

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich and Captain Russ Shane gave council an update on the Law Enforcement Services contract. It was noted that the transition is going very well with some minor issues that are being ironed out. Mayor Higgins encouraged council to ask questions they may have. The following were questions discussed:

- Communication between police department and fire department
- Where shift changes were being done (here or in Spokane)
- What is happening as far as fingerprinting for concealed weapons permits

There was council and staff discussion and the items in question were answered, it was noted that any problems or questions that arise should be directed to Administrator Ross and he will be the liaison with the county and get answers for council.

Spokane County Homelessness Prevention Program; Kate Kennedy, Community Development Specialist

Ms. Kennedy spoke to council about a grant that Spokane County has received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Spokane County received \$622,278/3 years. This money is to be distributed into the county which Medical Lake is a part of. Any county resident that needs assistance with rent or utilities can now call "211" and apply for some help. This program is being managed and administered by Spokane County Community Services, Housing and Community Development. Flyers and posters were left for distribution throughout the schools, businesses, post office and city hall facilities. This will help make residents aware of this new service.

STAFF REPORT:

Agreement to Purchase Real Property

Administrator Ross explained that the property owner of Parcel No. 14183.3701 which is located adjacent and south of Hancock Street, has agreed to sell the property to the City for \$15,000. The property is 25 feet by 91 feet and will be used for snow and equipment storage. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by King to approve the purchase of Parcel No. 14183.3701 and authorize Mayor Higgins to enter into a purchase agreement with Robin Elaine Greene. Council polled; all ayes.

Professional Services Contract; Glenn Scholten

City Planner Glenn Scholten is retiring effective December 31, 2009. Administrator Ross explained to council that staff would like to retain Scholten on a contractual basis to maintain the continuity that has developed in the planning department over the past three years. Mr. Scholten's hourly rate will remain the same although his monthly hours worked will be reduced and benefits will no longer be paid by the city. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by King to approve the Professional Planning Services Contract with Glenn Scholten and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign it. Council polled; all ayes.

FINANCE:

2009 Line Item Adjustments - #09-01 LIA through #09-20 LIA

Finance Director McBroom gave an update to council on the requested line item adjustments. It was noted that this is basically housekeeping items and money is moved from one line item where it has not been used to another line item that needs more than originally anticipated. These adjustments do not affect the overall budgeted amount for each fund. Councilmember King made a motion, seconded by Jorgenson to approve the 2009 Line Item Adjustments #09-01 LIA through #09-20 LIA. Council polled; all ayes.

Public Hearing: 2010 Final Budget: December 15, 2009

Mayor Higgins opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Finance Director McBroom reported that no changes were made to the budget after the first public hearing. The budget was put into its final format for council review. Mayor Higgins then asked for public testimony. There was no public comment/testimony. After three calls for testimony, Mayor Higgins closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

It was noted that Administrator Ross will be meeting with Sunshine Disposal tomorrow at 2pm to discuss the garbage contract. This contract comes up for renewal in February 2010.

PLANNING REPORT:

None.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Modification to Medical Lake Law Enforcement Services Contract

The Spokane County Sheriff's Office has agreed to purchase five (5) police vehicles, as equipped, from the City. The City has also agreed to sell the Sheriff's Department rifles and shotguns to go in each of the vehicles. The total price to be paid by the County is \$90,000. Councilmember Paikuli made a motion, seconded by Jorgenson to approve the Modification to the Medical Lake Law Enforcement Services Contract and authorize Administrator Ross to sign it. Council polled; all ayes.

First Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Ground Ambulance Service

Administrator Ross gave an update on the reason for this amendment. In 2008, the City along with thirteen other Cities, Fire Districts and Towns, entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Ground Ambulance Services. The purpose of the agreement was to form an Ambulance Service Board to advertise for ambulance services on behalf of the coop. The original interlocal agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2009. The Ambulance Service Board is currently negotiating a contract with AMR and will not conclude those negotiations until after the original interlocal agreement expires. This proposed amendment would extend the terms of the original agreement through March 31, 2010, allowing the Ambulance Service Board adequate time to complete the contract negotiations with AMR. Councilmember Paikuli made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Ground Ambulance Service and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign it. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jorgenson. Council polled; all ayes.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Jorgenson reported that the Friends for Children Christmas Raffle held on Dec. 12th at Picnic Pines was a great success. 180 kids will benefit from the proceeds and distribution will be Thursday at the Masonic Lodge from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. There will also be 10 Christmas trees, donated from the FFA, available for distribution.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 17431 through 17506 in the amount of \$86,302.82; Payroll Warrants 9094 through 9095 in the amount of \$14,900.00 were approved by motion from Councilmember King, second by Redell. Council polled; all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1001: Amending the Final Budget for 2009; Second Reading

Councilmember Redell made a motion, seconded by Jorgenson to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1001. Council polled; all ayes. Attorney McMullen read by title only.

Ordinance 1002: Setting the Salaries and Compensation for Appointive Officers and Employees for 2010; Second Reading

Councilmember Redell made a motion, seconded by Jorgenson to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1002: Setting the Salaries and Compensation for Appointive Officers and Employees for 2010. Council polled; all ayes. Attorney McMullen read by title only.

Ordinance 1003: Adopting the Final Budget for 2010; Second Reading

Councilmember Burton made a motion to remove the \$3,000 in this budget for Project Access. He explained his reasons for this motion. Motion died for lack of a second. Councilmember Redell then made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1003: Adopting the Final Budget for 2010. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jorgenson. Council polled; 4 yeas (King, Jorgenson, Paikuli and Redell) 1 nay; (Burton). Motion carried, Attorney McMullen read by title only.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members

Finance Director McBroom gave the Oath of Office to Mayor Higgins and Council members Redell, Burton and King. It was noted that Councilmember Maike will come into the office by Friday and be sworn in since she missed this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Higgins called for an executive session at 7:32 p.m. to last for 10 minutes. City Attorney McMullen read the following: *The City Council will now go into executive session to discuss a matter of matters relating to an enforcement action or litigation or potential litigation involving the City, its officers or employees when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the City. It is anticipated that the executive session will last 10 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 7:39 p.m. and adjourned the regular council meeting.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director