

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM  
October 20, 2009

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

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

**Council Absent:**        None.

**Staff present:**        Doug Ross            Cindy McMullen       Pam McBroom  
Jeff Estes            Ellen Fender        Police Dept.

**Others present:**       Spokesman Review Reporter Lisa Leinberger, Ryan Lancaster, Cheney Free Press Reporter, 2 members of Scout Troop 307 with their leader, John Driscoll, Project Access Executive Director and 52 visitors.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Administrator Ross reported that the draft contract from Spokane County for Law Enforcement Services did not arrive for council review. He asked that the agenda item 4.A.4(b) be removed from this agenda. It was noted that the draft contract should arrive before Friday and will be distributed to council for review. A Special Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:30 pm to address this agenda item.

**MINUTES:**

October 6, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Maike, second by Redell to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

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

Glenn Duncan – 905 Golden Court – addressed council with his concerns pertaining excess speeding on Stanley Street by the City Police Officers. He has talked with the PD with no results.

Angie Keith – 519 E. Connie Ray – addressed council pertaining to contracting out police services with Spokane County. Keith posed several questions that she wanted answered by the council. Those questions were answered and are attached with these minutes and also posted on the city web site. She asked council to reconsider contracting out the services and expressed her support for keeping the department as it is.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Jeff Estes, Volunteer Fire Chief announced three new appointments within the Fire Department. They are as follows: Jason Mayfield, Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief  
Corey Stevens, Volunteer Captain  
John Merrick, Volunteer Lieutenant

Estes briefed council on the changes taking place within the department and duties the new appointees are responsible for. He thanked council for the opportunity to represent the City in his role as Volunteer Fire Chief.

**MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

None.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Project Access Fund Request; John Driscoll, Executive Director  
Mr. Driscoll gave council an update on Project Access for 2009. There were five City residents enrolled in Project Access with an average benefit for each enrollee of \$6,171. He presented council with handouts explaining what this program provides for the community. He thanked council for their continued support and asked for their consideration during the 2010 budget. The amount the city has allotted in the past is \$3,000.

**FINANCE:**

Set Public Hearing Date – November 3, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.; Current Expense and EMS Revenue Sources, Other Proposed Sources of Revenue for the 2010 Current Expense Budget and Possible Increase in EMS Levy Taxes and Regular Property Taxes

Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to set the Public Hearing Date for the CE and EMS Revenue Sources, Other Proposed Sources of Revenue for the 2010 CE Budget and Possible Increase in EMS Levy Taxes and Regular Property Taxes for November 3, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. Council polled; all ayes.

Third Quarter Financial Report was given to council for their information only. Finance committee chairman Maike reported that all funds are doing fine. No areas of concern. There were no questions.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

None.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Administrator Ross reported to council that the new shelter at Pioneer Park is mostly complete. Recreation Coordinator has been searching for possible grant money for purchase of playground equipment for this park.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

State of Washington: Department of Corrections Contract; Offender Work Crew

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion seconded by King to approve the State of Washington: Department of Corrections Contract; Offender Work Crew. It was noted that this is an ongoing contract that allows Airway Heights Correction Center the ability to provide an offender crew to help the Public Works Department when requested. Question was called – Council polled; all ayes.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**MEMBER REPORTS:**

Councilmember Maike stated that the Community Development Advisory Committee is starting the funding process again. She asked staff to work on trying to get a student/s from Eastern to do a survey in Medical Lake to make us eligible for CDBG funds.

Councilmember Redell reported that the GMA Steering Committee will meet tomorrow.

Councilmember Paikuli responded to the audience pertaining to contracting the PD Services with Spokane County.

**ABSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 17206 through 17264 in the amount of \$116,865.36; Payroll Warrants 9023 through 9025 in the amount of \$19,900.00 were approved by motion from Councilmember King, second by Jorgenson. Council polled; all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:15 P.M. Mayor Higgins called an executive session for approximately 30 minutes. City Attorney read the following: *An executive session is being called to discuss the following: With legal counsel representing the City a matter of matters relating to an enforcement action or litigation or potential litigation involving the City, its officers or employees when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the City and the City's position with regard to collective bargaining issues.* After the executive session, the City Council will reconvene the regular session. The City Council will take no action on the issues discussed in executive session.

The Mayor waited to start the executive session until 7:20 p.m. to allow the audience time to disperse. Executive session ended at 7:41 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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Councilmember Redell

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City Clerk / Finance Director