

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.  
January 19, 2010

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

**Council present:** Brenda Redell            John Paikuli            A. J. Burton  
                                 Howard Jorgenson       Shirley Maike           Jeff King

**Council Absent:** Art Kulibert

**Staff present:** Doug Ross                      Cindy McMullen       Pam McBroom  
                                 Jeff Estes

**Others present:** Ryan Lancaster, Cheney Free Press Reporter, ML School Superintendant, Dr. Pam Veltri and 4 visitors.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

City Administrator Ross asked that Resolution 456, Declaring Piersol Construction, Inc. sole source vendor for purchase of used 2001 Freightliner FL80 Dump Truck, be added to the agenda under 5.A.4.b. Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the addition of Resolution 456 to the agenda. Council polled; all ayes.

**MINUTES:**

January 5, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Maike, second by Redell to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

**INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:**

None.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

**MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

Mayor Higgins reported on the NE Mayor's meeting that he and Administrator Ross had attended. It was hosted by Spokane Mayor Verner and Governor Gregoire was in attendance. Everyone was given 3 to 5 minutes to address the Governor. Mayor Higgins asked about the closure of some state facilities in Medical Lake. He also reported that he will be attending the legislative conference in Olympia and he will be testifying at a legislative hearing; RE: Pine Lodge Closure.

## Medical Lake School Superintendent, Dr. Pam Veltri: School Bond Information

Dr. Veltri spoke to council about the School Bond Issue that will be before the citizens for vote on February 9, 2010. Handouts were given to council for review. The following is information pertaining to this bond issue.

- The ballot proposition (if approved) will authorize the school district to issue \$15.6 million dollars worth of bonds.
- A portion of the bonds will be used to construct six new classrooms at Hallett Elementary to accommodate Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Approximately \$2.8 million.
- The largest portion of the remaining bonds will be used to construct and furnish additional classrooms, gymnasium and commons area at the ML Middle School. This will accommodate 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Approximately \$12 million.
- An amount of \$750,000 will be used to demolish and abate asbestos at the ML Elementary School and develop new play fields at this site.
- Estimated cost to taxpayers is about \$.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value over current bonds. It was noted that there are some exemptions for senior citizens – check with the county.
- The project would be completed in the summer of 2011.

Veltri explained that a citizen committee and facilities action team had been formed to evaluate the current needs of the school. Councilmember Jorgenson was the chairperson. This facilities action team looked at all facilities in the district, prioritized the needs and made a recommendation to the school board for a 20 to 30 year long-range facilities plan. This bond proposition reflects the recommendations. Dr. Veltri asked for Mayor and Council support of this issue. There was council discussion. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to endorse the school bond issue. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Paikuli. Council was polled; all ayes.

Attorney McMullen was asked what council can do individually to help the school district. It was noted that individually council can campaign. No campaign paperwork can be distributed from the city offices though. Only factual information can be given out by city hall.

Dr. Veltri thanked council for their support.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

#### Council Discussion – Pine Lodge Correctional Facility Closure

City Administrator Ross asked for council input pertaining to what they want the Mayor and Staff to project when corresponding about the state closing Pine Lodge Correctional Facility. It is their understanding that staff should continue to support Pine Lodge's efforts to stop this closure. Ross also reported that AWC facilitated getting Mayor Higgins on the panel to testify at the legislative hearings but is not supporting efforts to keep the Pine Lodge Corrections Center for Women and Lakeland Village from closing. There was council discussion. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to draft a letter from council members to AWC voicing disappointment in their lack of support to keep PLCCW and Lakeland Village from closing. Council polled; all ayes.

#### Resolution 456: Declaring Piersol Construction, Inc. the Sole Source Vendor for a 2001 Freightliner FL80 Dump Truck

Administrator Ross explained that the city's' 1985 International Dump Truck has become inoperable and unrepairable. It is necessary to purchase a replacement vehicle. Staff has searched for available dump trucks and has found a used 2001 Freightliner FL80 Dump Truck in Airway Heights. This used vehicle will cost \$45,000 after trade in of the 1985 International. The auditor's were contacted pertaining to bidding rules and with the approval of this resolution the bidding laws will not apply because it is a used vehicle and Piersol Construction is the sole source vendor. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Burton to approve Resolution

456: Declaring Piersol Construction, Inc. the Sole Source Vendor for a 2001 Freightliner FL90 Dump Truck. Council polled; all ayes.

**FINANCE:**

None.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

Administrator Ross handed out copies of a draft ordinance amending portions of Title 17 of the ML Municipal Code relating to Resource Lands and Critical Areas Preservation. He asked council to review it and it will be on an agenda in the near future.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

It was noted that there is a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for next week. Councilmember Jorgenson asked if a future agenda item could be possible donation to the High School to help pay for improvements to the ball park ( new lighting) which will be made to allow for more tournaments at the fields.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

None.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**MEMBERS REPORT:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 17558 through 17639 in the amount of \$232,879.87; Payroll Warrants 9123 through 9124 in the amount of \$14,400.00 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Redell. Council polled; all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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Mayor Higgins

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City Clerk / Finance Director