



# City of Medicine Lake

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June 3, 2019

## City of Medicine Lake Council Minutes

**Present:** Mayor Scott Marks; Councilors Jack Garberg, Ron Tomczik, Chris Heim and Stephen Anderson; Treasurer Craig Kile; City Clerk Nancy Pauly; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klar; Bassett Creek Watershed Commissioner Clint Carlson.

**Absent:** no one.

**Miscellaneous attendees:** Susan Wiese, Randy Mikolai, Bert Martinez, Paul Samson, Kari Hawkins, Les and Mary Anne Young, Gary Holter, Beth Marks.

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 Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Anderson. With all in favor, the motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes forwarded by Councilmember Anderson and seconded by Councilmember Heim. With all in favor, the motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve the May 13, 2019 Special City Council minutes forwarded by Councilmember Tomczik and seconded by Councilmember Anderson. With all in favor, the motion carried.**

### Open Forum

- Mayor Marks said the no wake was instituted and he sent out an email to Three Rivers and City of Plymouth to initiate the no wake but several recipients were out of the office. The no wake sign was stolen from French Regional Park. The only enforcement option in our ordinance is the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office needs confirmation from City of Medicine Lake, City of Plymouth, and Three Rivers Park District to enforce the ordinance. Councilmember Heim suggested deploying buoys and he will follow up. Randy Mikolai asked for clarification on the reference level used to declare the no wake and the height of the dam in relation to the 889.4 referenced in the no wake ordinance. Mayor Marks said his understanding is that when the ordinance was passed 889.4 was the top of the dam. Mr. Mikolai said one side of the dam is settling. Councilmember Heim and Mr. Klar will look into the markings on the dam and improving the communications.
- Bert Martinez provided a written statement about a dog. Mayor Marks said he handed the matter to City Attorney Wynn Curtiss.

### Fire Department Report – Rich Halvorsen

- Nothing to report.

### Public Works Superintendent Report – Chris Klar

- Reported the building ordinance time limit for completing exterior work needs to be finalized. Mayor Marks will follow up with Brad Scheib.

- Reported we received a request to purchase the vacant lot on Colonial Circle for \$34K and up to \$8K in testing fees if the tests come back satisfactory. Council directed Mr. Klar to decline the offer as the lot is not for sale at this time.
- Reported he is officially withdrawing his support for the Jevne Park retention pond project due to the large burden on the tax payers of the city for the maintenance, infrastructure damage that will occur during construction and added cost over runs. He said the numbers he is being quoted are higher than those noted in the study. There will be damage to the worst portion of the city's streets. There will be the equivalent of 270 truckloads and BCWMC won't pay to fix the road. Councilmember Heim said we all wanted to understand the ongoing costs of this project. Mr. Carlson said he doesn't want to put risk on the city but they are still gathering information. SEH and Barr are willing to provide estimates. Mr. Klar said we also need to consider the ongoing maintenance costs. Mayor Marks said when we have the numbers we will look at them and see what is feasible. Councilmember Heim said we can't move the project forward until we understand the costs to the city.
- Reported the sewer main at 13 Kaiser Avenue should be inspected in the next month.
- Reported there have been a lot of donations for plants for the parks and he donated his time to do the planting. It was suggested that there be community volunteer event to plant flowers.
- Councilmember Garberg suggested renaming the property at Peninsula Road and South Shore Drive to Medicine Lake Memorial Park.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Report – Clint Carlson

- Reporting nothing additional to report.

Treasurer's Report – Craig Kile

- Receipts in reporting period: \$482
- Receipts year to date: \$13,929
- Disbursements in reporting period: \$26,619
- Disbursements year to date: \$56,667
- **Motion to approve the summary spending, receipts and cash balances through June 2, 2019 forwarded by Councilmember Heim and seconded by Councilmember Garberg. With all in favor, the motion carried.**

Officer Reports:

Councilmember Garberg

- Reported nothing additional to report.

Councilmember Tomczik

- Asked about the timeline for 161 Peninsula Road. Mayor Marks said Wynn Curtiss is looking at it as variances can expire.

Councilmember Heim

- Reported nothing to report.

Councilmember Anderson

- Reported nothing to report.

Mayor Marks

- Reported he has been talking with Brad Scheib and Wynn Curtiss about our dog ordinance. It needs to be updated to be in line with State code.
- Reported he received an anonymous \$1,000 donation to the fire department in honor of Tom Chapman.

New Business

- Ms. Pauly said we should turn off the old govoffice.com city web site. They cannot do a redirect to the new site and will simply turn off the old site. Councilmember Garberg will confirm with the Hennepin County Sheriff's office that they have the new URL. Mayor Marks requested that a search capability be added to the new site. Ms. Pauly will follow up on search.
- Beth Marks said the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 8:00. The Hutton House is donating use of their facilities. City hall, the fire hall and the park at South Shore Drive and Peninsula Road will be utilized. There are four members on the committee and they meet every three weeks. They are planning to include past and present residents, residents of South Shore Drive, and VIPs. Jack Deitte's band will perform. Other organizations will be allowed to present. Also, there will be a history presentation. They would like the street be closed to regular traffic. Councilmember Garberg will look into closing the road. They are looking into what it would take to extend/modify the liquor license so people can take beer to the fire hall. They would like to run the budget through the City of Medicine Lake. Mr. Kile will contact the State of Minnesota to see whether this can be done. Primary fund raising will be through beer and wine sales during the event. Additional fund raising through apparel sales and corporate sponsorships. Council was in agreement to provide a budget for the event.
- Met Council estimates Medicine Lake has 388 people and 168 households as of April 1, 2018.

**Motion to adjourn forwarded by Councilmember Anderson and seconded by Councilmember Tomczik. With all in favor, the motion carried at 8:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pauly  
City Clerk

Approved on July 1, 2019\_\_\_\_\_