

City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
August 16, 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: Shirley Maike, Destiny Stein, AJ Burton, Jessica Roberts, Elizabeth Rosenbeck

Staff Present: Doug Ross, Fire Chief Jason Mayfield, Attorney Cindy McMullen

Others Present: Residents and Cheney Free Press reporter

Additions to the Agenda: None

Excused Absences: Councilmember Maike motioned to excuse Councilmembers Paikuli and Parsons. Councilmember Stein seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Maike motioned to approve the July 19, 2016 minutes. Councilmember Burton seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Interested citizens: Terri Cooper, 947 E. Fellows St., Medical Lake, WA made statements on the following items (please note Ms. Cooper is also the Court Administrator for the City of Cheney):

1. Requested permission from the City Council to write a grant, on behalf of the City, to help pay for costs associated with providing public defense in the Cheney Court. The Council consensus was to submit the grant application;
2. During the Trailblazer Triathlon held on Founder's Day, a gentleman named Duffy Ready passed away while on the course. Ms. Cooper proposed placing a granite bench near the location of Mr. Ready's passing and naming the location "Duffy's Point", with an informational sign explaining the name.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Mayor's Report:

1. **Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:**

a.) 6th Legislative District Candidate Lynnette Vehrs: Ms Vehrs introduced herself to the Council and explained she was running for 6th Legislative District representative. Ms. Vehrs stated that among her priorities is providing additional funding to Eastern State Hospital and health care reform.

b.) Spokane Transit Authority Fare Structure Change Presentation: An STA representative gave a presentation on the upcoming fare structure rate increase that is going to a public vote in November. The Powerpoint presentation is attached.

2. **Appointments:** None.

3. **Meeting and Other Information:** Mayor Higgins told the Council that Ivanna Lomas was promoted to the Recreation Coordinator position. Ms. Lomas previously worked part-time in the Parks & Rec Dept. prior to former Recreation Coordinator Ashlee King's departure.

4. **Staff Report:** None.

Finance Committee Report: Councilmember Maike gave an update on the vacant Finance Director position. Councilmember Maike stated that the position has not been filled and remains open.

Planning Commission Report: No Report.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: The Council was updated on the following items:

1. Bluegrass Festival went well with many positive comments;
2. The City's 5k race had 70 participants;
3. MAC Co-Ed softball is underway;
4. 4-REC golf league has 14 participants from the City;
5. West Plains Wunderwoman Triathlon went well and had a good turnout;
6. Fall program sign-ups have begun.

Public Works/Recycling Committee Report: None.

Public Safety Committee Report: Fire Chief Mayfield updated the Council on the following items:

1. 7/4/2016 was their busiest call volume day (16), with three of those being fireworks related fires;
2. For the month of July, the department ran a total of 71 calls, with 54 calls being EMS related;
3. The number of volunteers is down. Councilmember Roberts asked if exit interviews were conducted when volunteers leave, and if not, that may be something that could be done in the future;
4. The City has not issued a burn ban like surrounding jurisdictions have because the City already has a permanent burn ban (by ordinance) in place which is equally restrictive as the burn bans passed by other communities.

Members' Reports: Councilmember Roberts reported on the following:

1. The City should look at staffing the Fire Dept. with full time staff; Mayor Higgins responded that the issue is discussed during budget time and the money isn't there. Mayor Higgins also stated that the City does its best to provide equipment and training for the volunteers;
2. Re*Imagine Medical Lake is partnering with the Medical Lake School District for a thought exchange;
3. Could email addresses from when residents sign up for auto pay or online recreation registration be used by the City as a means of communicating with residents. City Attorney McMullen said she would research what those email addresses could legally be used for.
4. Requested that the Budget Workshop be moved to a different evening instead of being held prior to a council meeting, stating the need for a longer meeting.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Maiké motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stein seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business: Ordinance 1048: Impact Fee Deferral Ordinance. Councilmember Roberts motioned for the second reading. Councilmember Stein seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Councilmember Roberts motioned for adjournment. Councilmember Burton seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor

City Administrator