



City of Medicine Lake

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January 4, 2016

City of Medicine Lake Council Minutes

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

Absent: Councilor Scott Marks.

Miscellaneous attendees: Hennepin County Sheriff Lieutenant Steve Tait, Glen Skajewski, Marisa Skajewski, Deb Gatz, Susan Wiese.

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. Mayor Holter; Councilmembers Garberg, Tomczik and Shaffer in favor. Councilmember Marks absent. Motion passed.**
- **Motion to approve the December 7th, 2015 minutes forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. Mayor Holter; Councilmembers Garberg, Tomczik and Shaffer in favor. Councilmember Marks absent. Motion passed.**

Open Forum

- Marisa Skajewski said she is working on her senior leadership project to collect supplies for Nicaragua. She asked whether she could put a small box outside of city hall to collect donations January 11th - February 22nd. Council was ok with it.
- Deb Gatz from Randy's Environmental Services said they were notified that the State of Minnesota and Minnesota Pollution Control will be enforcing their restriction on disposal. This means that all processing facilities are raising their disposal rates dramatically because all solid waste needs to be processed before it gets landfilled. Randy's needs to pass on this governmental increase to their customers. It equates to 75 cents per household per month. This does not impact recycling.

Hennepin County Sheriff – Lieutenant Tait

- Reported the speed trailer was in the City over the holidays. It's available anytime it's needed.

Fire Department Report – Mike Helman

- Reported there were no calls since last council meeting.
- Reported 16 calls for 2015, 48% drop from 2014.
- Reported they will start ice water training.
- Reported one of the new firefighters is a paramedic at North Memorial and the fire department will be doing some training with North Memorial on medical.

Public Works Report – Chris Klar

- Susan Wiese asked for a copy of the water quality grant that Chris Klar was working on. Mr. Klar reported we were turned down on the grant as it required extensive engineering work.

- Ms. Wiese asked for information on the flooding mitigation idea to deal with water running down the street at the fork. She was directed to Planning Commissioner Jon Pettengill.

Parks Report – Chris Klar

- Mayor Holter asked about the tennis court. Councilmember Garberg said Minnesota Roadways will provide an estimate in the spring.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Report – Clint Carlson

- Distributed a copy of the 10 year plan.

Treasurer’s Report-Craig Kile

- December 7 – 31, 2015:
 - Receipts in reporting period: \$22,457
 - Receipts year to date: \$341,080
 - Disbursements in reporting period: \$25,279
 - Disbursements year to date: \$361,527
 - **Motion to approve the summary spending, receipts and cash balances December 7 through December 31, 2015 forwarded by Councilmember Shaffer and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. Mayor Holter; Councilmembers Garberg, Tomczik and Shaffer in favor. Councilmember Marks absent. Motion passed.**
- January 1 – 3, 2016:
 - Receipts in reporting period: \$5,815
 - Disbursements in reporting period: \$421
 - **Motion to approve the summary spending, receipts and cash balances January 1 through January 3, 2016 forwarded by Councilmember Shaffer and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. Mayor Holter; Councilmembers Garberg, Tomczik and Shaffer in favor. Councilmember Marks absent. Motion passed.**

Officer Reports:

Councilmember Garberg

- Reported Ordinance 10 doesn’t say anything about no parking. Mr. Scheib is looking into it.

Councilmember Shaffer

- Reported seven of 47 rental application renewals are outstanding.

Councilmember Tomczik

- Reported nothing else to report.

Councilmember Marks

- No report

Mayor Holter

- Reported he was contacted by the City Attorney on how we want to enforce the peddler ordinance. If it’s a payable offense, then the Sheriff can write a ticket. If it’s not a payable offense, then the City Attorney gets involved, at the expense of the City. Council agreed to make it a payable offense.
- Reported he received a number of complaints about pets being off-leash and the owner chasing the pet through resident’s yards and residents startled when they see someone outside their window. Mayor Holter asked for ideas on how to address this as the leash law is not being followed. Councilmember Shaffer suggested putting an article in the Laker. Lieutenant Tait suggested making sure the ordinance is a payable offense. It was discussed that the Sheriff’s Office needs to witness off-

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leash pets in order to enforce the ordinance. Lieutenant Tait said he could still knock on the owner's door.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- **Motion to approve 2016 City designations as presented forwarded by Councilmember Shaffer and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. Mayor Holter; Councilmembers Garberg, Tomczik and Shaffer in favor. Councilmember Marks absent. Motion passed.**
- Mr. Klar asked whether the City wants to do an information outreach to the community on emerald ash borer. Mayor Holter said it would be a good idea.
- The date for the 2016 Open Book Meeting was discussed. Hennepin County proposes Wednesday, April 6th 6-7:30 p.m. Mayor Holter will follow up on this. If needed, Nancy Pauly can unlock the City Hall for the meeting.

Motion to adjourn forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. Mayor Holter; Councilmembers Garberg, Tomczik and Shaffer in favor. Councilmember Marks absent. Motion carried at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pauly
City Clerk

Approved on February 1, 2016