



City of Medicine Lake

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December 2, 2019

City of Medicine Lake Council Minutes

Present: Mayor Scott Marks; Councilors Jack Garberg, Ron Tomczik, Chris Heim and Connie Shaffer; Treasurer Craig Kile; City Clerk Nancy Pauly; Fire Chief Rich Halvorsen; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klar.

Absent: no one.

Miscellaneous attendees: Susan Wiese, Andy Bright (Municipal Contract Manager, Randy's Environmental Services), Deb Gatz (Company Operations Administrator, Randy's Environmental Services), Hennepin County Sheriff Lieutenant Patty Strongitharm.

Mayor Marks 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 Mayor Marks and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. With all in favor, the motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve the November 6, 2019 minutes forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. With all in favor, the motion carried.**

Open Forum

- None.

Hennepin County Sheriff – Lieutenant Strongitharm

- Reported nothing to report.

Fire Department Report – Rich Halvorsen

- Reported one call in November.
- Total 27 calls year to date.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Report – Clint Carlson (reported by Susan Wiese)

- Reported we have been asked to evaluate BCWMC's engineering firm Barr and Laura Jester. She asked Council to provide her with any feedback.
- Reported the City of Medicine Lake will be assessed \$3,975 for participation in the BCWMC.
- Reported the TAC will start reviewing CIP projects for 2021 – 2022.

Parks and Public Works Superintendent Report – Chris Klar

- Reported parks are shut.
- Reported he is keeping any eye on 215 Peninsula Road. If it gets developed they will need to cross the sewer line.

Treasurer's Report – Craig Kile

- Receipts in reporting period: \$8,591
- Receipts year to date: \$289,444
- Disbursements in reporting period: \$27,956

- Disbursements year to date: \$335,580
- **Motion to approve the summary spending, receipts and cash balances through December 2, 2019 forwarded by Councilmember Shaffer and seconded by Councilmember Heim. With all in favor, the motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve Resolution 19-20 APPROVING THE TAX LEVY of \$527,907 FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2020 forwarded by Councilmember Heim and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. With all in favor, the motion carried.**

Officer Reports:

Councilmember Garberg

- Reported he is working with Comcast on how to setup free internet for the Fire Department.
- Reported he contacted Hennepin County Sherriff's Office with information on the new city web site.

Councilmember Tomczik

- Andy Bright from Randy's Environmental Services said he wants to hear any issues or concerns and also wants to talk about a pass-through disposal price increase. Hennepin County has increased their tipping fee for municipal solid waste at Hennepin County facilities. The increase is \$0.62 per household per month. Randy's will send a letter to residents.
- Councilmember Garberg asked about throwing away batteries. Deb Gatz said batteries can be put in the trash.
- Ms. Gatz will provide education information that can be provided to the residents via the Laker or the City web site.

Councilmember Heim

- Reported the I/I grant has been signed. He thinks we'll receive the money this month.

Councilmember Shaffer

- Reported she wants to update the rental code. She hopes to have it ready in January.
- Reported she wants to change the timing of rental inspections and rental licensing. Our inspections are every other year and licensing is every year with a total fee of \$215 for 3 years. Plymouth is on a 3 year cycle for both for \$150. Golden Valley charges \$125 each year and inspections are done every 3 years. Council was in agreement to adopt Plymouth's schedule.
- Reported she is collecting rental license fees this month. The new fees would start in 2021 when inspections occur. The new amounts need to be included in the 2020 fee schedule to be approved in January.
- Reported she is working on updating the City web site for the building process.
- Council agreed that 30 minutes is the maximum that Brad Scheib should be engaged on construction projects prior to an escrow.
- Reported she will ask the League of Minnesota Cities how long we need to keep building permits and building records.

Mayor Marks

- Reported he will be out of town this Friday through next Friday. Councilmember Garberg will be acting mayor.
- Reported he spoke with Attorney Wynn Curtiss today. The prosecution of the dangerous dog went to court today. It was agreed that we would defer prosecution for one year as long as there are no further incidents. The case remains open. In exchange, the Hawkins will pay for Mr. Curtiss' time for the criminal prosecution.

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New Business

- None

Motion to adjourn forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Mayor Marks. With all in favor, the motion carried at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pauly
City Clerk

Approved on January 6, 2020