

**City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2017**

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

Council Present: John Paikuli, Elizabeth Rosenbeck, Jessica Roberts, AJ Burton, Laura Parsons, Shirley Maike and Destiny Stein.

Staff Present: City Administrator Doug Ross, Fire Chief Jason Mayfield, City Attorney Cindy McMullen and Finance Director Karen Langford.

Others Present: Residents and Cheney Free Press reporter.

Additions to the Agenda: Excused Councilmember Laura Parsons from April 4th council meeting. Councilmember Maike motioned to approve. Councilmember Stein seconded. All voted aye.

Excused Absences: None.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Paikuli motioned to approve the March 7, 2017 minutes. Councilmember Rosenbeck seconded. All voted aye.

Interested citizens: Art Kulibert, 405 N. Fellows made the following comments:

- Had a copy of the Comprehensive Plan from 1997 – the plan outlined future plans for updating the city storm water system;
- With the Wastewater Treatment loan getting paid off this year and school levies lower this year, Mr. Kulibert wanted to know if the city was planning on updating the existing storm water system.

City Administrator Ross advised Mr. Kulibert and the council that at least for this spring, a storm water system would not have prevented the majority of water damage that has occurred. City Administrator Ross informed the council that Medical Lake has very shallow ground water. He also informed the council that the lake is rising faster than the pumps can pump it. The Lakeshore lift station, located on the north shoreline of Medical Lake and handles 75% of the City's sewage is in jeopardy due to the rising lake level. City Administrator Ross stated a budget amendment for street repairs will probably have to be done this year. City Administrator Ross advised the council that he filled out a WCIA grant application for asphalt. He stated this was in addition to the \$240,000 TIB grant the City was receiving for asphalt. City Administrator Ross also advised road restriction signs went up last week in the City, however, there is nothing that can be done until the moisture leaves the ground.

Scott Holbrook, 424 W Brooks made the following comment:

- He and his wife have noticed they had been getting a lot of headaches this past year, which he said was not the case until the City and Avista put in smart meters next to his home. Mr. Holbrook handed out an informational sheet to the council which informed them of the possible dangers that these meters can pose due to the type of radio frequencies they emit. Mr. Holbrook pointed out as stated in the sheet, this technology can potentially change the DNA of people. He also pointed out there is little if any savings cost to the city. He would like the city to change over to a different meter that does not use this technology.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Mayor's Report:

- 1. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:** None
- 2. Appointments:** None.
- 3. Meetings and Other Information:** None.
- 4. Staff Report:**

a.) Request from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to Extend the Fishing Season on Medical Lake to November 30th.

City Administrator Ross explained that the Department of Fish and Wildlife wanted to extend the close of fishing season on Medical Lake from October 31 to November 30. City Administrator stated he initially had concerns about the water temperature at that time of year, but realized there was not that significant of a change from the end of October to the end of November. The city council took a poll and all were in agreement.

City Administrator Ross let the Council know the compost trailer is still scheduled to open Saturday, April 1st.

Finance Committee Report: Councilmember Maike reported the city has signed a contract with PayGov that allows residents to pay their utility bills online. There is a 3% convenience fee that PayGov charges which is passed on to the individual customer. PayGov is a payment portal that is not connected to the utility billing system, so customers are not able to see their account balances. Staff is investigating the cost expanding the payment system to include being able to view account information. The City also auto pay, set up at City Hall or residents can use the bill payer option through their individual banks and/or credit unions.

Planning Commission Report: No Report.

Parks and Recreation Committee: No Report.

Public Works/Recycling Committee: Councilmember Paikuli reported the City is pumping water out of Tuley Pond. Councilmember Paikuli also reported that heavy vehicles have been asked to avoid certain roads in Medical Lake and that there is water in the streets in the South Lake Terrace area. Councilmember Paikuli informed the Council that Waterfront Park surprisingly only has a small amount of standing water due to all the moisture the area has received recently.

Public Safety Committee Report: No Report

Members Report: Councilmember Paikuli thanked the Medical Lake Fire Department for their professionalism in reference to the recent fire on Stanley Street. Councilmember Roberts reported the field conditions at Waterfront Park were in very good condition, considering the amount of moisture in the area. City Administrator Doug Ross reported the Spokane River is at its fifth highest level since records began being kept in 1894. Councilmember Rosenbeck reported the soccer field at Shepard Field was also in very good condition and she also thanked the Medical Lake Fire Department for their professionalism concerning the fire on Stanley Street.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Maike motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Councilmember Paikuli seconded. All voted aye.

- Claim Warrants 31395 thru 31443 for \$140,081.82

Old Business: None.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Councilmember Paikuli motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Parsons seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Mayor

City Administrator