



City of Medicine Lake

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December 1, 2014

City of Medicine Lake Council Minutes

Present: Mayor Gary Holter; Councilors Jack Garberg, Scott Marks, Ron Tomczik and Connie Shaffer; Treasurer Craig Kile; Clerk Nancy Pauly; Fire Chief Mike Helman; Public Works & Parks Commissioner Chris Klar; Planning Commission Jon Pettengill; Bassett Creek Watershed Commissioner Clint Carlson.

Absent: no one.

Miscellaneous attendees: Hennepin County Sheriff Lieutenant Bob Staupe, Pat Anderson.

Mayor Holter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes and Agenda

- **Motion to approve the agenda as presented forwarded by Councilmember Shaffer and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. With all in favor, the motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve the November 3rd, 2014 minutes forwarded by Councilmember Marks and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. With all in favor, the motion carried.**

Open Forum

- Mr. Pettengill presented an accessory structure variance for 267 Peninsula Road. The first benchmark that needs to be met is a hardship. There is no practical place street side to place the building. Second, how much hindrance would it cause to sight line problems and architectural integrity of the neighborhood. The owner has agreed to dress up the structure with vegetation in the spring.
- **Motion to approve resolution 14-11 approving a variance from section 1000.4 of the zoning code to locate an accessory structure forward the principal building at 267 Peninsula Road with the condition that it be placed in accordance with the site map and surrounded by a reasonable level of landscape vegetation in the springtime or early summer forwarded by councilmember Marks and seconded by councilmember Garberg. Motion passed with all in favor.**

Hennepin County Sheriff – Lieutenant Staupe

- Reported nothing to report.

Fire Department Report – Mike Helman

- **Motion to approve resolution 14-12 accepting a monetary gift of \$100 from David Roe to benefit the City of Medicine Lake Fire Department forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Tomczik. Motion passed with all in favor.**
- Reported 15 calls for 2014. No calls since the November council meeting.
- Reported on training:
 - Ice water rescue occurred during the last drill.
 - Will be training on the new radios during tomorrow nights drill.
- Reported three additional radios were purchased.
- Reported Engine 11 just returned from being serviced.

Public Works Report – Chris Klar

- Reported he and Councilmember Marks attended a meeting about replacing the lift station metering system. It's being replaced because of age. It will be a 2-3 month project next summer or fall. We'll know more next spring.

Parks Report – Chris Klar

- Reported nothing to report.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Report – Clint Carlson

- Reported last month the commission approved the draft plan for the next 10 years.
- Reported on the proposed lake level study. Two proposals were received. One is \$45K. Mr. Carlson encouraged the council to move forward. But he further said that we lost our negotiating lever with BCWMC when council agreed to re-sign the joint powers agreement and jointly paying for the study is likely the only avenue we now have for moving forward with improving the management of the lake level. Councilmember Marks said Plymouth wants us to be equal partners in the study.
- **Motion to move forward with 50% of the cost of the Medicine Lake Water Level Investigation Feasibility Study not to exceed \$22,506 by Wenck contingent on Plymouth paying 50% forwarded by Councilmember Shaffer and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. Motion passed with all in favor.**
- Nancy Pauly reported she received an email from Laura Jester regarding a 60-day comment period for Bassett Creek Watershed Management Plan. Ms. Pauly will forward the email to council.

Planning Commission Report – Jon Pettengill

- Reported Tom Li is going to build a home on one of the lots at 13 Kaiser and sell the other lot. Mr. Li wants to change the house number. Councilmember Garberg said the number scheme only allows for numbers 13 and 13 1/2 on that property and the scheme is designed for emergency response.
- **Motion to deny request to change property address number from 13 Kaiser to 25 Kaiser for PID 2511822330044 and 35 Kaiser for PID 2511822330045 forward by Councilmember Marks and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. Motion passed with all in favor.**

Treasurer's Report-Craig Kile

- Receipts in reporting period: \$14,453
- Receipts year to date: \$193,654
- Disbursements in reporting period: \$46,693
- Disbursements year to date: \$235,974
- **Motion to approve the summary spending, receipts and cash balances through November 30, 2014 forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. Motion passed with all in favor.**
- **Motion to amend the fiscal year 2015 budget in the amount of \$317,650 forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Marks. Motion passed with all in favor.**
- **Motion to approve the levy at \$294,850 for 2015 forwarded by Councilmember Marks and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. Motion passed with all in favor.**

Officer Reports:

Councilmember Shaffer

- Reported she is collecting rental property renewal checks.

Councilmember Garberg

- Reported nothing to report.

Councilmember Tomczik

- Reported he has received calls about building permits.

Councilmember Marks

- Reported we won't know anything more about the lift station meter replacement until the spring when they put it out for bids.
- Reported he submitted an inflow/infiltration plan for the next five years. He asked for both a credit and extension in the time to spend the money. He's working on getting final approval of the plan.
- Reported he and Mr. Klar met with Pipe Services regarding an ongoing inflow/infiltration issue at 236 Peninsula Road that has a manhole near the edge of a patio. He has received a quote for plugging the access to the mainline from that partial manhole. They hope to have it plugged this fall.

Mayor Holter

- Reported the big issue on a League of Minnesota Cities blog is that city councils are not paid enough. Medicine Lake pays councilmembers \$120 annually and the mayor is paid \$180 annually.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- Ms. Pauly said the Mintahoe liquor license is up for renewal and she will send them the renewal form.
- Mayor Holter said in January we will need to provide BCWMC with our BCWMC appointments (commissioner, alternate commissioner, and TAC representative).

Motion to adjourn forwarded by Councilmember Marks and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. With all in favor, the motion carried at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pauly
City Clerk

Approved on January 5, 2015