

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM
February 19, 2008

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

Council present: Howard Jorgenson Shirley Maike John Paikuli
 Brenda Redell AJ Burton Jeff King
 Art Kulibert

Staff present: Cindy McMullen Doug Ross Pam McBroom
 Joe Mehrens Katrin Smith Bryan Musser
 Judge Kayne

Others present: 6 Visitors and Cheney Free Press Reporter Cara Lorella.

MINUTES:

January 15, 2008 Regular Meeting and January 30, 2008 Special Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; second by King to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 Regular Council meeting and January 30, 2008 Special Council meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Peg James of 619 E. Tara Lee congratulated the maintenance department for the phenomenal job with snow removal on the streets; kudos to staff for being great, courteous and helpful.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

Resignation – Fire Chief Gino Palomino
Fire Chief Gino Palomino was not able to attend.

APPOINTMENTS:

Bryan Musser – Interim Fire Chief

Mayor Higgins announced the appointment of Bryan Musser as Interim Fire Chief. Chief Musser reported that the department located a 1992 Seagrave Class-A pumper fire truck being surplus by the City of Duvall. He and Fire Lieutenant Jeff Estes traveled to Duvall and inspected this equipment. It was in great shape and would fill the fire departments need for a pumper truck. The City submitted a bid and was the successful bidder at \$40,000 and arrangements are being made to get the truck here. It should be delivered in 2 – 3 weeks.

Councilmember Paikuli thanked the Fire/EMS Department for their prompt response and professional service when his family needed assistance.

City Administrator Doug Ross thanked Fire Chief Musser and Fire Lieutenant Jeff Estes for taking time to travel to Duvall to do the inspections prior to bidding on the fire truck.

Mayor Higgins announced the appointment of Councilmember Burton as representative for Spokane County Districting Committee, and thanked him for accepting the position.

City Attorney McMullen informed council that A&K Development, Inc. has filed a lawsuit in Spokane County Superior Court against the City. This lawsuit is a Land Use Petition and Complaint for Damages. A & K Development is challenging the City's denial of a rezone request and to recover damages for the City's actions with respect to this land use decision. Attorney McMullen explained the upcoming process to council. It was noted that Attorney McMullen and Ken Harper of Washington Commission Insurance Authority (WCIA) will represent the City. Attorney Todd Hume will represent A&K Development, Inc. Council will be updated on the progress of this action.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Pam Veltri, Medical Lake School District
Rescheduled to March 4, 2008

2005 – 2007 Judge Richard Kayne Medical Lake Municipal Court Report

Judge Kayne approached the podium, introduced himself to Council, and gave an update on the Medical Lake Municipal Court Filings. He noted that trends have gone up in every category; they include criminal traffic (Driving While License Suspended 3rd Degree), and criminal non traffic (Domestic Violence).

Judge Kayne also explained the following:

- Since the City was granted Domestic Violence Advocate services through the YWCA, having an advocate has been a fantastic service.
- Various relicensing programs come and go. Court staff in Medical Lake has been focusing on why and how to get a defendants license back.
- Should Council have any questions—please let him know any time.

Spokane County Under-Sheriff Jeff Tower; Proposed Spokane County Emergency Communication Improvement

The following staff/representatives of Spokane County gave a presentation on a Proposed Spokane County Emergency Communication Improvement Plan:

- Spokane County Commissioner Mark Richards.
- Spokane County Under-Sheriff Jeff Tower.
- Spokane Fire Chief Bobby Williams.
- Spokane County Chairman of the Steering Committee Chuck Hafner.

Emergency communications (radio) Infrastructure used by public agencies in the Spokane Area is in dire need of significant repair and upgrade. Current communication system problems include dead spots, old/unreliable equipment, no capability for reverse 9-1-1, no crime check which causes 9-1-1 overload and limited/no funding to upgrade.

The FCC has required conversion to narrow band (smaller width) frequency operation by the end of 2012. It affects all VHF/UHF systems in the United States. The Spokane Region has almost all VHF/UHF systems at this time. The current system has been band-aided through minimal allocations and operation budgets. System modifications are extremely expensive and cost millions of dollars. The necessity to upgrade the Emergency Communication Infrastructure isn't going away. Other requirements to make the communications system work properly are: Crime Check Funding (24-7), Cover Projected Future 9-1-1 Funding Gap, Operational Funding of Reverse 9-1-1-System, maintenance cost of radio system, and future radio system replacement cost.

The solution needed: Regional Long-Term funding. This can be done by implementing a One tenth of 1% Sales Tax to be used solely for emergency communications systems and facilities.

