City of Medical Lake Regular Council Meeting

S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM October 6, 2009

Mayor Higgins and Mayor Pro-Tem Burton were both absent from this meeting so Councilmember Redell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council present: Brenda Redell John Paikuli Jeff King

Howard Jorgenson

Council Absent: A. J. Burton Shirley Maike Art Kulibert

Councilmember King made a motion, seconded by Paikuli to excuse Councilmember's Burton, Maike and Kulibert from this council meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

Staff present: Doug Ross Cindy McMullen Pam McBroom

Jeff Estes Ellen Fender Joe Kokinda

Robert Cate Jacob Keith

Others present: Spokesman Review Reporter Lisa Leinberger, Ryan Lancaster, Cheney Free

Press Reporter and 5 visitors.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Councilmember Paikuli made a motion to add to the agenda under 4A4b: Set Public Hearing Date for Annual Water Use Efficiency Performance Report; November 3, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Motion seconded by Councilmember King. Council polled; all ayes.

MINUTES:

September 15, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Jorgenson, second by King to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Will Ash – 211 N. Grant Street – Representing Local 573

Lee Malinda – 2903 Summitt Blvd., Spokane WA 99201 – Vice President of Local 573

Both addressed council concerning the possible closure of Lakeland Village and asked for council support to oppose closure of this facility as well as Pine Lodge Corrections Center:

Mr. Ash, the residential service coordinator at Lakeland Village, gave council information on the status of the state sanctioned study recommending the elimination of 250 beds at Lakeland Village. The report and recommendation have been given to Governor Gregoire for review. This reduction would cause a great negative impact on the community with the loss of jobs. There are currently 650 union staff employed at this facility along with numerous nursing and management staff. Local 573 did not realize that the city had a resolution on the agenda tonight declaring opposition to the closing of Pine Lodge Corrections Center for Women and Lakeland Village. Both Ash and Malinda thanked the council for their support.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

None.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jeff Estes, Volunteer Fire Chief Steven Bolinger, Volunteer Firefighter Robert Cate, Volunteer Firefighter

Administrator Ross gave council an update on the Mayors appointment of the new Volunteer Fire Chief. For the first time, the city advertised for a Volunteer Fire Chief. The city had 7 applications. Of those, 4 applicants were from within the department and 3 applicants were from the community. A group made up of city staff and Councilmember Paikuli (Public Safety Committee) interviewed all 7 candidates. Jeff Estes was the committee's recommendation to the Mayor. The Mayor then reviewed all information and appointed Jeff Estes as the Volunteer Fire Chief effective October 1, 2009. Ross then introduced Estes to council. Chief Estes thanked council for the opportunity to lead such a great group of individuals whom he is very proud of and stated that he will work to make this Volunteer Fire Department the best it can be. Chief Estes then gave some background information on Steven Bolinger who was not able to attend this meeting due to his work schedule at AHCC. He also introduced Robert Cate to council.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

City Attorney McMullen reported on the status of the contract with Spokane County to contract police services. Everything is moving along with the contract itself being complete. There is some additional information needed to determine how fees will be figured after 2010. Those questions are being worked out. At this time everything is moving forward with the target date for the switch being November 1, 2009. There was staff and council discussion. This contract will come before council at the October 20, 2009 regular meeting for final approval.

STAFF REPORT:

Resolution 453; Declaring City Opposition to the Reduction or Closing of Pine Lodge Corrections Center for Women or Lakeland Village

Motion was made by Councilmember Jorgenson, seconded by Councilmember Paikuli, to approve Resolution 453; Opposing the Reduction or Closing of Pine Lodge Correction Center for Women or Lakeland Village. Council polled; all ayes.

Set Public Hearing Date for Annual Water Use Efficiency Performance Report; November 3, 2009 Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to Set the Public Hearing Date of November 3, 2009 for the Annual Water Use Efficiency Performance Report. Council polled; all ayes. Administrator Ross explained what this report is concerning. It's an annual requirement.

FINANCE:

Request to Declare Equipment Surplus and Set Method of Disposal

Finance Director McBroom asked council to declare the listed items as surplus and set the method of disposal as donation and/or destruction. These items have no value and are of no use to the city any longer. The list includes:

- Bookshelf
- HP 930C Printer
- Printer Desk
- 4 drawer file cabinet
- 30 x 48 desk

- 48 x 25 wood desk
- Metal desk and metal corner desk
- Bookcase
- Zenith VCR
- HP 722C printer

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by King to declare the equipment listed as surplus and set the method of disposal as donation and/or destruction. Council polled; all ayes.

PLANNING REPORT:

None.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Next committee meeting is scheduled for October 22nd.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Next committee meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 3 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Paikuli reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting. No action items tonight.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Jorgenson reported that he has been elected President of the Retired Public Employees Union.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 17128 through 17205 in the amount of \$97,219.24; Payroll Warrants 8992 through 9022 in the amount of \$134,818.67 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:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Councilmember Redell City Clerk / Finance Director