

**CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**

6:30 PM  
June 19, 2018

Council Chambers  
124 S. Lefevre Street

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Councilmembers

Laura Parsons  
Jessica Roberts  
Tony Harbolt  
John Paikuli  
A.J. Burton

Administration/Staff

Shirley Maike, Mayor  
Doug Ross, City Administrator  
Karen Langford, Finance Director  
Cindy McMullen, City Attorney

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

- Mayor Maike called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those in attendance. Councilmember Burton lead the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Excused Absence(s): Ted Olson

Councilmember Paikuli motioned to excuse Councilmember Olson. Councilmember Burton seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**2. Approval of Minutes**

1. May 15, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Parsons motioned to approve. Councilmember Paikuli seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**3. Interested Citizens: Audience Requests and Comments: None**

**4. Scheduled Items**

A. Mayor's Report

1. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

- a.) Dave Wilson, Candidate for 6th District House of Representatives. 2804 W. Johanson Rd. Spokane, WA. 99208.

- Mr. Wilson is a candidate for State Legislature State Rep. Position 2, 6th District. He spent many years in the personal computer industry and ran Interface Computer School for 30 years. He has done consulting work in business and communication. He decided to run for congress in 2013 and ran twice as an independent candidate. He has decided to run for the State Legislature this year as a Democrat. He has lived in the 6th District since 1980.

- Mr. Wilson believes an educated public is the foundation of our economic system. Education is a part of a public safety program and public safety is important for law and order, emergency services and relief. Healthcare and economic development are also other areas that are very important needs to be worked on. He is running to be involved with the community. If elected he would like to help with the legislature and work with the City as well.

b.) Terri Cooper, with RE\*IMAGINE MEDICAL LAKE.

- Mrs. Cooper shared there was a great turn out and positive feedback for the festivities during Founders Day. There were around 160 people that attended the BBQ and about 75 vendors present. There was also a marriage proposal, and the fireworks were great. She was thankful for the bleachers on the beach and the help from the school and the City maintenance department.
- There is talk of a neighbor day to come possibly sometime in August. This is still in the planning stages.

c.) Mayor Maike reminded everyone the City wide Community Yard Sale would be on July 7th and 8th.

- Mayor Maike also stated there have been two successful community fireworks displays now, If council elects to change any fireworks rules, now is the time to be thinking about that. If changes are made they would go into effect 2019.
- Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have agreed to host the Senior Services Program that was initiated. They had a meeting with some seniors last week which went well. They are reaching out to people who do not participate in social media and are interested in trying to set up bingo for participants. There is no minimum age limit.

2. Appointments: None

3. Meetings and Other Information: None

4. Staff Report:

a) Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services as Provided by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office to the City of Medical Lake

- Councilmember Paikuli advised council of all the details that were looked at and reviewed while working on different options for law enforcement service. Time and effort was spent on viewing several different budgets, old and new as well as a budget that was created by Councilmember Parsons. A budget from Connell was also looked at.

Councilmember Paikuli moved to accept the contract. Councilmember Burton seconded. Councilmember Roberts requested the motion be tabled due to the current vacancy of a council seat and Councilmember Olson's absence. Councilmember Roberts proposed the Sheriff contract be put on the next upcoming council meeting. Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion to table.

- Councilmember Harbolt agreed with Councilmember Paikuli that all the homework had been done and everything mulled over and council should move forward.
- Councilmember Parsons believed it would be respectful to Councilmember Olson and the new Councilmember if the contract was tabled.
- Councilmember Burton thought the council should move forward due to there was no guarantee that everyone would be present at the next upcoming council meeting.

Motion to table failed 3-2

- Councilmember Roberts stated her concerns about the cost of the contract with no ability to negotiate. She also had concerns about the City revenue sources not going up, and the ending cash balance going down. Councilmember Roberts worried about the City having to cut jobs to pay for services.
- Councilmember Paikuli stated that when the committee used the old budget from 8 years ago and added the extra items required, the overall cost was still higher than the cost of contracting with county. If the City had its own police department, the overall costs would be up by at least 20%. Calls were made to Cheney, Spokane and Airway Heights to see if they would be interested in contracting with the City for police services. Due to none of the agencies were interested in contracting, Councilmember Paikuli felt there were no options.
- Councilmember Parsons stated she is leery because Medical Lake is a small town and additional costs might be passed down from the County and their shortfalls. She stated the County does not always respond in a timely manner and she wants to make sure citizens are getting what they pay for.
- Councilmember Burton added that when the City had its' own police force, they didn't always respond in a timely manner. He stated he has heard many good things about the Spokane County Sheriff's department.
- Councilmember Harbolt stated it was unfair to characterize the entire agency without knowing the specifics of the calls that take precedence.

