

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
City Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

6:30 PM
August 4, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers
124 S. Lefevre Street

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting can be accessed through the city's website www.medical-lake.org.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers

Chad Pritchard
Lorin Ray-Abbott
Lance Speirs
Don Kennedy
Heath Wilbur
Ted Olson
Tony Harbolt

Administration & Staff

Scott Duncan, Public Works Director
Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner
Koss Ronholt, Finance Director
Roxanne Wright, Administrative Clerk

REGULAR SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

- A. Mayor Cooper was out ill, Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted roll call. All council members were present in person. City Administrator Weathers was out on Air National Guard duty; Public Works Director Scott Duncan was present as interim City Administrator.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Due to Mr. Weathers' absence, the Capital Improvement Plan report will be moved to the next meeting. Motion to approve made by Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Speirs, carried 7-0.
- i. Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Councilmember Speirs, seconded by Councilmember Olson, carried 7-0.

3. INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – None.

5. REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports/Council Comments
- i. Councilmember Pritchard – shared information on the PFAS study, specifically relating to the No Name Ditch filtration request (see attached). This is the main source of PFAS in the West Plains. Geo Walk on August 11th.
- ii. Councilmember Ray-Abbott – none
- iii. Councilmember Speirs – reminder to turn in ballots by 8pm tonight.
- iv. Councilmember Wilbur – none
- v. Councilmember Kennedy – Finance Committee met and reviewed claims and warrants. All in order.
- vi. Councilmember Olson – none

vii. Councilmember Harbolt - none

B. City Administrator & City Staff

i. Koss Ronholt, Finance Director

1. Q2 Budget Report – reviewed report and fielded questions.
2. Grant Application Report – July 2026 – reviewed report.

6. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

A. Periodic Update: MLMC Amendments concerning Subdivision language

- i. Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner – reviewed process and proposed language. Planning Commission recommends approval. Asked to change maintenance bond to 150% - only change requested.

ACTION ITEMS

B. Consent Agenda

i. Approve **July 21, 2026, minutes.**

1. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Ray-Abbott, carried 7-0.

ii. Approve **August 4, 2026, Claim Warrants numbered **53947** through **53984** in the amount of **\$105,210.88**.**

1. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Speirs, seconded by Councilmember Ray-Abbott, carried 7-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Periodic Update: Adopting the Comprehensive Plan

- i. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy opened the hearing at 7:01pm.
- ii. Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the briefing sheet. The Planning Commission hearing was continued, asking to continue City Council hearing to 9/1 to receive full comments from agencies, specifically the Department of Commerce.
- iii. Call for public comment. None.
- iv. Motion to continue to 9/1 meeting made by Councilmember Harbolt, seconded by Councilmember Speirs, carried 7-0.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. 26-829 Treeline Contracting Service Agreement Amendment

- i. Mr. Ronholt reviewed briefing sheet. Work estimated to be completed this Friday. Delayed due to smoke. Approval will require budget amendment, plenty of funds in capital improvement. Discussion. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilbur, seconded by Councilmember Speirs, carried 7-0.

B. 26-830 DOE Groundwater Grant Amendment No. 4

- i. Mr. Ronholt reviewed need for the amendment; requested by Department of Ecology. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Speirs, seconded by Councilmember Ray-Abbot, carried 6-0-1 with Councilmember Pritchard abstaining due to his involvement in the study.

10. ORDINANCES – None.

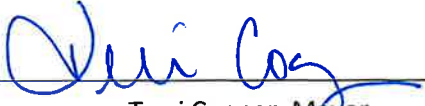
11. EMERGENCY ORDINANCES – None.

12. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

13. INTERESTED CITIZENS – None. Councilmember Pritchard asked to review the PFAS slide show. See attached. Reviewed and discussed. Councilmember Speirs reminded public about the Long-Term Recovery group for fire victims.

14. CONCLUSION

- A. Motion to conclude at 7:15pm made by Councilmember Pritchard, seconded by Councilmember Speirs, carried 7-0.



