

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
City Council Regular Meeting

6:30 PM
October 15, 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
Jessica Roberts
A.J. Burton
Theodore Olson
Tony Harbolt
Don Kennedy
Laura Parsons

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): Laura Parsons (November 5, 2019)

Councilmember Olson moved to approve. Councilmember Rosenbeck seconded.
Motion carried (7-0).

2. Approval of Minutes

1. October 1, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes:

Revise wording in Section C and councilmember names in approval of claims.

Councilmember Rosenbeck moved to approve with revisions. Councilmember Harbolt seconded.
Motion carried (7-0).

3. Interested Citizens: Audience Requests and Comments:

1. Don Crawford- Fire District 3, Medical Lake, WA.

- Mr. Crawford shared plans for the remodel of the Fire Department. They would like to be fully staffed by July 1, 2019.

4. Scheduled Items

A. Mayors Report:

1. **Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions:** None
2. **Appointments:** None
3. **Meetings and Other information:**

- Mayor Maike attended the Hearthstone party to introduce the Executive Director since Spokane Housing Ventures purchased it.

4. **Staff Report:** None

B. Finance Committee Report:

1. Public Hearing for 2020 Revenue Sources and Possible Increase in Property Tax and EMS Revenues

- Mayor Maike opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.
 - City Administrator Doug Ross shared information in a staff report that is an annual requirement by State Budget Law. He laid out all the options on both property tax and the EMS levy. The EMS levy will be collected in 2020 since they pay District 3 out of the general fund, and then abandon it in January 2021 when Fire District 3 kicks in to collect their tax revenue.
1. Cia Watson- 523 N. Jefferson St., Medical Lake, WA.
 - Ms. Watson had questions about the assessment of her property value being increased by 8 percent. City Administrator Doug Ross explained the Tax Caps on property for Medical Lake.
 2. Art Kulibert- 405 E. Fellows St., Medical Lake, WA.
 - Mr. Kulibert stated that he keeps up with the tax cap. He spoke about how most of the time he pays less each year because of the tax caps. City Administrator Doug Ross explained how if your property value does not go up that you will pay less. He also explained a few other scenarios.
 - Mayor Maike closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

- There was talk amongst council about property taxes and banked capacity taxes.
- City Attorney Cindy McMullen explained the process of setting taxes during first and second readings.

2. Ordinance 1074: Setting the Property Tax for 2020; First Reading

Councilmember Olson moved to approve an additional 4% increase in property tax. Councilmember Rosenbeck seconded.
Motion carried (5-2).

3. Ordinance 1075: Setting the EMS Levy for 2020; First Reading

Councilmember Kennedy moved to approve an additional 1% increase. Councilmember Burton seconded.
Motion carried (7-0).

4. Set 2020 Preliminary Budget Hearing and 2020 Final Budget Hearing for November 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Parsons moved to approve. Councilmember Roberts seconded.
Motion carried (7-0).

- The budget will be given to council by Friday, November 1, 2019.

C. Planning Commission Report: None

D. Parks and Recreation Committee Report: None

E. Public Works/Recycling Committee Report:

- The booster station from Eastern State Hospital will hopefully be up and running by the end of November.
- The street project including Pineview Dr., Evergreen Dr., Stanley Dr. and Sherman Ave., will be underway soon. All but approximately 5% will be paid by a TIB grant.
- The booster station project, with the City of Spokane, should begin next spring.
- The City of Medical Lake has purchased a brine machine to make deicer at a much lower cost for winter.

F. Public Safety Committee Report: None

G. Members Report: None

H. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Claims

Claims: Warrants **34988** through **35035** in the amount of **\$153,068.34**.

Payroll Claims: Warrants **12122** through **12133** and **34978** through **34987** in the amount of **\$128,026.18**.

Councilmember Parsons moved to approve. Councilmember Burton seconded.
Motion carried (7-0).

I. Old Business:

1. Ordinance 1073: Adoption of 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update; Second Reading

- There was talk amongst City Council about the different rules, regulations, housing, etc. in different cities in response to the homeless.

Councilmember Parsons moved to approve. Councilmember Roberts seconded.
Motion carried (4-3).

J. Executive Session: None

K. Adjournment:

Councilmember Rosenbeck motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Parsons seconded.
Motion carried (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Finance Director