

City of Medical Lake
Special Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM
October 28, 2009

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

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

Council Absent: Howard Jorgenson

Motion by Councilmember Maike, seconded by Redell, to excuse Councilmember Jorgenson from this meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

Staff present: Doug Ross Pam McBroom Cindy McMullen
 Jacob Keith Ian Hays Jennifer Suniga
 Ellen Fender

Others present: Free Press Reporter Ryan Lancaster, Spokesman Review Reporter Lisa
 Leinberger, Spokane County Undersheriff Jeff Towers and Captain Russ
 Shane, and 29 visitors.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mayor Higgins limited interested citizens comments to five minutes. The following citizens spoke to council supporting approval of the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Spokane County before council tonight. They also related their dismay at the tacky signs being distributed around town as well as all the negative flyers that were handed out at a school function.

Judy Abbott – 304 S. Walker

Joyce Calloway – 105 S. Brower

Lahnne Henderson – 611 E. Ladd – Lahnne read a prepared statement into the records and submitted it to the City Finance Director and council.

Barb Reis – 515 S. Silverlake Avenue

Opposing contracting of Law Enforcement Services with Spokane County:

Eugene Haas – 1006 E. Tara Lee Avenue – gave council reasons he is opposed to contracting out the law enforcement services.

SCHEDULED ITEM:

Interlocal Agreement with Spokane County for Costs Incident to Law Enforcement Services in the City of Medical Lake

Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Councilmember King to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Spokane County for Costs Incident to Law Enforcement Services in the City of Medical Lake and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign it. Mayor Higgins asked Spokane County Undersheriff Jeff Towers to come forward and answer any questions council may have. The following were questions asked by council of Undersheriff Towers.

- Relationship the County will have with our schools (*it is the County's mission to have a great relationship with the schools – working with them on whatever needs they may have*)
- What will happen with current Reserve Police Officers (*anyone belonging to the Medical Lake Reserve Program that is interested in joining the County Reserve Program is encouraged to apply*)
- What about officers that are being absorbed by the county – will they have a job the first of the year or will they be laid off (*Towers responded that the county will do everything possible to make sure they have job, budget time is always dicey and numbers and demands change daily. If lay offs are necessary – they will try to use the officers to fill other open positions within the Sheriffs Department (like dispatching, etc.) until they can put them back on the force – the time period should be reasonably short.*)
- What type of test was given to all of our current officers – (*Towers explained that the County Civil Service Commission is in charge of all testing. Our officers were given the standard Civil Service exams that all entry level and lateral transfer applicants are given.*)
- Undersheriff Towers also told council that it is the County's goal to have four dedicated deputies in Medical Lake and the fifth deputy will be the rotating person.

After discussion, the question was called. Council was asked to cast their vote. Council polled; all yeas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Higgins called for an Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Attorney McMullen read the following into the records. *The council will go into Executive Session to consider the City's position with regard to collective bargaining issues. It is anticipated that the session will last 30 minutes. After the session ends, the Council will reconvene to Regular Meeting. The council will take no action on the issue discussed in executive session.*

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director