Details of Proposal are:

- On the Ballot in May 2008.
- Proposal is for 10 cents on every \$100 purchase (1/10 of one percent – groceries exempt)
- This funding source can only be used for Emergency Communications Systems.
- 10 year Sunset Clause.
- 6 member Oversight Committee will be established (selected by County Commissioners)
- Administered by the Spokane County Emergency Communications Board (made up of numerous at-large and agency representatives).

There was Mayor, Council and Staff discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Redell to support the initiative and ask staff to prepare a Resolution endorsing this ballot proposition and include it on the next council agenda for approval. Council polled; all voted aye.

Spokane County Sheriff Lieutenant Mike Sparber – Jail Expansion Project Update

Lieutenant Sparber gave a presentation on Detention Facility Master Planning, Programming and Site Analysis. The following information was included in the presentation:

- Inmate population in Spokane County has significantly increased which causes overcrowding.
- The leased land that currently houses inmates at Geiger Corrections Center will expire in 2013, and will not be renewed.
- A high level of wear on the facility due to 24 hour operations 365 days a year is occurring.
- Facility Development process is in place; it includes a need assessment, architectural program, operational program, master plan, SEPA Plan, and EPF Process.
- 10 Potential Detention Facility Sites are being evaluated.
- All information on this proposed project is available at <http://www.spokanesherriff.org>

Mayor, Council, and Staff thanked everyone for coming; a five minute break was called at 7:50 p.m., and the Council meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

STAFF REPORT:

Request for Out of State Travel – City Attorney McMullen

City Attorney McMullen requested authorization for out of state travel to attend the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys Spring Conference to be held in Whistler, British Columbia from April 30 to May 2, 2008. Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Redell to approve City Attorney McMullen's Request for Out of State Travel to Whistler, British Columbia from April 30 to May 2, 2008. Council polled; all voted aye.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Jeff King gave the following Parks and Recreation Committee Report:

- Committee met last Thursday.
- The Park Rules were tabled until the next committee meeting – additional information is being gathered.
- Discussion on upcoming leagues and future events.
- Two Special Event applications were declined because of liability to the City and payment dilemmas; the events were the Children's Triathlon and a Triathlon sponsored by World Endurance Sports.
- Little League Association no longer has an interlocal agreement with the City. There was discussion.
- The Polar Bear Plunge is on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 10 am.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

2007 4th Quarter Report

Finance Director Pam McBroom was thanked for a doing good job in 2007. There was some discussion regarding refuse fees.

PLANNING REPORT:

City Administrator Doug Ross announced that Planner Glen Scholten is continuing work on the Shoreline Master Plan. Once completed this will be presented to the Planning Commission for review and the appropriate hearing will be held.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Resolution 435; Set Public Hearing Vacating a Portion of West Hancock St. for March 18, 2008

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Maike to Set the Public Hearing to Vacate a Portion of West Hancock Street for March 18, 2008. Council polled; all voted aye.

Resolution 436; Set Public Hearing Vacating a Portion of Spence St. for April 1, 2008

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Redell to Set the Public Hearing to Vacate a Portion of Spence Street for April 1, 2008. Council polled; all voted aye.

City Administrator Doug Ross announced that Public Works Committee will meet tomorrow, February 20, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Acceptance of WASPC Traffic Safety Grant CDFA# 20.600 in the Amount of \$488.21 for Educational Materials and in the amount of \$995.00 for a Radar Unit

Motion by Councilmember Kulibert; seconded by King to accept the WASPC Traffic Safety Grant CDFA# 20.600 in the Amount of \$488.21 for Educational Materials and in the amount of \$995.00 for a Radar Unit. Council polled; all voted aye.

MEMBER REPORTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

- February 5, 2008: Claim Warrants 14723, 14724 and 14726 through 14830 in the amount of \$66,738.64 and Payroll Warrants 8288 through 8316 in the amount of \$142,450.13.
- February 19, 2008: Claim Warrants 14725 and 14831 through 14888 in the amount of \$135,480.23 and Payroll Warrants 8317 through 8320 in the amount of \$20,905.00
- Agreements for Use of Firing Range:
 - . Washington Army National Guard.
 - . Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

Consent Agenda was approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Redell. Council polled; all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 986; Adding Chapter 2.13 to the Medical Lake Municipal Code Adopting a Legal Representation Plan for Indigent Defendants: Second Reading

Motion by Councilmember Maike; seconded by Jorgenson for the second reading of Ordinance 986; Adding Chapter 2.13 to the Medical Lake Municipal Code Adopting a Legal Representation Plan for Indigent Defendants. Council polled; all ayes. Second Reading was done by City Attorney McMullen.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Higgins called an Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. to consider the following issues:

- The qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee
- The City’s position with regard to collective bargaining issues

Executive session is expected to last approximately 20 minutes. No action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins reconvened at 8:37 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor John Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director