

STAFF REPORT:

Administrator Ross asked council if they would like to have a workshop in May or June of 2009 to discuss updates on issues that came up during the budget cycle and that were directed to Ross for more information. It was determined that council will make a list prioritizing the top five items they want more detailed information on. Administrator Ross just needs more specific direction on what type of information they are expecting.

Legal Representation Contract Proposal

Administrator Ross explained that the City's Legal Representation Contract with McMullen Law Office, P.S. expired earlier this month. The contract was for three years with an automatic fourth year renewal. McMullen Law Office P.S. has submitted a proposal for a new three year contract. The proposal includes an increase in hourly wages. The wage increments are as follows:

2009 - \$120.00 per hour

2010 - \$140.00 per hour

2011 - \$150.00 per hour

After council discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Maike, seconded by Jorgenson, to approve the terms of the proposal by McMullen Law Office, P.S. and direct staff to prepare a new three year Legal Representation Contract and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign it. Council polled; all ayes.

Revise Minimum Sale Price on American LaFrance Fire Engine

Administrator Ross reported on the reason for this request. Council approved the surplus of the LaFrance Fire Engine earlier this year and set the minimum sale price of \$3,000. At this time the only offer on this piece of equipment is for \$1,000. Ross asked council if they would revise their original minimum price and set \$1,000 as the new minimum price. There was council discussion. After discussion it was determined that this would be tabled at this time. The majority of councilmember's are opposed at this time. Council directed staff to look into other possible methods of advertising this fire truck for sale. If no response by mid January 2009, they will revisit the request.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilmember Burton reported that the next committee meeting will be December 11th.

FINANCE:**Public Hearing Date for 2009 Final Budget Hearing: December 2, 2008**

Mayor Higgins opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 PM. Finance Director McBroom gave a staff report. The budget has been put in Final Budget format with no changes from the last hearing. Mayor Higgins asked for public testimony. There was no testimony and after three calls the hearing was closed at 6:50 PM.

PLANNING REPORT:

Administrator Ross asked City Attorney McMullen to explain an article that Councilmember Jorgenson had brought in for council members information. It was pertaining to a water situation that the City of Yelm is currently facing.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

WSP/WSDOT Electronic Collision Reports User's Agreement

Councilmember Kulibert reported that the Washington State Patrol is offering the City of Medical Lake the use of accident and traffic ticket reporting software to be used on the computers currently located in our police cars. The software and corresponding bar code scanners are free of charge as is the training to use the new software. After council discussion Councilmember Kulibert made a motion to approve the agreement with WSP/WSDOT for the Statewide Electronic Collision and Ticket Online Records Program and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign the agreement. Council polled; all ayes.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Burton reminded everyone that the annual tree lighting at Coney Island Park is Friday, the 5th of December.

Councilmember Jorgenson reported that December 13, at 2:00 p.m. at Picnic Pines, the Friends for Children raffle drawing will take place. Mayor Higgins is not available to do the drawing so Mayor Pro-Tem Redell will fill in.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 15991 through 16035 in the amount of \$29,777.97 and Payroll Warrants 8646 through 8677 in the amount of \$131,131.59 and the 2009 Verde Services, Inc./Flexible Benefit Plan Administration were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Redell. Council polled; all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 993: Amending the Final Budget of the City of Medical Lake for the Year 2008; Second Reading

Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the second reading of Ordinance 993: Amending the Final Budget of the City of Medical Lake for 2008. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

Ordinance 994: Setting the 2009 Salaries and Compensation for the appointive officers and employees of the City of Medical Lake; Second Reading

Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the second reading of Ordinance 994: Setting the 2009 Salaries and Compensation for the appointive officers and employees of the City of Medical Lake. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

Ordinance 995: Adopting the Final Budget for the City of Medical Lake for the year 2009; Second Reading

Councilmember Maike made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the second reading of Ordinance 995: Adopting the Final Budget of the City of Medical Lake for 2009. Councilmember Paikuli expressed his concerns pertaining to full time staffing within the Fire/EMS Department. There was some discussion. Question was called; council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

Ordinance 996: Vacation of portion of Brower Street Right-of-Way; Second Reading

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the second reading of Ordinance 996: Vacation of a portion of Brower Street Right-of-Way. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Higgins called an executive session at 7:06 p.m. to last approximately 15 minutes. The executive session is to *discuss the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee*. There will be no action taken on this topic.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director