

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.
November 15, 2011

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

Council present: A. J. Burton Art Kulibert Jeff King
 Shirley Maike Brenda Redell

Council Absent: John Paikuli and Howard Jorgenson
Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to excuse Councilmember's Paikuli and Jorgenson from this meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

Staff present: Doug Ross Cindy McMullen Pam McBroom Jeff Estes
 Ellen Fender Glenn Scholten

Others present: Cheney Free Press reporter James Eik, and 4 visitors.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

Councilmember King made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2011. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

None.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

None.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

Joyce Callaway, Planning Commission Resignation

Peg James, Planning Commission Appointment

Mayor Higgins announced that Joyce Callaway had resigned from the Planning Commission after 12 years of service. He thanked her for all of her dedicated service. Higgins then announced the appointment of Peg James to the Planning Commission. James will fill the vacancy created by Callaway's resignation.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Mayor Higgins reported that he will be attending a meeting with Spokane County next week pertaining to plans for the new jail.

STAFF REPORT:

Administrator Ross reported on a few items:

- State Auditor's are still here – auditing 2009 and 2010
- Compost trailer will close November 30th.
- With winter weather here – snow plowing will begin. Keep vehicles off the streets to allow snow plows better access and avoid potential tickets.

FINANCE:

Set Public Hearings for 2012 Preliminary and Final Budget: December 6, 2011 and December 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to set December 6, 2011 at 6:30 PM for the 2012 Preliminary Budget Hearing and December 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM for the Final Budget Hearing. Council polled; all ayes.

PLANNING REPORT:

Ordinance No. 1015: Approving Amendments to the Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan Based on the 2010 Annual Review; First Reading

Glenn Scholten, Planner, reminded council that this ordinance will approve amendments to the ML Comprehensive Plan, Chapters 1 through 6. After the Planning Commission completed their 2010 annual review and forwarded the suggested changes to council (which council then approved), the changes went to the state for approval. The state approved the changes and council now needs to adopt Ordinance No. 1015 as the final step in the approval process. Councilmember Maike then made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1015: Approving Amendments to the M.L. Comprehensive Plan Based on the 2010 Annual Review. Councilmember Redell seconded the motion. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

Ordinance No. 1016: Amending Chapter 16.07.080 of the MLMC Relating to Impact Fees; First Reading

Glenn Scholten, Planner, gave council of recap of the city's park impact fees. The original ordinance and formula for assessing impact fees was set back in 1999. The fees are charges assessed on development as a condition of approval, to pay for recreation facilities needed to serve growth. MLMC states that the formulas used to assess park impact fees will be reviewed and revised periodically to reflect changes in development and baseline land acquisition cost. Since the initial baseline costs were developed the expenses have escalated over 300%, but the city's fees do not reflect this. The actual formula is not changing, only the variables are changing. This ordinance will reflect today's costs to assess park impact fees. Also, the proportionate share was originally set at 75% city costs and 25% developer costs. That is also changing to 40% city share and 60% developer share. After council and staff discussion, Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by King to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1016: Amending Chapter 16.07.080 of the MLMC Relating to Impact Fees. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

Scholten also discussed the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Chapters 8 through 11 that have been forwarded to council for review and approval. It was noted that the recommended amendments are not as extensive as the previous chapters were. Most of the amendments were made to Chapter Nine – pertaining to Economic Development. Once council review is complete, amendments will need to come back to council for approval and then sent to the state for their approval. He also updated council on areas of the Comp Plan that the Planning Commission will be working on.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

PUBLIC WORKS/RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Administrator Ross reported that the maintenance department had been working on the catch basin located in front of Denny's Harvest Foods. He also noted that the city's Xmas decorations are up.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

None. Administrator Ross did report that the deputies had a busy week; several young drug users were arrested and put in jail.

MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilmember Redell will be attending the STA Board meeting tomorrow.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 20066 through 20116 in the amount of \$172,043.68 and Payroll Warrant 9685 in the amount of \$14,400.00 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Redell. Council polled; all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1014: Setting the Property Tax Rate and the Emergency Medical Services Rate for the Year 2012; Second Reading

Councilmember Redell made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1014; Setting the Property Tax Rate and the EMS Rate for the Year 2012. Councilmember Maike seconded the motion. Council polled; 4 ayes (Kulibert, Maike, King and Redell), 1 nays (Burton) Motion carried. Attorney McMullen read by title only.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Higgins called for an Executive Session at 7:06 pm. Attorney McMullen read the following: *The City Council will now go into executive session to consider selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. It is anticipated that the executive session will last ten minutes. After the executive session, the City Council will reconvene the regular session. The city council will take no action on the issue discussed in executive session.* Executive session closed at 7:11 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins called the regular meeting back to order after the executive session at 7:11 pm, he then adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director