

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.  
May 3, 2011

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

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

**Council Absent:** Art Kulibert  
Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to excuse Councilmember Kulibert from this meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

**Staff present:** Doug Ross            Pam McBroom            Cindy McMullen            Jeff Estes  
                                 Ellen Fender            Joe Kokinda

**Others present:** Cheney Free Press Reporter Ryan Lancaster and three visitors.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

April 19, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember King, seconded by Redell, to approve the April 19, 2011 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Council polled; all ayes.

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

None.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

**MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

Councilmember Jorgenson asked Mayor and other council members to discuss the summer council meeting schedule. For the past couple of years council has determined that one council meeting per month in the summer is the best option. After discussion council agreed they want to have one council meeting per month and it will be the second meeting of the month (third Tuesday). This schedule will begin in June and go through September.

Mayor Higgins reported that he had attended the Fisherman's Breakfast and it appeared they had a good turnout. Fire Chief Estes gave a brief update on the event. There were 477 adults, 84 children, 9 free meals served. The Fire Association profited \$3,166.21 from the event. Estes was pleased with the turnout and thanked everyone for their support.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Discussion on the Spokane Tribe of Indians' West Plains Casino and Mixed-Use Development Project.

Mayor Higgins reported that he and Administrator Ross had met with representatives from Northern Quest Casino on April 15. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed new casino project in Airway Heights that the Spokane Tribe of Indians would like to construct. Kalispell Tribe of Indians (N.Q. Casino) are asking cities in the West Plains to oppose this new casino and would like a letter of non-support. They cited many reasons for their opposition including the following:

- A Dangerous Precedent & the Expansion of Gaming
- Encroachment of Fairchild Air Force Base
- Splitting the Market
- Water Availability

Airway Heights is supporting the project. Administrator Ross stated that there is an open comment period to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and that is where the objections would be appropriately filed. There was council discussion on this issue. It is council's opinion that if the project does not affect FAFB and if there is not an issue with the water situation (rumors of a golf course at this casino site which would use an excessive amount of water) it is not our business. Mayor Higgins will be meeting with FAFB representative to hear their thoughts/concerns on this project and will give council an update at the next meeting.

Administrator Ross told council that the spring newsletter was sent out with the monthly utility bills this month.

**FINANCE:**

None.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

None.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember Redell gave a report on the P & R meeting. The following were discussed.

- WFP - ball field reservations are all full for summer use.
- Soccer is going great.
- Skate Park is still closed. City will meet with Pam Veltri to discuss ways of helping with the issues that caused the skate park to be closed. Captain Werner will be assigning emphasis patrol duties in the area to also help stop the vandalism.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Administrator Ross reported that the work crew from Spokane County Jail is going quite well. The individuals working within the city are people that need community service hours. We have a crew two times a week. It was also noted that the people in the crews are wearing civilian clothing. He also updated council on the recycling center enlargement. It is complete and is working well with the double trailers.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember King reported on the committee meeting. There were 34 calls in April and 30 of those were medical calls. There were also 2 missed calls in April. Councilmember Paikuli updated council on the points program. The online scheduling is a huge help. The shifts are being filled better and response is better.

**MEMBERS REPORT:**

Councilmember Maike – Historical Society has stocked the library with memorabilia  
Councilmember Jorgenson – Dollars for Scholars yard sale is next weekend at Denny’s parking lot.  
The Booster Club Golf Tournament will be May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 19361 through 19404 in the amount of \$44,334.96 and Payroll Warrants 9534 through 9556 in the amount of \$103,734.41 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, seconded by King. Council polled; all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Higgins called an Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. Attorney McMullen read the following into the record. *The City Council will now go into Executive Session to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. It is anticipated that the executive session will last 10 minutes. After the executive session, the City Council will reconvene the regular session. The City Council will take no action on the issue(s) discussed in executive session.*

The regular council meeting was called back to order at 6:56 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Burton

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City Clerk / Finance Director