

**City of Medical Lake**  
**2010 Budget Workshop**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:00 PM  
September 8, 2009

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

**Council absent:**      None.

**Staff present:**      City Administrator Ross and Finance Director McBroom

**Others present:**      Paul Delaney Free Press Publishing reporter, citizens Robert Kibling and Glenn Duncan.

**MAYORS WELCOME:**

Mayor Higgins welcomed the Council and thanked them for their hard work during this past year. He appreciates their willingness to compromise on issues and work together for the good of the City. This meeting is intended to help set some council priorities before the proposed budget is presented to them.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Administrator Ross addressed council and thanked them for coming and briefly talked about the items for discussion tonight. Administrator Ross and Mayor Higgins asked for discussion and input from council on the following agenda items.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- City Staffing – nothing is planned for 2010
- Funeral Home Building and Home – discussion included:
  - Updates currently being done to buildings; Boy Scouts are painting, bulletin board will be made, Soil Conservation will be using front grass area to put in plants that don't require a lot of water. Historic museum may go into one part of the F.H. Scope program will be developing more. Talk about possible subdivision of property to enable selling the house if no other use is determined. Council is in favor of this. AMR has been approached to see if they would like to use the house and property to keep an AMR truck there for West Plains coverage. EMT personnel would use house
  - Maintenance Shop Expansion including Vehicle Lift – discussion on possibly building a new shop area to incorporate a lift for vehicle maintenance. Also, possible carport for vehicle coverage.
  - Conversion of Evidence Room to Storage – when PD services are contracted with County all evidence will go to Spokane County and that will free up space for general city storage

- Construction of Records Vault – possible extension off back of City Hall
- Solar Panels at Wastewater Treatment Plant – Looking into wind generators as well as solar panels to cut some electric costs
- Additional Aerator for Lake – City now has two solar aerators and will try to purchase one new one per year until we have five. Cost is running around \$55,000 each
- Campground at Boat Launch Area – council are mixed on doing this but would not mind starting by improving the dry RV camping area to include electric hookups, get some additional information and pricing and revisit this suggestion later
- New City Entrance Signs – all in favor of this suggestion
- Solar Powered Crosswalk Signs – Ross reported that there are some grants available for these as well as ones with radar. He will check into it for council
- Matching Funds for Prentis Street Project – Finance Director McBroom reported that the State Auditor’s have approved the use of REET money for the match on this. That is Real Estate Excise Tax money – from the 301 Fund
- Grader Replacement – the current grader is a 1967 model and was used when purchased and it has no hydraulics – Ross would like to look at newer model - used graders for possible purchase in 2010
- Laptops for Council Members – this item was vetoed by council at this time – some discussion – maybe in the future – look at this possibility again

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Maike – good list of items for discussion – just need to prioritize for 2010

Councilmember Jorgenson – had questions pertaining to the expenditure report and budgeted money not spent yet

Councilmember Paikuli – would still like council to look at having full time EMS personnel. Hopeful that AMR may want to use the house by Funeral Home – problem may solve itself if that happens

Councilmember Redell – in favor of working towards becoming paperless – AMR proposal important to help alleviate EMS missed calls – wants to continue discussing what needs done for full time Fire/EMS department

Councilmember Kulibert – discussed unfunded mandates requiring citywide backflow checks each year – also some questions on revenues

Councilmember King – talked to council about 250 bed/Resident Rehabilitation Facility reduction at Lakeland Village and toll on city. Asked council to contact legislatures about keeping State facilities on this side of the state – some discussion

Councilmember Burton – liked roundtable discussion

Mayor Higgins gave an update on County Jail sites – the two best sites are Pine Lodge and at the freeway interchange.

Mayor Higgins also asked council if they would be interested in attending a meeting at the high school that is being put on by Avista pertaining to a ten year plan. The school board will be present and the Mayor will get information to council if interested. Questions arose about number of council who could attend.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Paikuli.  
All ayes.

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Mayor Higgins

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Finance Director