

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
July 19, 2016

Mayor John 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, Laura Parsons, AJ Burton, Jessica Roberts, John Paikuli, Elizabeth Rosenbeck

Staff Present: Doug Ross Attorney Cindy McMullen Jennifer Hough

Others Present: Residents and Cheney Free Press reporter

Additions to the Agenda: None

Excused Absences: None.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Maike moved to approve the June 21, 2016 minutes. Councilmember Paikuli seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Interested citizens: Scott Holbrook, 424 W. Brooks Rd., Medical Lake, WA informed the Council about the declining honey bee population and provided an informational handout on the subject. Lahnie Henderson, 611 E. Ladd St., Medical Lake, WA asked the Council to ban fireworks, providing a baggie full of spent fireworks she collected from her yard. Councilmember Roberts asked about the possible funding of a public fireworks display in the future.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Mayor's Report:

1. **Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:** None.
2. **Appointments:** None.
3. **Meeting and Other Information:** Mayor Higgins told the Council that Finance Director Jennifer Hough and Recreation Coordinator Ashley King have accepted jobs elsewhere. Mayor Higgins thanked them for their service. The Council also discussed setting a date for this year's budget workshop, and Councilmember Roberts requested that the workshop not be prior to a Council Meeting so that there is more time for discussion.
4. **Staff Report:** Recreation Coordinator Job Description. City Administrator Ross introduced the agenda item. Mr. Ross explained that prior to filling a position, the job description is reviewed and any changes that need to be made are brought to the Council. There were four changes requested. Councilmember Roberts asked why it was necessary to keep the Parks and Recreation Director title in the job description since the City currently does not have one. Mr. Ross explained that he still signs certain documents as the Parks and Recreation Director. Mayor Higgins also stated that it was better to keep the title in the description than remove it. Councilmember Paikuli motioned for approval, Councilmember Burton seconded; All voted aye. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Report: Council member Maike informed the Council that the City's finances were in good shape and Finance Director Hough gave a status report on the installation of the City's new software.

Planning Commission Report: Ordinance 1048; Impact Fee Deferral Ordinance: First Reading. City Administrator Ross introduced the agenda item and City Attorney McMullen gave a brief report, stating that a new state law requires Cities and Counties to provide alternate time frames for developers to pay impact fees. The City chose to adopt as an alternative to paying impact fees at the time of building permit application that impact fees may be paid prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Councilmember Maike motioned for approval, Councilmember Paikuli seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: The Council was updated on the following items: a 5k race is taking place on the lake trail July 16th; the bare spot where the playground equipment use to be at Pioneer Park was scheduled to be seeded by the end of the week; Founder's Day, by all accounts, was a success with many positive comments being received; 4REC Youth Golf is underway with 15 participants from the City; Fall youth sports registration is currently open for flag football, soccer and volleyball; the Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival begins August 12th.

Public Works/Recycling Committee Report: Councilmember Parsons updated the Council on the following Public Works items: The road grader that was recently declared surplus is going to be donated to the Jensen Youth Ranch; the City is preparing to repair sidewalks and patch streets; the Maintenance Shop rebuild is 85% complete; street sweeping after the Fourth of July was average in terms of debris, with more left in the Fox Hollow/Fox Ridge area and less in the rest of the City which is a switch from years past; water service line repairs are occurring on a fairly regular basis which is a sign of aging infrastructure and/or a lack of bedding material when originally installed.

Public Safety Committee Report: Councilmember Paikuli informed the Council that the call volume for the month was low. Assistant Fire Chief Corey Stevens updated the Council on the Fire Department's activities and calls on the Fourth of July.

Members' Reports: Councilmember Burton brought up the following items with Council discussion ensuing: A fireworks incident near his residence took the Sheriff's Dept. 47 minutes to respond due to being on a call outside of the City; homeowners should be legally responsible for fireworks on their property regardless of who discharges them; the Fire Dept. should be able to cite residents for illegal burning and illegal fireworks. City Administrator Ross stated he would research these issues.

Consent Agenda: Council member Maike motioned for approval of Claim Warrants 30322 through 30418 in the amount of \$229,583.20. Councilmember Paikuli seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Councilmember Paikuli motioned for adjournment. Councilmember Stein seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Administrator