Terri Cooper, Mayor



Koss Ronholt, Finance Director/City Clerk



Date

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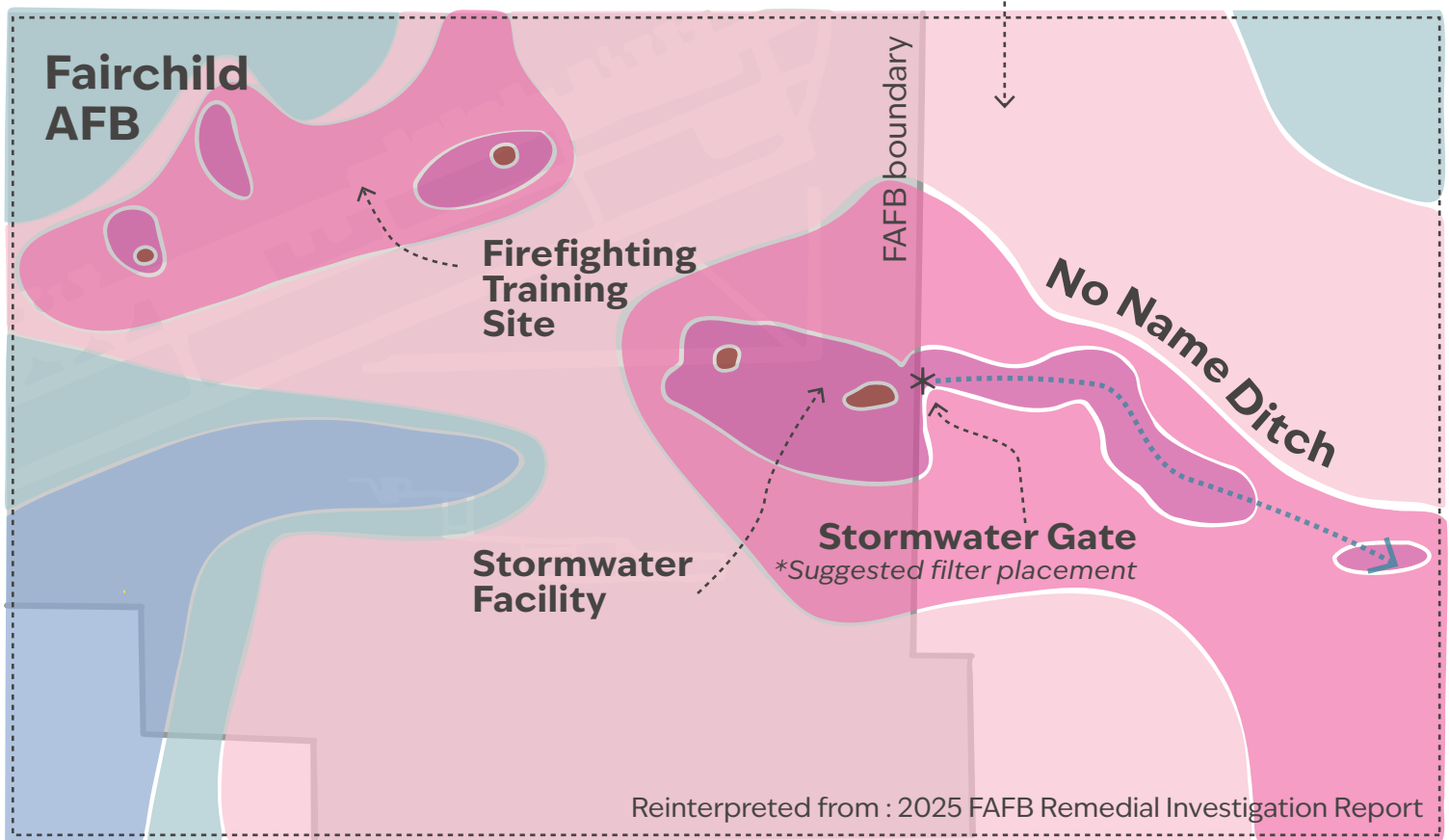
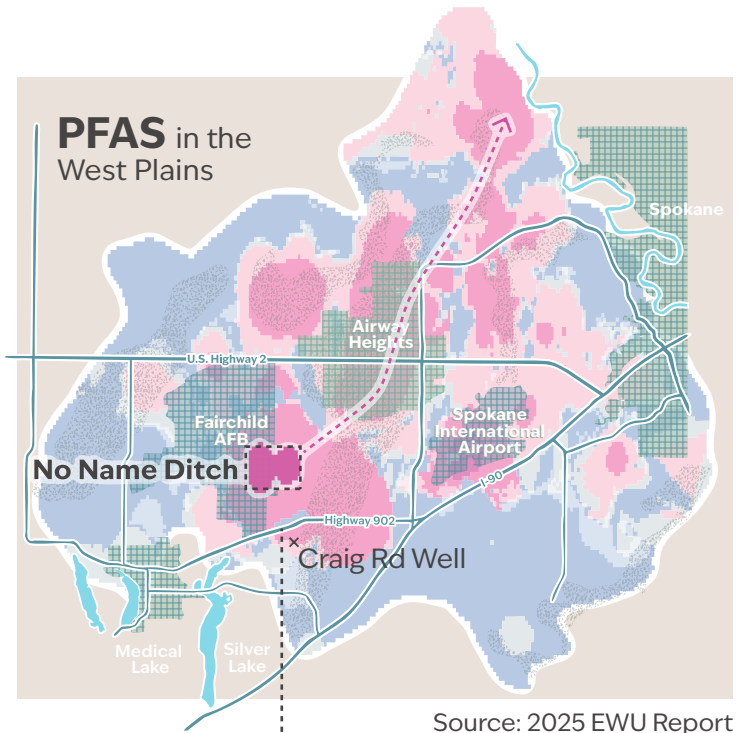
Filtration Request at Fairchild Air Force Base

