

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.
February 16, 2010

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

Council present: Brenda Redell John Paikuli A. J. Burton
 Howard Jorgenson Art Kulibert Jeff King

Council Absent: Shirley Maike

Motion by Councilmember Redell to excuse Councilmember Maike from this meeting. Seconded by King. Council polled; all ayes.

Staff present: Doug Ross Cindy McMullen Pam McBroom
 Jeff Estes Glenn Scholten

Others present: Cheney Free Press Reporter Ryan Lancaster and 6 visitors.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

February 2, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

Councilmember Kulibert asked for a change to the minutes. Under Meetings and Other Information: Councilmember Kulibert's statement pertaining to his testimony at the legislative forum stating that he would vote against any services to the state that the city might provide, if PLCCW is closed, needed to include **if it is changed to a men's facility or the use is changed from it's current status.** Motion was then made by Councilmember Kulibert, second by Redell to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Regular Council Meeting with the above change. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Denny McDaniel, 1215 Fairchild, Medical Lake – owner of Denny's Harvest Foods: He spoke to council asking them to support the new lighting project at the Medical Lake High School ball field. He feels that this will bring more business to town and provide the youth another recreation option. Bruce Greene, P.O. Box 1644, Medical Lake – owner of Bruchi's: Greene urged council to support and donate to this project. Alexis Alexander, electrical engineer for Avista joined Greene and explained the project to council. The biggest portion of this project will be donated by Avista with approximately \$8,000 remaining unfunded (basically the cost of the lights only). To date commitments for donations have come from American Legion Baseball Association, Little League Baseball Association and Kiwanis. There was much discussion pertaining to this subject. City Attorney McMullen advised council that more information will be needed. Care must be taken when using taxpayer money to fund this type of private venture. There are strict state guidelines the city has to follow and before anything is decided by the city all information on the project will need

to be reviewed by her. It was noted that council feels this is a worthy project but will not make any decisions until Attorney McMullen has researched and advised them. The Parks & Recreation committee will meet on March 2nd and will discuss this request.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

None.

APPOINTMENTS:

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

STAFF REPORT:

Administrator Ross reported that he is still negotiating with Sunshine Disposal, Inc. on their proposal for garbage services. Originally Sunshine Disposal assumed Waste Managements contract and it is up the end of February 2010. This is Sunshine's first opportunity to negotiate their own contract with the City. Ross noted that he has been in contact with them and has been assured that garbage services will not be interrupted during these negotiations.

Dave Chambers, Real Estate Representative for Avista Corporation; Easement Request

Mr. Chambers addressed council pertaining to the easement request from Avista. He explained the reasons for this request. Avista Utilities is upgrading the natural gas regulator station at the corner of Brooks Road and Howard Street. The purpose of this regulator is to reduce the pressure from a higher transmission pressure to a lower distribution pressure which is needed to serve individual homes and businesses. The gas that leaves this regulator station feeds the entire City of Medical Lake with the exception of the hospital complex. Avista would like to move the current structure west of where it is now located but will need an easement from the city to do this. Chambers gave council packets with pictures and information gathered during research of this project. There was council and staff discussion. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to approve the request from Avista Utilities for an easement and to direct staff to prepare the necessary documentation. Motion seconded by Councilmember King. Council polled; all ayes.

Resolution No. 457: Adamantly Opposing the closing of Pine Lodge Corrections Center or Any Change From Its Current Use as a Minimum Security, Prerelease Facility for Women

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by King to approve Resolution 457: Adamantly Opposing the closing of Pine Lodge Corrections Center or Any Change from Its Current Use as a Minimum Security, Prerelease Facility for Women. Council polled; all ayes.

Administrator Ross announced that the compost trailer will open on March 15th.

FINANCE:

None.

PLANNING REPORT:

Discussion on Working Copy of Critical Area Ordinance

Mayor Higgins asked council if there were any questions on the Critical Area Ordinance that Planning Consultant, Glenn Scholten could answer. Councilmember Paikuli had two questions; one pertaining to Extraordinary Hardship (pg. 21) and Question on Exemption (pg 5 number 58). It was noted that these were already defined in the marked up version of the ordinance. There was some discussion. Council felt that having the working copy of the ordinance helped to explain and answer questions they previously had. Mayor Higgins then asked council if they were ready to move onto the actual proposed ordinance for approval or if they needed more time to go over the information they had. It was determined that council was ready to move forward.

Ordinance 1004: Amending Certain Portions of Title 17 of the Medical Lake Municipal Code Relating to Resource Lands and Critical Areas Preservation; First Reading

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1004: Amending Certain Portions of Title 17 of the Medical Lake Municipal Code Relating to Resource Lands and Critical Areas Preservation. Motion seconded by Councilmember King. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

None. Parks & Recreation Committee meet March 2nd prior to council.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilmember Jorgenson asked about the pothole situation, how many are showing up. City Administrator Ross noted that it is not too bad yet. Maintenance is starting their annual checks to see what will need patched. Councilmember King reported curb breakage in the Fox Hollow/Fox Ridge area near the water tower. There was discussion. Ross also commented on the condition of San Salvador – which is the road that will be used to go to the new Veteran’s Cemetery.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Resolution 458: Adopting Spokane/Kootenai County Fire Service Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement
Approval of Resolution 458 also adopts the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Fire Services of Spokane County, Washington and Kootenai County, Idaho. Councilmember Paikuli made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve Resolution 458: Adopting Spokane/Kootenai County Fire Service Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement. Council polled; all ayes.

Volunteer Fire Chief Estes updated council on the fire department. Councilmember King asked why the big fire truck responded to a call in Fox Hollow. Estes explained. He also reported that TAC I – the brush truck is going to be refurbished because it is no longer reliable. Estimates are being done at this time. Estes also reported that he was named Public Safety Official of the year for the West Plains area. Council congratulated Chief Estes.

MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilmember Paikuli commented on the Eagle Scout Project completed by Tyler Stockard. Recycling bins with signs were placed at Pepper Park and WFP. They turned out great. Councilmember King gave an update on the Region 4 wrestling tournament. Three individuals with two alternatives are slated to go to State. This is a great accomplishment for the school. Councilmember Jorgenson commented on the response letter received back from AWC.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 17694 through 17755 in the amount of \$77,620.99; Payroll Warrants 9150 through 9151 in the amount of \$14,400.00; Firing Range Agreements with Department of Corrections and Company A, 341st MI BN CC were approved by motion from Councilmember Redell, seconded by Jorgenson. Council polled; all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director