board.

**MEMBERS REPORT:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 19675 through 19725 in the amount of \$50,256.20 and Payroll Warrants 9601 through 9620 in the amount of \$112,448.36 dated August 3, 2011 and Claim Warrants 19722 and 19726 through 19781 in the amount of \$157,664.36 and Payroll Warrant 9621 in the amount of \$14,400.00 dated August 16, 2011 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Jorgenson. Council polled; all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Higgins called an executive session at 7:42 p.m. Attorney McMullen read the following for the official records. *The City Council will now go into Executive Session to consider: selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price and the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. It is anticipated that the executive session will last 15 minutes. After the executive session, the city council will reconvene the regular session. The city council will take no action on the issue(s) discussed in executive session.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins called the regular meeting back to order at 7:56 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor John Higgins

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City Clerk / Finance Director