

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.
February 7, 2012

Mayor Pro-Tem Maike called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Council Absent: Laura Parsons
Councilmember Redell made a motion, seconded by Jorgenson to excuse Councilmember Parsons from this meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

Staff present: Doug Ross Cindy McMullen Pam McBroom Jeff Estes

Others present: Glenn Scholten
Cheney Free Press reporter James Eik, Spokane County Deputy Barton and 1 citizen.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Redell asked that a correction be made to the minutes. Her name was left off the Council Present portion of the minutes. Councilmember Redell made a motion, seconded by Burton to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, with the correction, for January 17, 2012. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

None.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

None.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

None.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

None.

STAFF REPORT:**Resolution 474; A Resolution for the City of Medical Lake Supporting the Medical Lake School District Replacement Educational Program Maintenance and Operation Levy**

Administrator Ross reminded council that this resolution was prepared as requested at the last meeting. Councilmember Kulibert and Councilmember King both stated that they could not support this resolution. Councilmember Kulibert reported his reasons for not supporting this resolution. He did some online research and discovered that only 57% of the budget is actually spent in the classroom. He feels the school needs to be more realistic with their budget. A good portion is spent on superintendent and principals wages which seems excessive. He found that the state is diverting Public Trust monies to support schools. At this time he cannot support this resolution. Councilmember King also stated that he is not in support of this levy and will oppose this resolution. Councilmember Jorgenson rebutted Kulibert's reasons. He stated that the reasons cited by Kulibert need to be addressed before the school board. Students should not be punished because of these reasons. The levy is for operational needs. Kulibert found in his research that in many areas the superintendent and principal wages are being paid from O & M levies. Jorgenson said that is not the case in ML. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to approve Resolution 474; A Resolution for the City of Medical Lake Supporting the Medical Lake School District Replacement Educational Program Maintenance and Operation Levy. Motion seconded by Councilmember Redell. Council polled; 3 yeas (Jorgenson, Redell and Maike) 3 nays (Burton, Kulibert and King). With a tie vote the resolution failed.

Request from Medical Lake Food Bank for Return of Earnest Money for Funeral Home Property Bid

Administrator Ross reported that he had received a letter from the ML Food Bank Association withdrawing their bid to purchase the Ball and Dodd Property as of February 2, 2012 and asked that their earnest money be returned to them. After a short discussion, Councilmember Redell made a motion, seconded by Kulibert to accept the bid withdrawal made for the Ball and Dodd Funeral Home Property and return the earnest money received from the ML Food Bank. Council polled; all ayes.

FINANCE:

2011 – 4th Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director McBroom reported that the books for 2012 have been closed. Financially, the cities ending balances were on target.

PLANNING REPORT:

Planning Consultant, Glenn Scholten updated council on Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

JLUS was commissioned in 2008 by Department of Defense. A consultant group created a series of recommendations which were given to stakeholder cities of FAFB in 2009. Cities need to work toward non-compatible land use/encroachment issues and draft development regulations to protect FAFB Military Influence Areas (MIA). A map was given to council for review. A new chapter in the city comp plan will need to be created and titled: Protection of FAFB. It was noted that Medical Lake's existing and proposed Urban Growth area is within FAFB MIA3 (Noise impact zone). The MIA3 does not permit development of high density single family housing, so this will be of concern to the city and has to be addressed. The City council needs to approve the recommendations from the JLUS study by March 31, 2012. Information will be coming to council over the next couple of weeks after public review.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Redell stated that a committee meeting has been set for later this month. Administrator Ross reported that everything is going quite well with the use of Pine Lodge gym.

The city did receive a bill from the state that was larger than expected due to electric charges. The gym will be used by the recreation department through February.

PUBLIC WORKS/RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Administrator Ross told council that the city had received a check from Avista Corporation in the amount of \$25,600. This was received because the city decommissioned the electric lake aerator. We will be purchasing another solar aerator this year. It was also noted that we should save approximately \$11,000 in electric bills (cost of operating the electric aerator). The rebate from Avista and the \$11,000 will pay for a large portion of the cost of the new solar aerator.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Kulibert reported that the Public Safety Committee had a meeting tonight and there are no issues to discuss at this time.

MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilmember Jorgenson stated that he felt council vote on the resolution to support the school levy was wrong. Councilmember Burton thanked Planning Consultant Scholten for his hard work and help with JLUS. Councilmember Kulibert reported on his first STA board meeting. He has been assigned to work on a committee for performance monitoring and external relationship. STA wants to increase transparency.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 20348 through 20434 in the amount of \$168,061.60 and Payroll Warrants 9728 through 9746 in the amount of \$118,486.41 and Firing Range Agreements with Cheney and Airway Heights and EWU Police Departments were approved by motion from Councilmember Redell, second by Burton. Council polled; all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Maike adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Maike

City Clerk / Finance Director