

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM  
November 04, 2008

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

**Council present:**      Shirley Maike                  John Paikuli                  Art Kulibert  
   Howard Jorgenson          Jeff King                      Brenda Redell

**Council Absent:**      A. J. Burton

Motion by Councilmember Maike, seconded by Redell to excuse Councilmember Burton from tonight's meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

**Staff present:**              Doug Ross                      Cindy McMullen              Pam McBroom  
   Ian Hays                        Jake Keith                      Abram Bingham

**Others present:**          4 Visitors and Cheney Free Press Reporter Cara Lorella.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

October 21, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Maike; second by Redell to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

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

None.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Interim Sgt. Hays introduced Abram Bingham our new police officer for Medical Lake. Abe started work on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was welcomed by Mayor, Council and Staff.

Mayor Higgins also announced that Jessica Roberts has been appointed the new Court Administrator effective November 1, 2008.

It was also noted by Mayor Higgins that an extension of six months had been given to Don Mayfield, temporary Code Enforcement Officer.

**MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

None.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Administrator Ross reported that the compost trailer will be closing on Sunday – November 9<sup>th</sup> or the first snowfall. Park employees are also winterizing the restrooms and the skate park will close Sunday also. Maintenance has ordered sand, gravel and deicer in preparation for winter.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember King had no report – the next Parks and Recreation meeting will be Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE:**

Set Public Hearing Date for 2009 Preliminary and Final Budget Hearing: November 18, 2008 and December 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to set the 2009 Preliminary and Final Budget Hearings for November 18, and December 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Council polled; all ayes.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

Planning Commission had set a public hearing for October 30, 2008 to consider applications to amend the 2007 comprehensive plan. That hearing was cancelled because the rezone applicant withdrew his application. Also, the second item on the hearing agenda was to amend or eliminate the city's northern UGA. There has been a new state ruling on the UGA so that will be rechecked prior to holding a rescheduled hearing.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Hearing: Request to vacate portion of Brower Street Right-of-Way

Mayor Higgins opened the public hearing at 6:37 pm. He asked for public testimony. After three called and no testimony he closed the public hearing at 6:38 pm. City Administrator gave an update on the request. The city received a petition from Robert and Theresa Blum requesting the city vacate five feet of the Brower Street ROW adjacent to their property located at S. 311 Brower Street. The ROW is 80 feet in width and vacating five feet will leave 75 feet of ROW for future city improvements. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the street vacation request and directed Staff to prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

Administrator Ross brought to council's attention the letter received from the City of Spokane pertaining to the water intertie at Craig Road. There was discussion and questions about some of the conditions/terms stated in this letter. Ross was instructed to contact the City of Spokane and clarify these terms prior to entering into an agreement with City of Spokane.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**MEMBER REPORTS:**

Councilmember King stated that he will be absent from the next council meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 15865 through 15917 in the amount of \$53,906.89 and Payroll Warrants 8611 through 8641 in the amount of \$132,272.47 and the Standard EAP Acceptance Form, were approved by motion from Councilmember Jorgenson, second by Maike. Council polled; all voted aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 992: Setting Property Tax and EMS Tax for 2009; Second Reading

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Maike to approve the second reading of Ordinance 992: Setting Property Tax and EMS Tax for 2009. Council polled; 5 ayes, 1 nay (Councilmember King) Motion carried. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Higgins called for an Executive Session at 6:51 pm to last approximately 15 minutes. *The qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee* will be discussed. No action will be taken

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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Mayor Higgins

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City Clerk / Finance Director