

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

STAFF REPORT:

Spokane County Sheriff, Ozzie Knezovich; Information: Police Department Contract Services
City Administrator Ross introduced Sheriff Knezovich. He and Mayor Higgins invited Sheriff Knezovich to come to council and answer questions that council has about possibly contracting Police Services with the county. Ross also explained that the city has been exploring options in regards to contracting services due to the fact that the city has been unable to successfully hire a new police chief for the past 14 months. Knezovich updated council on the discussions that he and staff have had with regard to this option. He envisions strengthening the Scope program and talked about having two detectives stationed in Medical Lake. Many things will come into play with this type of contract and it will be important to work out all issues/needs prior to entering into such an agreement. Questions from council included:

- How many officers would be working in ML
- Would the two detectives Knezovich talked about be in addition to regular assigned officers
- Would our current officers be absorbed by the County in this transition (Knezovich stated that per RCW current officers can be incorporated providing they can pass the county tests)
- What the philosophy would be in reference to public visibility
- Would officers be wearing city uniforms and driving the city's vehicles
- How to retain the city's identity and public appearance to citizens
- How long of a contract would the city need to enter into (Knezovich stated that a 3 yr. contract would be desirable to begin with)
- Would any officers be required to live in the City of Medical Lake
- What would happen to our reserve program

After discussions, council thanked Sheriff Knezovich for his time and information. Mayor Higgins asked council to mull over the information and put together any other questions or information they may need. Council will get all information as this issue evolves.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Redell gave a report on the last committee meeting. Basketball is over, soccer registration deadline is March 4th, MAC League activities were discussed. The Polar Plunge was a success. No action items.

FINANCE:

None.

PLANNING REPORT:

None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

WASPC Traffic Safety Grant; Lidar Unit

Councilmember Kulibert made a motion to approve the Police Department WASPC Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$2,453.35 to purchase a Lidar Unit (Speed Laser Radar Machine). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Redell. Council polled; all ayes.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Paikuli reported that he had been asked to be a judge at the Spirit Game at the ML High School on February 17th. It was a great experience. Councilmember Jorgenson stated that \$2,000 was raised for the Make a Wish program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 16355 through 16400 in the amount of \$54,740.64 and Payroll Warrants 8749 through 8782 in the amount of \$131,576.15 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Jorgenson. Council all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director