

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

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

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

Staff present: Doug Ross Pam McBroom Joe Mehrens
Cindy McMullen Katrin Smith Bryan Musser
Corey Stevens

Others present: 12 Visitors and Cheney Free Press Reporter Cara Lorella.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

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Motion by Councilmember Maike; second by Burton to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 15, 2008. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Denny McDaniel of 1215 Fairchild, Medical Lake Washington approached the podium to address his concerns regarding the Planning Commissions discussion regarding justification of the (UGA) Urban Growth Area; specifically he feels we are shrinking the City limits.

City Administrator Doug Ross explained to Denny that the City is not shrinking the City limits. We are required to plan under the (GMA) Growth Management Act guidelines. In doing so, we have to justify our proposed UGA to Spokane GMA Steering Committee. The process requires the Planning Commission to address this first. Whatever is proposed has to come before council for approval and has to be ratified by Spokane County. Administrator Ross will let McDaniel know when this is an agenda item at council.

Trifusion/Children's Triathlon Special Event Request Discussion

Mark Hodgson of 628 ½ Monroe, Spokane Washington representing Trifusion came forward to address Council regarding submission of future special event requests. There are many different issues that he would like to be able to discuss with the City Administrator before submitting a special event permit to WCIA for their recommendation of approval. It was noted that there was not enough information on the request received this year for the Children's Triathlon and WCIA denied coverage for the city because the children's swimming portion of the triathlon was a huge red flag. There was Council, Staff and Legal discussion regarding the insurance coverage problems. It is getting more difficult to find insurance carriers who will continue to cover certain events. City Administrator Doug Ross invited Mr. Hodgson to come into city hall and go over future special event applications.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

None.

APPOINTMENTS:

Corey Stevens, Fire Lieutenant

Acting Fire Chief Bryan Musser introduced Fire Lieutenant Corey Stevens. Corey was an officer with the department for several years. He gave up that position when he was starting his new business. Now that his business is established he has more time to devote to the department and is excited to be an officer again. Mayor, Council and Staff welcomed Fire Lieutenant Corey Stevens.

Van Nielsen, Summer Park Laborer

Van Nielsen is returning to Medical Lake as a Summer Park Laborer. This will be his 5th season with the city and our maintenance/park department is glad to have him back as he is a great employee.

Don Mayfield, Code Enforcement

City Administrator Doug Ross announced that the City's New Code Enforcement Officer began working yesterday. There was discussion regarding code enforcement issues and other duties he may perform for the City.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Councilmember Jorgenson reported on a Regional Water Conservation meeting that he attended. Medical Lake and Post Falls, ID. are the only cities that have enacted an Ordinance on water conservation. There was discussion regarding the water conservation hours.

City Administrator Doug Ross announced that he will be attending a WCIA Board meeting in Yakima next week.

STAFF REPORT:

Funeral Home Property Discussion

Mayor Higgins would like to facilitate the selling the Funeral Home Property by retaining a realtor. There was some discussion, then Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion; seconded by Kulibert to hire a realtor to facilitate the sale of the Funeral Home Property. Council polled; all voted aye.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Trifusion/Children's Triathlon Special Event Request Discussion

Discussion took place under interested citizens. There was further Council and Staff discussion including protocol for reconsidering issues that have already been voted on by council. Councilmember Jorgenson stated that he wanted to revisit this item because he was not at the council meeting when it was addressed and he was discouraged by the slant taken in the newspaper article written by Free Press Publishing.

PLANNING REPORT:

Land Quantity Analysis for Urban Growth Area – Information Only

City Administrator Doug Ross announced that the Land Quantity Analysis was included in Council's packets. There was discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Redell announced that GMA Steering Committee will meet on May 21, 2008; it's been difficult getting a quorum. Redell also stated that all cities planning under the GMA have been asked to justify their proposed UGA.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Hearing: Portion of Spence Street Right-Of-Way Vacation Request

Mayor Pro-Tem Redell opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm. Administrator Ross gave a staff report to council. There are no utilities located in this right-of-way and no future plans for a road to be built. Councilmember King asked what the width of the right-of-way is – it was noted that it is 80 feet. Councilmember Paikuli stated that he has checked this area out and sees not future development being done there. Mayor Pro-Tem Redell asked for public testimony. Lindel Burns of 303 N Sherman, Medical Lake, Washington addressed Council in regards to his request for the Spence Street Right-Of-Way Vacation ; if approved he would like to do some landscaping and plant some trees. There was no other public testimony. After 3 calls, Mayor Pro-Tem closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

Ordinance 988: Vacating a Portion of Spence Street; First Reading

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Paikuli for the First Reading of Ordinance 988: Vacating a Portion of Spence Street. Council polled; all voted aye. First Reading by City Attorney McMullen; second reading set for May 20, 2008.

Councilmember Jorgenson asked the Mayor Pro-Tem is the item under Old Business could be moved to Public Works since it is pertaining to the second reading of another street vacation ordinance.

Ordinance 987: Vacating a Portion of Hancock Street; Second Reading

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Maike to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 987: Vacating a Portion of Hancock Street with reservation of a 40 foot easement. Council polled; all ayes. Second Reading by City Attorney McMullen.

The Public Works meeting set for May 14, 2008 has been rescheduled to May 21, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

The following was reported by Council and Staff:

- City has been proactive in flushing the City's water lines.
- Road patching is in effect.
- Discussion of the Skate Park will be placed on the Agenda in the future.
- After discussion by Staff and Council it was determined that continuing to allow fireworks within our city limits will be placed on the agenda prior to July 4, 2008 for discussion. If fireworks are banned from our city an ordinance would have to be approved by Council one year prior to the effective date.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Fireworks Stand Permit Request; J. & M. Liquidations, LLC

Motion by Councilmember Kulibert; seconded by Jorgenson to approve the Fireworks Stand permit Request; J. & M. Liquidations, LLC. The application has been reviewed by Interim Fire Chief Musser and he is recommending approval. After discussion, council polled; all ayes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The City had their Exit Conference with the State Auditor's on April 30th. There were no findings or management letters. This completed the audit for 2005 and 2006. It was noted that there were a couple of suggestions made by the Auditor's for future implementation. This is the best results we as a city can hope for. Council and Staff thanked Finance Director Pam McBroom for all of her hard work.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Kulibert reported that the City flower beds look good and weekly watering will need to be started.

Councilmember Jorgenson asked if council wanted to consider having only one council meeting per month for July and August as we did last year. Council all agreed.

Council meeting for July and August set for one time per month

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson; seconded by Maike to approve a summer Council meetings schedule and have one only one meeting per month in July and August 2008; they will be held the third Tuesday of each month on July 15, 2008 and August 19, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Council polled; all voted aye.

Councilmember Jorgenson announced that Medical Lake High School Booster Club is selling raffle tickets; the drawing is May 31, 2008.

A Wine and Hops Tasting will be at St Anne's Parish Hall on June 13, 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 15128 through 15206 in the amount of \$96,963.48 and Payroll Warrants 8387 through 8417 in the amount of \$123,703.16.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 987: Vacating a Portion of Hancock Street; Second Reading

Completed under Public Works

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Redell adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Redell

City Clerk / Finance Director