Stormwater leaving the northeast corner of Fairchild Air Force Base contains some of the highest PFAS levels measured anywhere on the West Plains—over 2,000 parts per trillion. No Name Ditch has been known as a point source since 2017 and studied in 2025, but polluted water still leave the base and affects thousands of private wells.

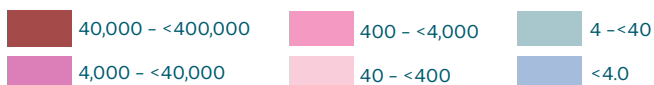
PFAS from No Name Ditch is also moving in unexpected directions. Irrigation water and leaking pipes are adding extra water to the ground, changing how groundwater flows and pushing contamination into new areas. This contaminated groundwater is now reaching the City of Medical Lake's Craig Road Well, contributing to elevated PFAS levels in the public water supply.

Under federal Superfund law (CERCLA), action is required when a source is actively releasing toxic chemicals. This includes taking "Interim Actions" to reduce immediate risks.

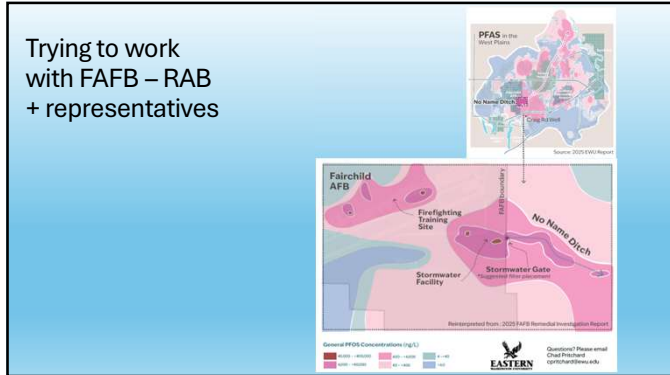
While Fairchild Air Force Base plans to continue system-wide sampling, No Name Ditch remains a key source that can be treated directly. Addressing this location would help prevent further spread of contamination and protect nearby communities. Removal of contaminated soils is key. As well as filtration, a sock style or granular activated carbon filter along the stream bed. Installation will likely cost between 2 to 10 million dollars.



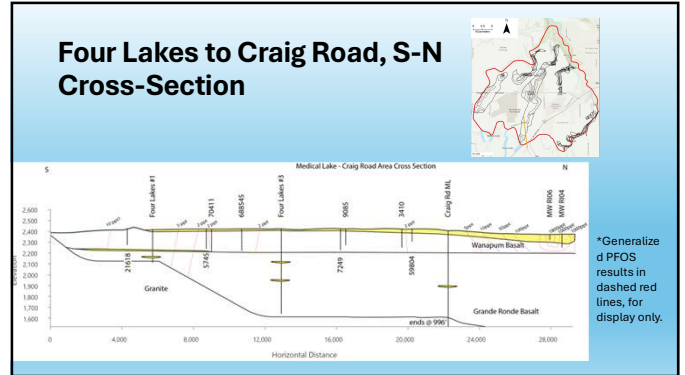
General PFOS Concentrations (ng/L)



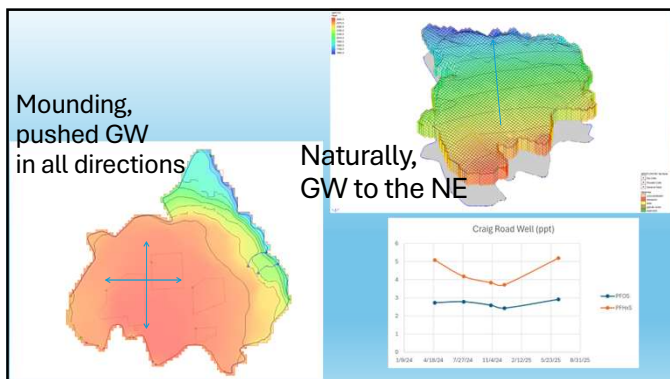
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