

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM
October 7, 2008

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

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

Staff present: Doug Ross Pam McBroom Ian Hays
 Bryan Musser

Others present: 5 Visitors and Cheney Free Press Reporter Cara Lorella.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Administrator Ross asked council to add to the agenda: Setting a public hearing date for a street vacation request. Robert and Theresa Blum, abutting property owners have requested this 5' street vacation. Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to set November 4, 2008 at 6:30 pm as the hearing date for the street vacation request. Council polled; all ayes.

MINUTES:

September 16, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Maike; second by Redell to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 regular council meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Mike Maddock, 810 E. Collin Avenue, Medical Lake, approached the podium and wanted information regarding recent attacks in the Fox Hollow area. As spokesperson for the property owners in this area, he expressed concern with lack of information to the citizens (description of the perpetrator/s, etc.). Administrator Ross reported that a statement had been given to the news media and as much accurate information as the city had was shared at that time. Some information cannot be divulged while a case is being investigated. There was some discussion. It was noted that the city is aware of citizens concerns and is doing what they can to keep the public updated.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

None.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Higgins reported that Glenn Scholten, Planner has been made a full time permanent employee effective November 1, 2008. Scholten started working with the city on a specific project (the update of the Comp Plan) about a year ago. It was then determined that the city would hire a permanent part-time Planner to work on shoreline management and other planning requirements. The city used Studio Cascade, prior to having Scholten in its' employ. It has now become apparent that a Planner is needed five days a week rather than three days per week to meet required state deadlines and to address all areas of planning. Mayor Higgins is pleased that Scholten will be able to fill this position on a full time basis. There was staff and council discussion.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Mayor Higgins reminded council that October 14, 2008 at 6:00 pm has been set to hold the 2009 Budget Workshop. A meal will be provided.

STAFF REPORT:

Administrator Ross gave council an update on the Court Administrator and Police Chief Job openings. Interviews have been set for both positions. Court Administrator interviews are set for October 16th and Police Chief interviews are set for October 23rd.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember King reported that the next committee meeting will be 10/16/08.

FINANCE:

Set Public Hearing – October 21, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.; 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

Councilmember Maie made a motion, seconded by Jorgenson to set October 21, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. for the public hearing on revenue sources for the 2009 Current Expense Budget and consideration of possible increases in regular and EMS property taxes. Council polled; all ayes.

PLANNING REPORT:

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

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion for the first reading of Ordinance 991; Amending the City's Shoreline Master Program. Councilmember King seconded the motion. Council polled; all ayes. City Administrator Ross read by title only.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No action items. Administrator Ross updated council.

The following paving projects are in the works;

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

The recycling trailer will close the week of November 12th or the first snowfall.

The next committee meeting will be October 15th or as scheduled.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Burn Ban Exception Request; Medical Lake High School Homecoming Bon Fire

Administrator Ross explained that Section 2.32.385 of our City Code Book allows the City Council to approve an exception to the burning ban as long as the proposed burn is to be held in conjunction with a special community event and is on private property. The request from the High School is for a Homecoming Bon Fire. Councilmember Kulibert made a motion to approve the burn ban exception for the Medical Lake High School homecoming bon fire. Motion seconded by Jorgensen. Council polled; all ayes.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember King reported on a recent seminar he attended pertaining to long term care for the elderly. Councilmember Jorgenson asked for an update on the status of the new apartment complex that will be built by Denny's Harvest Foods. This will be 3 structures, 65 units. Also he reported that the AWC Small Cities Conference is scheduled on the same night as our council meeting. He will let city staff know if he decides to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 15725 through 15794 in the amount of \$123,955.91 and Payroll Warrants 8574 through 8606 in the amount of \$128,166.28, were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Redell. Council polled; all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was called at 6:48 p.m. to last approximately 10 minutes. The following will be discussed: *Complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee, unless the officer or employee asks for a public hearing or meeting thereon.* No action will be taken after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director