

**City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
October 18, 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: AJ Burton, Shirley Maike, John Paikuli, Jessica Roberts, Elizabeth Rosenbeck, Destiny Stein

Staff Present: City Administrator Doug Ross, Asst. Fire Chief Corey Stevens, City Attorney Cindy McMullen, Finance Director Karen Langford

Others Present: Residents and Cheney Free Press reporter

Additions to the Agenda: None

Excused Absences: Laura Parsons – Council Member Maike moved to approve, Council Member Paikuli seconded. All voted aye.

Approval of Minutes: Council Member Roberts motioned to approve the October 4, 2016 Regular minutes. Council Member Stein seconded. All voted aye.

Interested citizens:

Art Kulibert, 405 E. Fellows, Medical Lake, WA made the following comments:

- Asked about status of water line hook-up on Craig Rd. City Administrator Doug Ross stated it is not the water line but the water main Medical Lake is trying to hook up to. City Administrator Ross is to get a draft from Spokane on this by the end of the year.
- Raised concerns about sewer system being able to handle street cleaning at same time of heavy rains. City Administrator assured Mr. Kulibert the sewer system is capable of handling both at the same time.
- Made a statement about 3 round-a-bouts that are being proposed without curbs. Mr. Kulibert was not sure how well they would function.

Ted Olson, 810 E. Collins, Medical Lake, WA made commented on the need for more lighting on Graham Rd. between the Fox Hollow and Fox Ridge subdivisions. Administrator Doug Ross stated he did receive a quote from Avista, however it was very expensive and created a cost issue.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Mayor's Report:

1. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions: None.

2. Appointments: None.

3. Meetings and Other Information: Mayor Higgins informed the Council that he and Administrator Ross met with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office to discuss the 2017 police services contract costs. Mayor Higgins also stated that there would be a cost increase for police services next year.

4. Staff Report: Administrator Ross reported on the following items:

- Waterfront Park closed October 15, 2016 due to wind and saturated grounds. Council Member Roberts stated she would hate to see Waterfront Park shut down for winter due a lot of citizens still use the park during winter. Administrator Ross stated park to reopen as soon as ground firms up.
- The yard waste trailer will close on November 14, 2016 or 1st snowfall;
- The new utility billing system will “go live” on October 25, 2016

Finance Committee Report: Public Hearing for Current Expense and EMS Revenue Sources and other Proposed Sources of Revenue for the 2017 Current Expense Budget and Possible Increase in Regular Property Taxes and EMS Services Rate for the Year 2017:

Mayor John Higgins opened public hearing at 6:44 PM. Administrator Ross presented a staff report highlighting the following items:

- The City spent \$100,000 on a road grader and \$45,000 on fire dept. air packs, both expenses that were unbudgeted for 2016;
- Staff and Council have expressed a desire to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for Wilcox Park;
- A 1% property tax increase would result in an additional \$5,373 in general fund revenue for 2017 and due to an increase in the City’s overall valuation, the per \$1,000 tax rate would actually be lower in 2017, even with the 1% increase;
- A 1% EMS Levy Rate increase would provide a yearly total of \$119,463 for 2017;

Mayor Higgins called for public comment. Art Kulibert, 405 E. Fellows, Medical Lake, WA commented that his property taxes had actually gone down over the past couple of years. Mayor Higgins closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Council Member Paikuli stated that although he is generally against tax increases, due to this year’s capital expenditures, the 1% increases were justified. Council Member Maike stated she supported the tax increases. Council Member Roberts inquired about the City’s banked capacity, and if that was included in the proposed tax increase. Administrator Ross answered no, the City still had approximately \$35,000 in banked capacity.

Ordinance 1050: Setting the Property Tax Rate for the Year 2017; First Reading. Council Member Maike motioned to approve. Council Member Paikuli seconded. All voted aye.

Ordinance 1051: Setting the Emergency Medical Services Rate (EMS) for the Year 2017; First Reading. Council Member Maike motioned to approve. Council Member Stein seconded. All voted aye.

Set Public Hearing for 2017 Preliminary and Final Budge: November 15, 2016 at 6:30 and December 6, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Council Member Maike made a motion to approve. Council Member Paikuli seconded. All voted aye.

Administrator Ross reminded the Council that the City’s 2017 preliminary budget is due to them on November 2, 2016, and to the general public on November 18, 2016.

Planning Commission Report: No Report.

Parks and Recreation Committee: No Report

Public Works/Recycling Committee Report: No Report

Public Safety Committee Report: No Report.

Members Report: Council Member Maike reported CDBG beginning. Council Member Roberts reported Reimagine Medical Lake is taking over the tree lighting event this year, which will be held on December 10, 2016. The goal is to make it more of a community event to include a tour of decorated homes, craft and food booths, etc. Council Member Rosenbeck reported that she attended the open house sponsored by the Washington State Department of Transportation in reference to the redesign of the I-90/SR902 interchange. She further stated it was very informative. Mayor Higgins met with Terri Cooper in reference to Reimagine Medical Lake and stated the city would help with advertising where possible.

Consent Agenda: Council Member Paikuli moved to approve Claims in the amount of \$206,606.92. Council Member Rosenbeck seconded. Council polled: all voted aye

Old Business: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Council Member Rosenbeck motioned to adjourn. Council Member Burton seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Mayor

Finance Director