City Attorney McMullen stated she looked over the contract and explained that it was identical to what Spokane Valley and the other small cities have. She stated the contract hasn't changed much from what it had been in the past, if at all. Spokane County has been receptive to helping Medical Lake within the confines of the contract. Under the law, the City is required to have sufficient law enforcement. It was clarified the contract is not detrimental to the City. Time constraints and the fact that finding the right people to enforce our area may be a challenge due to recruitment issues.

Motion carried 3-2.

## **B. Finance Committee Report:**

- The treasury report was put out for Councilmembers to look at.

- The committee would like to add a resolution on the next agenda for Non-Sufficient Funds on Electronic Payments.

### **C. Planning Commission Report:**

- They will look at the sign code at the next meeting.

### **D. Parks and Recreation Committee Report:**

- Councilmember Parsons added that the parade and Founder's Day went well.

### **E. Public Works/Recycling Committee Report:**

#### **1. Water Supply Agreement Between Medical Lake and the City of Spokane**

- This will be used as a back-up emergency water source, only. The down side is the cost being higher should the emergency arise. City Administrator Doug Ross stated this is not a growth tool. The City will have to build an infrastructure, but the water/sewer fund can handle the cost. The City is not bound with the City of Spokane with this agreement.
- City Council Members discussed the fine details involved, including costs.

Councilmember Roberts made a motion to approve. Councilmember Parsons seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0.

#### **2. Public Hearing: Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan**

- This public hearing was opened at 7:32pm.

The City applies for grants that help pay for street repairs. City Administrator Doug Ross relies on the City's Maintenance Supervisor to determine which streets will be repaired from year to year. Currently, the City is working with a grant of 214,000.00.

Art Kulibert, 405 E. Fellows, Medical Lake, WA

- Mr. Kulibert asked about the status of grants if the City no longer qualifies as a small city. City Administrator Doug Ross stated for 2019, the City will still be considered a small city. There are advantages to being under 5,000 people as far as street grants are concerned, but there is no need to stifle growth. There is hope for future grants, however, as the City gets larger, it will be competing against a much larger pool for the grants.
- The public hearing is closed at 7:38pm.

#### **3. Resolution 514: Setting Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2019 through 2024**

Councilmember Roberts made a motion to approve. Councilmember Parsons seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0

## **F. Public Safety Committee Report:**

- The committee agreed the fireworks went well with the controlled environment and the community enjoyment. They are grateful for RE\*IMAGINE taking on the events. They really make it shine and do a great job.
- The 4th of July will go as planned due to the weather is safe enough for community fireworks activities.
- The City's missed calls were down.
- Councilmember Roberts would like to discuss for the future, possibly banning fireworks and going with a public display that would partner with a community organization, so the City would not absorb the cost. She would like some feedback from the community.
- City Administrator Doug Ross did not approve any street closures over the 4th of July. He consulted with Fire Chief Mayfield and the City will have a second deputy on duty as well.

### **1. Washington State Retail Fireworks Permit Application: Tom and Celia Griffey to Operate a TNT Fireworks Stand at 215 E SR902 (Denny's Harvest Foods)**

Councilmember Paikuli made a motion to approve. Councilmember Parsons seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0.

### **2. Washington State Retail Fireworks Permit Application: Cardinal Pride Basketball Club to Operate a TNT Fireworks Stand at 622 E. SR902 (Vacant Medical Lake Auto Body Property)**

Councilmember Paikuli made a motion to approve. Councilmember Harbolt seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0.

## **G. Members Report:**

- There is a request for water at future City Council Meetings for Councilmembers.

## **H. Consent Agenda**

### **1. Approval of Claims**

**Claims:** Warrants 33079 through 33084 and 33096 through 33191 in the amount of \$263,482.28.

**Payroll Claims:** 33085 through 33095 and 11861 through 11883 in the amount of \$136,118.51.

Councilmember Paikuli motioned to approve. Councilmember Burton seconded.  
Motion carried (5-0).

## **I. Old Business: None**

**J. Councilmember Applicant Statements:**

Elizabeth Rosenbeck 303 N. Sherman

- She very much enjoyed her time with City Council previously for about 18 months and would like to continue learning. She does not come with an agenda, she would just like to hear the information and then make decisions based on that.

Don Kennedy 802 S. Lake Dr.

- The job of the City Councilmember is to deliver services to the citizens efficiently and economically. Mr. Kennedy is a part of the Washington State Bar and a self-employed business person. He appreciates the consideration for this job.

**K. Executive Session: Anticipated 10 minutes**

**To review the qualifications of applicants for the vacant Council Position**

**L. Appoint New Councilmember to Fill Vacant Councilmember 2 Position:**

All in favor of appointing Elizabeth Rosenbeck for Councilmember Position 2. Motion carried 5-0

**M. Adjournment**

Councilmember Roberts motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Harbolt seconded. Motion to adjourn Council meeting at 8.06 PM carried (5-0).

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Mayor

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Finance Director