

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM
July 16, 2019

Council Chambers
124 S. Lefevre Street

MINUTES

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting is on file and available from City Hall.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers

Elizabeth Rosenbeck
Don Kennedy
A.J. Burton
Theodore Olson
Laura Parsons
Tony Harbolt

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. Councilmember Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Additions to Agenda: None

B. Excused Absence(s): Jessica Roberts

Councilmember Olson moved to approve. Councilmember Parsons seconded.
Motion carried (6-0).

2. Approval of Minutes

1. July 2, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Parsons moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded.
Motion carried (6-0).

3. Interested Citizens: Audience Requests and Comments: None

4. Scheduled Items

A. Mayors Report:

1. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:

a.) Avista Smart Meter Presentation

Melanie Rose and Josh with Avista at 1411 E. Mission, Spokane, WA. 99202.

- Avista Utilities will start installing smart meters in all Washington territories. They will start installing them in Medical Lake in October. Notices should go out in August.
- Smart meters are becoming the utility standard across the U.S. and Europe. More than half of households have them now.
- The meters have data communication modules in them to send information to a collector on a pole and then the data is sent back to Avista for the customer. Avista has an ongoing Customer Privacy Statement, so they are unable to share customer data. The customers will have information at their fingertips with budget alerts, etc. All meters are encrypted.
- Avista will be sending out notices prior to changing the meters. They will also let you know when they successfully change the meter at your home. To opt out of the meter change is a \$5.00 per month fee because it takes more work to read an unchanged meter.

b.) Spokane County Conservation District Presentation

Vicki Carter - Director, 210 N. Havana St., Spokane, WA. 99202.

- In 1941 Spokane County enacted it's first Conservation District. In Spokane County they have a little over 1 million acres of land, 500 miles of rivers, tributaries, and streams with 68 lakes.
- The benefits that are provided to Spokane County are repairing and replacing failing septic systems and hooking up to sewer. They have low interest loans. They sell trees and shrubs and have Tree City U.S.A. designations for towns and cities. The District also does Firewise assessments. They support farmers and have several programs including the VSP project, fish passage and the RCPP program just to name a few. They are trying to build a collaboration between farmers and consumers.
- Future projects would be storm water work, rain water, ditch management and protecting the land. The District is a non-regulatory non-enforcement voluntary type organization.

2. Appointments:

a.) Marye Jorgenson, Planning Commission

- Mayor Maike recommended appointing her to the position of planning commissioner. She is a long-term Medical Lake resident and active community member.

Councilmember Parsons motioned to approve. Councilmember Harbolt seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Meetings and Other information: None

4. Staff Report:

a.) Amendment No. 1 for Professional Services with SCJ Alliance for Planning Services Through 12/31/2019

- City Administrator Doug Ross explained the possibility of future land use requests with SCJ Alliance not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Councilmember Parsons motioned to approve. Councilmember Rosenbeck seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Finance Committee Report:

- There will be budget adjustments in the future.

C. Planning Commission Report:

- There is a public hearing scheduled for 7/25/2019 for some zoning.

D. Parks and Recreation Committee Report: None

E. Public Works/Recycling Committee Report:

- The tonnage of the Spring Clean Up was 28.28 not including the refrigerators and the freon still needs removal. Sunshine donated driver time.
- The trail cost was \$116,020.97 and the trail signs are still in the works. The money will be transferred from the proper fund including approximately \$20,000.00 used for some street repairs. This is still less than first anticipated.
- There are still street repairs and storm drain work and the infrastructure for the inter-tie to come.

F. Public Safety Committee Report: None

- There were mixed thoughts about the cleanliness of the streets after the 4th of July and some citizens were concerned about police response.
- The community yard sale happened on the 6th and 7th of July.

G. Members Report:

- A request was made by Mayor Maike to have Councilmember Olson as Pro Tem Mayor for the next council meeting.

Councilmember Rosenbeck motioned to approve. Councilmember Burton seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

H. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Claims

Claims: Warrants 34652 through 34706 in the amount of \$181,406.35.

Payroll Claims: None

Councilmember Rosenbeck motioned to approve. Councilmember Parsons seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

I. Old Business: None

J. Executive Session: A 10 - minute executive session was taken. Opened at 7:35 and closed at 7:48. The executive session was extended 10 more minutes.

K. Adjournment:

Councilmember Olson motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Parsons seconded. Motion to adjourn carried (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor

Finance Director