

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 P.M.  
March 2, 2010

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Council present:** Brenda Redell            John Paikuli            A. J. Burton  
Howard Jorgenson            Art Kulibert            Jeff King            Shirley Maike

**Council Absent:**            None.

**Staff present:**            Doug Ross            Cindy McMullen            Pam McBroom  
Jason Mayfield            Glenn Scholten            Judge Richard B. Kayne

**Others present:**            Cheney Free Press Reporter Ryan Lancaster and 4 visitors.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

February 16, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilmember King, second by Redell to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

**INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:**

Robert Kibling – 620 Golden Court – Mr. Kibling related some citizen concerns to council pertaining to the police department. The following items were reported:

- Elderly citizens in Fox Hollow area do not see the county patrolling in their area and aren't feeling safe
- Arrest records have not been in the Free Press Publishing
- Report that the officer's did not respond to Denny's concerning a pickpocket incident

There was staff and council discussion and it was noted that this information will be looked into and discussed with Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich. Some council members also stated that the following incidents had come to their attention.

- Excessive speed of police when coming from Lakeland Village down Lefevre Street
- Public Safety has had some lack of communication with PD

Councilmember Kulibert did state that he has noticed increased coverage by the police department. Mayor Higgins and City Administrator responded to council and audience. The officers are still patrolling around town – possibly at different times than people are used to seeing them and council was reminded that at this time the sheriff's department is doing what is in their contract.

Marye Jorgenson – 672 S. Lefevre Street spoke to council about the following:

- Stop the Madness/Closures Rally – March 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm at Denny's Harvest Foods in the parking lot.

- Rally will support PLCCW and Lakeland Village
- Mayor Higgins and Jeff King were asked if they would be speakers

Mrs. Jorgenson gave a brief report stating that 8 months ago Pine Lodge was at full capacity with 175 offenders. She asked for continued support from the city and citizens of Medical Lake.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

### **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

None.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

### **MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

Mayor Higgins reported on the Council of Governments meeting he and City Administrator Ross had attended. One of the topics was possible jail sites. There was also discussion on a future Interlocal Agreement for Establishment of Countywide Transportation Benefit District. Information was given to council on funding distribution options as well as the draft interlocal. He also stated that next Tuesday he and Administrator Ross are meeting with Sheriff Knezovich. They will also be touring PLCCW on Wednesday along with the Sheriff and County Commissioners.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

Medical Lake Municipal Court – Annual Report: Judge Richard B. Kayne

Judge Kayne gave his annual report to council. Graphs were given to council for information purposes and Judge Kayne went over them explaining the different types of filings as well as a comparison of the last five years of case load history and reasons for changes. He also explained the Traffic Safety School and Life Skills Program options that some individuals qualify for. There was some council discussion. Judge Kayne was thanked for his informative update.

### General Utility Easement with Avista Corporation

Administrator Ross explained that this is the Utility Easement that was requested by Avista Utilities for the 34' by 55' strip needed to install the new gas regulator station located off Brooks Road and Howard Street. Avista attended the last council meeting and presented all the information to council at that time. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Redell to approve the General Utility Easement with Avista Corporation for the West 55' of property described in the utility easement and shown with their Exhibit "A". Council polled; all ayes.

### **FINANCE:**

None.

### **PLANNING REPORT:**

#### Binding Site Plan – Red Dirt, LLC

Planning Consultant Scholten gave council background information on this plan. In a commercial zone the Binding Site Plan is the mechanism for dividing land into saleable lots or tracts. Mr. Bruce Greene applied for Binding Site Plan approval for a tract of land located at the corner of SR-902 and Lefevre Street. If approved, this will allow Greene to create four commercial building lots on 1.36 acres of land and separately place them on the market for sale. Greene has complied with the recommendations of the city staff regarding access, site obscuring dumpster locations and concurrency test for water and sewer. It is staff's recommendation to approve the Red Dirt Binding Site Plan. Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion to approve the Red Dirt Binding Site Plan and authorize Mayor Higgins to sign it. Motion seconded by Councilmember Paikuli. Council polled; all ayes.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember Redell reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. The following items were discussed.

- Pioneer Park Shelter is complete
- A new BBQ has been purchased and will be installed soon
- Research is being done on lights for Pioneer Park (current lighting is not adequate)
- Youth soccer registration deadline is Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March
- Senior Exercise program is doing very well
- A volunteer(Mr. Bob Kibling) has come forward to take the lead on Founder's Day

Councilmember Jorgenson asked if a decision had been made pertaining to donating money for the light project at the high school. Councilmember Redell stated that the information that was requested has not been presented to them so no decision can be made. There was discussion and it was again noted that this project may not be something the city can donate to.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Administrator Ross reported on the following items:

- Compost trailer will open on March 15<sup>th</sup>
- There was some vandalism at the park so the opening of the skate park has been delayed
- Street sweeping has begun to clean up gravel from this winter
- Code Enforcement officer has begun spring reviews
- Water mains are going to be flushed next week – if individuals notice some brown water they just need to let it run for a bit and it will clear up
- Flows at the WWTP are still up – we will probably struggle this summer
- Streets conditions are pretty good – not much patching will be needed
- School Bond issue has passed and this will mean an adjustment will be done on the Prentis Street Project (Ross explained)
- Ball and Dodd house update is continuing

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember Paikuli reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting. Assistant Chief, Jason Mayfield attended the meeting. The Polar Plunge was a success this year. No issues. The department had 3 fire call this month and 3 missed calls. Paikuli asked if someone from the Sheriff's department could start attending the committee or council meetings periodically so they can be made aware of what's happening in the city.

Administrator Ross reminded council and audience that when the fire department knows they do not have enough coverage they contact dispatch and have District #3 made as first responder. Mayfield verified that. Ross wanted to make sure citizens know that their calls will be answered.

## **MEMBERS REPORT:**

Councilmember Jorgenson briefly discussed a letter Representative Schmick and Short had received for Eldon Vail, Secretary of Department of Corrections referencing PLCCW closure.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 17756 through 17801 in the amount of \$68,219.18; Payroll Warrants 9152 through 9178 in the amount of \$100,883.00 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, seconded by Redell. Council polled; all ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance 1004: Amending Certain Portions of Title 17 of the Medical Lake Municipal Code Relating to Resource Lands and Critical Areas Preservation; Second Reading

Councilmember Maike made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1004: Amending Certain Portions of Title 17 of the Medical Lake Municipal Code Relating to Resource Lands and Critical Areas Preservation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Redell. Council polled; all ayes. City Attorney McMullen read by title only.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Mayor Higgins

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City Clerk / Finance Director