

**City of Medical Lake
Regular Council Meeting
October 17, 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, AJ Burton, Destiny Stein, Shirley Maike, John Paikuli, and Jessica Roberts

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

Others Present: Residents, Christie Onzay with the Medical Lake Library

Additions to the Agenda: None

Excused Absence(s): Laura Parsons - Councilmember Maike moved to approve; Councilmember Stein seconded. All voted aye

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Paikuli motioned to approve, Councilmember Maike seconded and Councilmember Roberts abstained. All other councilmembers voted aye

Interested citizens:

Art Kulibert- 405 N Fellows, Medical Lake, WA

1. Mr. Kulibert is aware the City does not get fair compensation from the state hospitals. Recently, an individual had stated the City only needed to submit an invoice for payment. Mr. Kulibert wanted clarification.
2. Mr. Kulibert had heard rumors of dogs swimming in the lake and dying. Mr. Kulibert wanted to know if the City knew of any problems.

Councilmember Burton stated he had called the local veterinarian and there have been no reports that they are aware of, of dogs dying after swimming in the lake.

Carl Grub- 808 S Lefevre, Medical Lake, WA.

1. Mr. Grub commended the mayor, council and staff for running meetings in a businesslike manner.
2. Mr. Grub stated it is commendable the City of Medical Lake is out of debt and has not overspent.
3. Mr. Grub also stated he was in favor of the City contracting with the Spokane County Sheriffs' Department. Mr. Grub felt the cost was not excessive when the City looked at all the services the County Sheriffs' office provides and the fact that they assume all liability, so the City does not have to pay out for lawsuits.

Scott Christenson- 470 S. Lake Dr., Medical Lake, WA

1. Mr. Christenson has been working with Cat Tails from Spokane and they are looking to expand. Mr. Christenson proposed the dairy farm area across from Lakeland Village would be a great place for Cat Tails to relocate. Mr. Christenson thought it would be a great way to increase the traffic in Medical Lake and help local businesses. He also stated it would be a good way to help control the local deer population problem. Mr. Christenson also proposed the City of Medical to look at putting an RV park on the rock cliffs of Medical Lake.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Mayor's Report:

1. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:

- A. Cecilia McMullen and Christie Onzay with the Spokane County Library gave a presentation on the services available at the Medical lake library. Some of the services available are the World Book Web program, free printing and photocopying, Lego club and Storytime. A meeting room display space are also available. The library has helped with the school district's robotics program, participated in Founders Day and has also been helping the City's Parks & Rec department with the early morning school program. Saturday November 25, 2017, the library will be hosting an event to promote small businesses in the City of Medical Lake. The Spokane Art tour will also be a part of the days events. Councilmember Roberts thanked the library for everything the library does for the Medical Lake community.

2. Appointments: None

3. Meetings and Other Information: None

4. Staff Report: None

Finance Committee Report:

At 7:00 PM, Councilmember Maike opened the public hearing for the 2018 Revenue Sources and Possible Increase in Property Tax and EMS Revenues. City Administrator Doug Ross explained the City will collect \$544,359.72 in property tax, and for 2017. State law limits the amount that municipalities can raise property taxes in the upcoming year, without a public vote, at 1%. If approved, the City will bring in an additional \$5,443.60.

Administrator Ross stated that even though the residents approved an EMS levy which stated the City would collect \$.50 per \$1,000 of property valuation, due to the State law only allowing an additional 1% to be collected in subsequent years (without a public vote), the City currently only collect \$.46 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Administrator Ross also stated that due to the City's overall valuation increasing by \$12 million dollars, even with the 1% increase, the property tax rate and EMS levy rate will decrease for 2018. Ross further explained that if a resident's property valuation does not increase for 2018, the property tax and EMS levy that property owner pays to the City will go down. However, if the property valuation goes up, even with the reduced tax rate, the amount paid by that individual property owner will increase. The property valuation is set by the County Assessor's office. Ross also reminded the Council that of the total property tax bill sent to each property owner within the City, only 24 percent gets distributed back to Medical Lake.

Mayor Higgins opened the public hearing for citizen comment:

Art Kulibert – 405 N Fellows

Mr. Kulibert stated Fire District #3 surrounds Medical Lake and their levy is higher than the 50 cents per thousand. Mr. Kulibert wanted Medical Lake to raise the EMS rates to match Fire District 3. City Administrator Doug Ross explained the EMS levy is capped at 50 cents, however, a fire levy is capped at a \$1.50 and that is what Fire District 3 has.

Mayor Higgins closed the public hearing at 7:10 PM

Ordinance 1056: Setting the Emergency Medical Services Rate for 2018

Councilmember Maike moved to approve, Councilmember Rosenbeck seconded. All voted aye.

Ordinance 1057: Setting the Property Tax Rate for 2018 at 1%.

Councilmember Maike moved to approve, Councilmember Stein seconded, Councilmember Burton opposed, all other council members voted aye.

Councilmember Maike moved to set the Preliminary and Final Budget public hearings; November 7, 2017 at 6:30pm for the preliminary and November 21, 2017 at 6:30pm for the final.. Councilmember Stein seconded. All vote aye.

Finance Committee Report

Councilmember Maike reported the City is still working with Tyler on the transition and making progress.

Planning Commission Report: None.

Parks and Recreation Committee

City Administrator Doug Ross confirmed with Ivanna Lomas basketball registrations are now being taken.

Public Works/Recycling Committee

City Administrator Doug Ross stated the compost trailer will close November 13, 2017 or the first snowfall, whichever comes first. Mr. Ross also stated the City is cleaning sewer lines and mowing around the lagoons of the wastewater treatment plant.

Public Safety Committee Report

Ordinance 1058 -Amending MLMC Chapter 2.32 Volunteer Fire Department Section 2.32.190 Compensation. Councilmember Rosenbeck tabled the ordinance until the next council meeting.

Members Report

Councilmember Roberts would like the council to look at the recreation vehicle parking ordinance in January or February. She would like a provision allowing people who are visiting or packing items into or out of recreational vehicles, to be allowed to park on the streets for a limited time period.

Consent Agenda:

- Claims: Warrants 32186 through 32274 for \$164,666.54.
- Payroll Claims: Warrants 11642 through 11668 and 32174 through 32185 for \$128,426.78.

Councilmember Maike motioned to approve, Councilmember Rosenbeck seconded. All voted aye.

Adjournment: Councilmember Paikuli motioned to adjourn, Councilmember Stein seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.