

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM  
October 21, 2008

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

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

**Council Absent:**      Shirley Maike

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

**Staff present:**              Doug Ross                              Cindy McMullen              Pam McBroom  
   Ian Hays                                      Bryan Musser

**Others present:**              14 Visitors and Cheney Free Press Reporter Cara Lorella.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Administrator Ross asked council to add to the consent agenda: Recreation Job Description. Ross explained that with the appointment of Jessica Roberts to the Court Administrator position, her Recreation Coordinator position will need filled. The job description we had was in an old format and needed updated for use during the application process. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by King to add the Recreation Coordinator Job Description to the Consent Agenda for approval. Council polled; all ayes.

**MINUTES:**

October 7, 2008 Regular Meeting

October 14, 2008 Budget Workshop

Motion by Councilmember King; second by Redell to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2008 Regular Council Meeting and October 14, 2008 Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Council polled; all ayes.

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

Penny Delgado, 220 S. Lefevre Street – addressed council concerning the use of the auditorium for a Girl Scout tea for the seniors. Administrator Ross asked her to come into City Hall to discuss this function further with him.

Paul Delgado, 220 S. Lefevre Street – wanted information pertaining to protest procedures. He wanted to legally protest the high gas prices at the local gas station in town. Interim Sgt. Hays gave him the information needed.

Barb Baumann, 1009 N. Stanley Street – she wanted clarification of three issues.

- A & K Development obtaining a new attorney to continue appeals on the lawsuit filed earlier in year. Attorney McMullen clarified this issue.
  
- Talk of 7.2 acres of property being turned into another park. Questioned whether a request to amend the comp plan can be filed. It was noted that can be done only once a year and the filing period is over until September of next year.

- Question pertaining to the current zoning map and a definition of MC1 use. Also, in regard to the new apartments that are going to be built, are they building over a wetland? This is not the case – there is a wildlife corridor that is being protected near the new construction.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

### **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

None.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Higgins reported that Abram Bingham has been hired as a new police officer for Medical Lake. He was not able to attend this meeting for introduction but will attend a meeting in the future.

### **MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

Mayor Higgins reminded council that AWC is holding a workshop in Spokane on November 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Open Public Records and Open Public Meetings Act. Anyone wanting to attend is to let city staff know so they can get registered. This is the same night as a regular council meeting but a councilmember would be excused if they want to attend.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember King reported on the committee meeting held 10/16/08. The following items were discussed:

- MAC League slow break basketball and winter volley ball will be starting
- Youth sports will be beginning
- Community Tree Lighting and the movie were a topic of discussion. Last year there was not a very good turnout for the movie so the recreation coordinator will see what the new releases are and then it will be determined if the city will hold the movie this year.
- Parks are being winterized
- Slide at Wilcox park was damaged
- The skate park will be closing for the winter
- The shelter for Pioneer park will be arriving mid November but not installed until the spring of 2009

### **FINANCE:**

#### Public Hearing – Current Expense and EMS Revenue Sources, Other Proposed Sources of Revenue for the 2009 Current Expense Budget and Possible Increase in EMS Levy Taxes and Regular Property Taxes

Mayor Higgins opened the public hearing at 6:45 P.M. He called for public testimony on the 2009 revenue sources and possible increase in property taxes and EMS taxes. After three calls, the hearing was closed at 6:46 P.M. No testimony. Finance Director McBroom explained the process to the council, staff and public. The city has the authority to increase regular property and EMS taxes by 1% without public vote. Levy comparisons, property tax breakdowns and estimated 2009 revenues were distributed with the council packets. An increase of 1% over last years levy would bring in an additional \$4,504 for regular property taxes and \$982 for EMS taxes.

The city also receives funds for the new construction values that are included on the tax role. With new construction and 1% increase the city would receive approximately \$478,000 regular property tax and \$104,000 EMS taxes. It was noted that this money is used to offset the costs of operation for the public safety departments (Police, Fire and EMS). Those fund expenditures are estimated to cost the city around one million dollars in 2009. McBroom explained that it is the council's decision whether to increase the property and EMS taxes but staff recommendation is for this increase.

Ordinance 992; Setting Property Tax and EMS Tax Rate for 2009; First Reading

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 992; Setting Property Tax and EMS Tax Rate for 2009. Councilmember Burton seconded this motion. Council was polled; 4 yeas (Jorgenson, Burton, Kulibert, Paikuli) 2 nays (Redell and King). Motion carried. Attorney McMullen read by title only.

2008 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report was included in packets for council information. Not questions.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

Planning Commission will meet October 30<sup>th</sup> to hold a public hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2008. Those include:

- Application for a Comprehensive Land Use Change from Multi-Family Residential to Single-Family Residential.
- Urban Growth Area (UGA) Boundary Amendment
- Reference Shoreline Master Plan as Chapter Twelve of the City Comp Plan

Councilmember Jorgenson stated that he will be affected by the Land Use Change request and it was noted that he could attend the PC hearing and voice an opinion as a home owner but would have to recuse himself from the issue/vote when it comes before the council for finalization.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

No action items. Councilmember Jorgenson and Administrator Ross updated council.

The following paving projects are to be completed by end of the month;

- Fire Station Driveway Entrance
- Evergreen Drive – miscellaneous repairs
- In front of the Annex Building – asphalt torn up to repair a water leak
- Patching on Spence Street

The recycling trailer will close the week of November 12<sup>th</sup> or the first snowfall. Maintenance is preparing for snow. Sanding materials have been ordered.

Councilmember Jorgenson asked what can be done this winter to keep the sidewalks on Lake Street in front of the Wagon Wheel Tavern (recently closed) as well as the sidewalk in front of the rest of the empty buildings in that block clear of snow. This will be a potential issue once winter hits. Administrator Ross will check ordinances to see what can be done.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**MEMBER REPORTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 15795 through 15864 in the amount of \$103,062.31 and Payroll Warrants 8607 through 8610 in the amount of \$20,350.00 and the Recreation Coordinator Job Description, were approved by motion from Councilmember Jorgenson, second by Paikuli. Council polled; all voted aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 991: Amending the City's Shoreline Master Program; Second Reading

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the second reading of Ordinance 991: Amending the City's Shoreline Master Program. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**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