

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.
July 20, 2010

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council present: A. J. Burton Art Kulibert Brenda Redell
Howard Jorgenson Jeff King

Council Absent: Shirley Maike and John Paikuli
Councilmember Redell made a motion seconded by Burton to excuse Shirley Maike and John Paikuli from this council meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

Staff present: Doug Ross Cindy McMullen Pam McBroom
Ellen Fender Meije Tiersma

Others present: Cheney Free Press Reporter Ryan Lancaster, Deputy Jeremy Russell and 5 visitors.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

June 15, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilmember Redell, second by Burton to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Judy Abbott – S. 304 Walker Street – spoke to council about the July 4th festivities. She expressed how much this holiday has always meant to her and her enjoyment of the fireworks displays still allowed in Medical Lake. In all the years she has lived in Medical Lake she does not recall any major fire or personal injury caused by the fireworks. She asked that council continue to allow fireworks on the 4th of July within our city limits.

Lahnie Henderson – P.O. Box 1390 – presented council with a letter asking the council to ban fireworks within the city limits, pictures of her property and two and a half bags of fireworks debris removed from her property. She read her letter into the councils official record. She expressed great concern that these fireworks will one day start a major fire or cause injury to an individual. She and her husband work very hard to maintain their property and do not appreciate people intruding or seeking to destroy what they have worked hard to maintain. It is her recommendation that the Mayor and Council take action to prohibit the sale and use of fireworks within the City of Medical Lake.

Ms. Henderson also talked with council about potholes and asked what the maintenance schedule is to fix the streets.

City Administrator Ross responded and reported on the procedures that needed done prior to asphalt patching taking place. The maintenance department is currently working on streets, getting them prepped for the asphalt.

Mayor Higgins thanked both citizens for their comments and council will consider their requests.

MAYORS REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:

APPOINTMENTS:

Volunteer Firefighter: Meije Tiersma

New firefighter Meije Tiersma was introduced to council and staff. He is a student at EWU, currently in the CIRV program at Lakeland Village and was a volunteer at Chewelah and is happy to join this department. Council welcomed Tiersma.

Administrator Ross reported that he had met with Chief Estes and no reportable fire related incidents occurred during the 4th of July holiday. There was one small tree fire called in but it had been extinguished before the fire department arrived at the residence.

MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

None.

STAFF REPORT:

Mayor Higgins announced that the City received one letter of interest for the part-time permanent Clerk/Cashier position that was posted internally. Karen Langford was the interested party and was appointed to fill that position. She has been working in a temporary part-time position for the past several months. Staff is pleased to have her on a permanent basis.

Administrator Ross reported on the concert that was held at Coney Island Park – it was very successful with approximately 100 people attending. Recreation Coordinator King worked very hard on this event and the city may try to have a couple more music concerts this summer.

FINANCE:

2010 Second Quarter Financial Report was given to council and staff for their information. Finance Director McBroom reported that all funds are staying within their allotted budget. Funds balances are holding and there are no large unexpected expenditures anticipated at this time. There were no questions from the council.

PLANNING REPORT:

Final Plat Approval: Fox Ridge North

City Administrator Ross explained that Long Plat Subdivision (four lots or greater) must receive preliminary approval by the City Council before proceeding, which was granted. Now the infrastructure (streets, water, sewer) is complete and all conditions have been met so the applicant is requesting final plat approval so the land can be legally subdivided. This is the final step in the Long Plat approval process. There was some council discussion pertaining to utility easements and water pressure requirements. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the Final Plat of the Fox Ridge North Subdivision and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign it. Council polled; all ayes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bob Kibling, 620 Golden Court gave council a final report on Founder's Day.

- After all bills were paid the final profit for Founder's Day is \$2,134

- \$2,180 was raised in donations
- One softball game got rained out and Basketball finished by 7:30 PM so it missed the rain
- There was 74 units in the parade
- ML high school band was great and had a chance to show off their new uniforms
- The kids game area was a huge success
- Several volunteers have committed to come back next year and help
- Many positive comments were received from the public
- This year was the best turnout that Founder's Day has had in several years

Council thanked Mr. Kibling for all his hard work and congratulated him on the success.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Set Public Hearing Date for Six Year TIP; August 17, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to set August 17, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. for the Six Year Street TIP Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Redell. Council polled; all ayes. Administrator Ross noted that the City is required annually to approve and submit a plan outlining transportation improvements for the next six years. Prior to final approval of the Six Year TIP, the council must hold this public hearing to take citizen testimony.

Administrator Ross updated council on the Prentis Street Project. The 2 blocks of new water mains have been installed and tested and the storm drains have also been installed. The construction crew is now preparing for sidewalk installation. Once that is complete the new street will be prepared for final asphaltting. The project seems to be moving along on schedule.

Ross also told council that he intends to have a Memorandum of Understanding with Spokane on the next agenda. This is pertaining to the water intertie.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Agreement for Single-Source Ground Ambulance Service

The cities of Airway Heights, Cheney and Medical Lake, along with Fire Districts 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 13, and the Valley Fire Department signed interlocal agreements to bid for ambulance service. Through months of negotiations, the final agreement with the selected ambulance provider has been finalized for your approval. In Chief Estes' absence a detailed staff report was included in your council packets to emphasize key points of the agreement. There was some council discussion and Councilmember Kulibert asked about the all inclusive rate Estes referred to on the second page of his staff report. After discussion Councilmember Kulibert made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the Single-Source Ground Ambulance Service Interlocal Agreement and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign it. Council polled; all ayes.

MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilmember Kulibert reported that he feels city residents are doing a good job of cleaning up their yards this year. If that is due in part to the code enforcement officer then he wanted to extend his appreciation to him.

Councilmember Burton informed council that there is a County Commissioner Candidate Forum on Thursday, July 22nd in Spokane Valley. He has a flyer with more information if anyone is interested.

Councilmember Redell reported that although most residents in town are doing a better job taking care of their yards this year, there is a problem with homes that have gone into foreclosure and are now bank owned. The Fox Hollow area has several empty homes and the property is in bad shape. It was noted that the addresses could be given to the code enforcement officer and he can try to get addresses of the banks and send them letters. She also stated that she has seen more deputies in the ML police vehicles.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 18218 through 18296 in the amount of \$132,302.49; Payroll Warrants 9268 through 9294 in the amount of \$111,049.66 for July 6, 2010 and Claim Warrants 18297 through 18340 in the amount of \$138,336.31 and Payroll Warrants 9295 through 9296 in the amount of \$14,900.00 and Firing Range Agreement with Cheney Police Department were approved by motion from Councilmember King, seconded by Redell. Council polled; all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1006: Commute Trip Reduction Update; Second Reading

Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1006; Commute Trip Reduction Update. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Higgins

City Clerk / Finance Director