

**City of Medical Lake
Budget Workshop Meeting
S. 124 Lefevre Street
09/10/2019**

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.

1. Mayor Maike called the special meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Council, staff and audience said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Present: AJ Burton, Theodore Olson, Tony Harbolt, Laura Parsons, Elizabeth Rosenbeck and Don Kennedy arrived at 6:15pm.

Excused Absences: A request of absence from Councilmember Roberts due to a family emergency.

Councilmember Rosenbeck motioned to excuse Councilmember Roberts. Councilmember Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Present: City Administrator Doug Ross, Mayor Shirley Maike and Finance Director Karen Langford.

2. **Mayor's Welcome:**

- Mayor Maike welcomed everyone and explained there aren't a lot of big-ticket items this year and stated we would work through each department and get council's input.
- City Administrator Doug Ross went over last year's budget workshop notes to show the projects that either have been completed/uncompleted or are in the works.
- There was talk about the monies involved with the State Facilities using services from the City of Medical Lake.

3. **Roundtable Discussion Items**

- a) **STREET DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES**

- The City would like to get a newer and smaller street sweeper for the year 2020. The current sweeper was purchased in 1996. This cost would be split between the water, sewer, and street budget.

- b) **FINANCE DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES**

- There is a possible need for a different internet service provider. The City will be looking into it.
- Staff had a meeting scheduled for 9/12/2019 to learn about updating the Website.

- c) **PARKS & RECREATION PRIORITIES**

- The trail signage replacement is in progress. City Administrator Doug Ross has found an artist who does beautiful work. He will send an email with a link to her web page.

- d) **POLLUTION CONTROL**

- The City would like an additional aerator for the lake. This would be the 4th aerator. These are approximately \$48,000.00. The plan is to have 5 along the lake. The cost would come out of the general fund. There is a contract with Solar Bee to service them each year.

e) WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES

- The booster station for the City of Spokane water intertie is coming along.
- The WWTP may need a new truck, at which time the Parks Department would take over the Ford Ranger.
- The WWTP is also in need of new software for the computer system which will cost approximately \$30,000.00.

f) PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITIES

- The City will continue to pursue DSHS/Washington State Public Safety Payment.

g) ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

- There is a section of the trail at the WWTP that needs an overlay. The question would be whether the WWTP trail project would cover that as well.
- The idea of having sensor lighting on the back side of the trail for safety purposes was talked about. Also, the question was raised about encouraging more people to come at night. Is it a good thing or a bad thing? Will this effect Waterfront Park after hours?
- There were a few ideas about the old skate park. Maybe a basketball court, tennis court, or picnic shelter?
- The roads and streets are deteriorating, and something needs to be done about it. Some ideas are raising car taxes or a different kind of tax?
- Would there be the ability to run electricity to the camp area in the upper parking lot area of W.F.P.?

COUNCIL COMMENTS/GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

- Right now, City Administrator Doug Ross has been covering code enforcement. He has requested for people to abide by the code for campers and R.V.'s in the last water bill.
- Council will need to figure out Planning if we have more hook-ups and how growth will impact our area. The things that come with growth would be more costs for police services, road repair, maintenance labor, etc. The City needs to recoup the costs on higher water rates from Spokane.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S CLOSING COMMENTS

- City Administrator Doug Ross would like to thank everyone including staff.
- 4.** Comments came from a couple of citizens about the color of the lights if they put them on the trail and hiring a staff member to do back flow testing.

Adjournment: Councilmember Parsons motioned to adjourn, Councilmember Olson seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Mayor

Finance Director