

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.
February 2, 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 Jorgenson. Council polled; all ayes.

Staff present: Doug Ross Dennis McMullen Pam McBroom
 Jason Mayfield Ellen Fender Glenn Scholten

Others present: Cheney Free Press Reporter Ryan Lancaster, KHQ and KREM News teams and 3 visitors.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

City Administrator Ross asked for an addition to be added under 4.A.4.a. - Surplus of 1985 International Dump Truck and set method of disposal. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Paikuli to approve the addition to the agenda. Council polled; all ayes.

MINUTES:

January 19, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Redell, second by Jorgenson to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Barb Reis, 515 S. Silver Lake Avenue, Medical Lake. Ms. Reis thanked Administrator Ross for the press release that was published in the paper supporting Pine Lodge Women's Correctional Facility and expressing the city's views pertaining to this possible closure. She asked that the city staff and council continue their efforts to retain the facility in ML.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

None.

APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Fire Chief, Jason Mayfield introduced new volunteer firefighter Patrick Burt. He gave some background on Mr. Burt – he is a retired law enforcement officer with a marshal arts background. Council and staff welcomed Burt. Assistant Chief Mayfield gave a brief Fire/EMS update. The new volunteer fire total is now approximately 20 individuals.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Mayor Higgins reported on the legislative hearings in Olympia that he testified at - pertaining to the possible closure of PLCCW. He also talked with council about the legislative forum held in the council chambers on Saturday, January 30th at 10 a.m. to noon. The following state representatives were present: Senator Mark Schoessler, Representatives Joe Schmick, Susan Fagan and Shelly Short. The purpose of the forum was to gather public testimony and feedback from those who may be affected by the closure of Pine Lodge Correctional Facility for Women and to create a public record for the Legislature. It was noted that the meeting was very well attended – the chambers was full and individuals were also packed in the hallways. There was council discussion with the following comments being made:

- Councilmember Redell – offended by the proposals of the State, City of Spokane and Spokane County. Wants the Mayor and Administrator to continue their efforts to keep Pine Lodge and if the facility closes anyway, to oppose the site becoming a jail facility to replace Geiger or Spokane Jail.
- Councilmember Paikuli – feels the state should leave the facility as is. If it is closed do not replace with anything else.
- Councilmember King – feels it is inappropriate for City or County to be discussing possible use of the facility when closure is not final.
- Councilmember Jorgenson – stated he has worked for the State and he blames the state solely for what is happening. He feels they are soliciting proposals from the city and county.
- Councilmember Kulibert – reported that he testified at the legislative forum on Saturday and stated that he will vote against any services to the state that the city might provide, if PLCCW is closed.

All of the council wants the Mayor and City Administrator to continue their efforts to support keeping Pine Lodge from closing. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to draft a resolution strongly opposing the closure of PLCCW. Council polled; all ayes. The finalized resolution will go to state legislatures and the governor's office.

STAFF REPORT:

Declare 1985 International Dump Truck Surplus and set method of disposal

Administrator Ross explained that this dump truck recently had engine trouble and it was determined that it would be better for the city to find and purchase a different vehicle to replace it. In the process the city did find another replacement vehicle and were offered \$5,000 trade-in for the old truck. Therefore, Ross has asked city to declare the 1985 International as surplus and set the method of disposal as trade-in to Piersol Construction, Inc. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to surplus the 1985 International Dump Truck and set the method of disposal as \$5,000 trade-in to Piersol Construction, Inc. Councilmember Paikuli seconded the motion. Council polled; all ayes.

FINANCE:

2009 – 4th Quarter Financial Report was included in council packets for their information. Finance Director McBroom reported that the year ended in good financial standing. No questions arose pertaining to this report.

PLANNING REPORT:

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

Administrator Ross explained that Washington State Department of Ecology mandated each city or county planning under the GMA to update their Critical Areas Ordinances. Planning Consultant Scholten has completed the update and is available for questions. It was noted that the revised

ordinance was in council packets and in legislative markup for easier understanding. Councilmember Jorgenson had some questions he directed to Scholten. There was discussion on the wetlands and Jorgenson wanted a map to show these wetlands and an explanation on how they are categorized. Planning Consultant Scholten explained. He also stated that the state had reviewed this ordinance and suggestions from them had been incorporated into the document before council. After some discussion it was determined that Scholten would get a working copy of the Critical Area Ordinance out to council. It is color coded and shows new text, additions added per DOE, Planning Commission questions, etc. This may help council with questions they have. Because of the document size more time for council review is needed. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to table this ordinance until next meeting, seconded by Paikuli. Council polled; all ayes. Planning Consultant Scholten will color copy and deliver the document to council members.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Redell reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Youth sports and MAC league are going strong. There have been no problems this year with access to the base for games played there. A new Balance and Fall Prevention Program for seniors will be starting soon. There seems to be a lot of interest. One main topic of the meeting was how Founder's Day will work this year since there is no chairperson. Help is needed and if anyone knows of someone who is willing to take on this project – let Recreation Coordinator Ashley King at city hall know. She will be making calls to recruit help also. Councilmember Jorgenson asked the Mayor to have the Park & Recreation Committee review the request from the High School to donate money to help pay for lights at the football field. Mayor Higgins directed the P& R committee to review this request and bring forward a recommendation.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Paikuli reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting. He said that the Fire/EMS Department did not miss any calls in January. Things are running smoothly. It was noted that the committee asked for a monthly report or visit from the Sheriff's office on how things are going in the Police Department. Paikuli noted that he is still getting good reviews from the public but the committee just wants some regular reports.

MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilmember Kulibert reported that while he was on vacation he was able to keep up on City Council meeting by going online and reading the agenda's and minutes. Councilmember Paikuli commented that the Little League is donating some money to help pay for lighting at the school since they use the fields.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 17640 through 17693 in the amount of \$147,917.13; Payroll Warrants 9125 through 9149 in the amount of \$103,413.06 and Firing Range Agreement with Washington State Patrol and TW Telecom Contract Renewal were approved by motion from Councilmember Redell, second 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 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director