

**City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
July 18, 2017**

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

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

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

Others Present: Residents and Cheney Free Press reporter, Assistant Fire Chief Stevens

Additions to the Agenda: None

Excused Absence(s): None

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Paikuli motioned to approve the June 20, 2017 minutes. Councilmember Maike seconded. All voted aye.

Interested citizens:

1) Barb Reis; 515 S. Silverlake Avenue

Likes that the City contracts with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. She feels they are very professional and the City gets better service than the prior MLPD provided. As a citizen she feels safer.

2) Lahnie Henderson; 611 E. Ladd

Would like City to reconsider the ordinance allowing fireworks for the 4th of July. Fireworks are noisy, bright and messy. Also, she is in support of Medical Lake continuing services with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement purposes.

3) Lori Wandler; 115 N. Walker

Would like Council to vote against turning the fire ordinance into a law due to most people follow the fire regulations that are currently in place.

4) Art Kulibert; 405 E. Fellows

As a citizen enjoys the fireworks at the 4th of July

The Medical Lake Facebook blog implied AMR and EMS are not meeting standards. Would like to know what are the standards and are they being met? . Councilmember Parsons advised Mr. Kulibert that she was the one who put the blog on the Medical Lake Community Facebook and that it had to do with an accident outside of Medical Lake and that somebody had stated the Sheriff's Department did not respond until after two calls and had somebody from Medical Lake responded the accident might never have happened. She stated it had nothing to do with AMR just the Sheriff's Department. City Administrator Doug Ross stated there are standards for EMS and he would get those stats.

5) **Ted Olson; 810 E. Collins**

Thanked the City for getting the car moved on the corner in Fox Ridge.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Mayor's Report:

1. **Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:** Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich gave a presentation comparing the first half of 2016 stats to the first half of 2017. Sheriff Knezovich also introduced the new Deputy Director of the Department of Emergency Management. She will give a presentation to the council on services provided at a later date. Councilmember Roberts requested the presence of a deputy at the public safety committee meetings and would like information provided on service calls other than criminal cases.
2. **Appointments:** None
3. **Meetings and Other Information:** Mayor Higgins verified that three council members will be present at the West Plains Transit Center groundbreaking ceremony July 19, 2017 at 9:00 am.
4. **Staff Report**

A) General Release and Settlement Agreement between Brian and Carola Kenny and the City of Medical Lake

City Administrator Doug Ross advised the City will pay \$12,000 with WCIA paying the balance. Councilmember Maike made a motion to approve. Councilmember Roberts seconded. All voted aye.

Finance Committee Report: Councilmember Maike confirmed Budget Workshop set for September 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Report: City Administrator Doug Ross advised a meeting is set for Thursday July, 20th at 5:30 PM.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Councilmember Paikuli reported the City is only taking reservations for two shelters and the softball fields, not the three undefined areas. Mayor Higgins reported the City is meeting with the school to start a summer program for kids that mirrors Airway Heights' summer program. He also stated the City is working with the School District to put in a sand volleyball court, basketball court and horseshoe pit in the school bus loop. Councilmember Paikuli also reported registrations for fall sports are now being taken.

Public Works/Recycling Committee:

1. Set Public Hearing on Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for August 15, 2017 Council Meeting

Councilmember Paikuli made a motion to set the hearing. Councilmember Parsons seconded. All voted aye. Councilmember Paikuli reported the house on Stanley should be taken down in the next six weeks. Councilmember also reported the City is waiting for the interlocal agreement from the Transportation Improvement Board from the County in reference to the grant the City received for \$214, 000. City Administrator Doug Ross advised Medical Lake's water was tested mid-June and came back with a non-detect. Another test is scheduled for August 15, 2017. City Administrator Doug Ross stated the streets lights along Graham Rd might not happen until spring. Councilmember Paikuli reported in reference to the street sign in Fox Ridge, the Public Works Committee recommended no change. The Committee also recommended no change to the City's RV ordinance.

Public Safety Committee Report: Councilmember Stein reported the run stats for June and reported all fire hoses are being tested. Assistant Fire Chief Stevens reported on the Fire Department's participation on Founders Day and the 4th of July. He stated on the 4th of July they had 27 firefighters respond to City Hall at 9:00 am. He also stated the Sheriff Deputies were a huge help in backing them up. He informed the council that in 2016 they responded to 16 firework related calls, this year – zero. Assistant Fire Chief Stevens also advised Council the Fire Department responded to the Eastern State Hospital call that involved a male in Medical Lake. The deputies responded shortly thereafter. After a lengthy negotiation, the individual came out of water with no issues.

Members Report: Councilmember Maike reminded everyone Tennis-a-thon was starting next day 7/19/2017.

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

- Claims: Warrants 31793 thru 31798 and 31810 thru 31900 for \$252,357.53
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- Payroll: Warrants 11574 thru 11595; 31799 thru 31809 for \$128,419.69

Old Business:

1) Ordinance 1055; Adding Section 2.32.375 Outdoor Fires to the Medical Lake Municipal Code; Second Reading

Councilmember Roberts made a motion to table Ordinance 1055. Councilmember Parsons seconded. Councilmember Roberts requested ordinance to be tabled as she did not think it was appropriate as currently written. Councilmember Roberts proposed the ordinance go back to the Public Safety Committee and get looked at as a possible resolution or guideline. Councilmember Roberts stated five areas should be considered:

- 1) To clarify and define use as well as clarification of law enforcement roles;
- 2) Is it a big enough issue to be turned into a law?
- 3) Existing laws – 2nd Degree Reckless Burning/WAC
- 4) Can the violations only be administered through an ordinance and not a resolution/risk level assessment?
- 5) Enforceability

Councilmember Roberts further stated there were three areas she felt needed to be addressed

- 1) Clarification of the definition of structures and combustibles
- 2) Clear definition of a fire pit and what constitutes a reasonable distance
- 3) The effective date.

City Administrator Ross stated every municipality adopts the International Fire Code as it is required by state law. City Attorney Cindy McMullen further clarified WAC's have the force of law; however, hard to write a ticket using the fire code. Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of two votes for, five votes against. Councilmember Maike made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1055. Councilmember Burton seconded. All council members voted aye except for Councilmember Roberts and Councilmember Parsons who voted nay. Councilmember Paikuli stated he would like to see the definitions of this ordinance sharpened and an amendment might be helpful.

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Councilmember Roberts motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Paikuli seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Mayor

Finance Director