

City of Medical Lake  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 5, 2016

Mayor Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Council, staff and audience said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council Present:** Shirley Maike                      Destiny Stein  
AJ Burton    Jessica Roberts

**Staff Present:** Doug Ross                              Corey Stevens

**Others Present:** Residents and Cheney Free Press reporter

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Excused Absences:** John Paikuli. Councilmember Maike moved to approve, Councilmember Burton seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed. NOTE: Councilmember Parsons' absence was excused at the previous Council meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Stein moved to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes. Councilmember Burton seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**Interested citizens:** Ted Olson, 810 E. Collin Ave., Medical Lake, WA made public comment. Mr. Olson expressed concerns over the parking of vehicles on both sides of the street in the Fox Ridge subdivision stating that when cars are parked on both sides of the street it makes passage of emergency vehicles and school busses difficult and dangerous. Councilmember Roberts added that the situation is similar in the Fox Hollow area and asked staff to look at that area also. City Administrator Ross responded that the City would investigate and speak with the Public Works Committee about the issue.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Mayor's Report:**

1. **Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:** None.
2. **Appointments :** None.
3. **Meeting and Other Information:** No report.
4. **Staff Report:** City Administrator Ross reported to the Council that an area of Waterfront Park was currently inaccessible due to water ponding from the rain that has recently fallen. He also stated that the parks and restrooms are open and the Maintenance Dept. is prepping them for the summer season. Administrator Ross also updated the Council on the "Settle and Adjust" bill the City received from Spokane County for jail service costs. Mr. Ross stated that the City paid Spokane County just under \$11,000 for jail services in 2015, and the City owes another \$18,000 in actual costs according to Spokane County. Mr. Ross also gave an update on the City's request for compensation for police services provided to Eastern State Hospital and told the Council it was not included in this year's State supplemental budget. Mr. Ross thanked Senator Mark Shoesler for his and his staff's efforts on this issue.

**Finance Committee Report:** No report.

**Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Ross stated there was not a quorum at the March 31 meeting.

**Parks and Recreation Committee Report:** None.

**Public Works/Recycling Committee Report:** None

**Public Safety Committee Report:** Assistant Fire Chief Stevens informed the Council that wildland fire season has begun with eight fires reported in the Spokane area already. Mr. Stevens reported that according to forecasts, this year's wildland fire season will be active, but not as severe as last year's.

**Members' Reports:** Councilmember Roberts reported that while at Waterfront Park, she was approached by someone wanting to use the RV Parking area but was confused by the outdated signage. Mr. Ross responded that staff would look into the signage and potential drop box for payment. Councilmember Burton asked for an update on the selection of a new Councilmember to fill the vacancy left by Howard Jorgenson's resignation. Mr. Ross responded that both Councilmember Parsons and Paikuli requested that the decision be postponed for one meeting so they could be present. Mayor Higgins also told the Council that a conference call that was scheduled with DSHS to discuss the sewer contract and police services was cancelled.

**Consent Agenda:** Councilmember Maike moved for approval of Claim Warrants 29994 through 30041 in the amount of \$211,205.67 and Payroll Warrants 11217 through 11242 in the amount of \$130,858.25. Councilmember Burton seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** None.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Councilmember Burton moved to approve; Councilmember Stein seconded the motion. Council polled; all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Mayor

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Finance Director