



City of Medicine Lake

November 2, 2020

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; Bassett Creek Watershed Commissioner Clint Carlson.

Absent: no one.

Miscellaneous attendees: Kirsten Nielsen, Susan Wiese.

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 Mayor Marks. With all in favor, the motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. With all in favor, the motion carried.**

Open Forum

- None.

Jevne Park

- Kirsten Nielsen said a group of residents who have young children desire to improve the playground. They have started to articulate a vision for Jevne Park, not just for children but for all residents. A playground expert lives in the community who can help apply cost efficiencies and community build processes. The goal would be to install in 2022. The group expressed their approval for electricity and a pavilion in Jevne Park. They have a list of 20 residents who would help with construction. They would like to engage the community in the process. The Medicine Lake Community Club wrote a letter expressing their support.
- Chris Klar said Xcel Energy would bore in an electric line for \$350. The city would have to purchase materials for several thousand dollars. This would include electricity at both Jevne Park and Memorial Park. There are two plans for a pavilion, which would be 16' x 30'. He would like to use budgeted park funds and the savings from the Coronavirus Relief Funding. Mayor Marks said he's heard from at least one resident about making a financial donation. Councilmember Garberg said he's in favor of the pavilion because it can be used by a broad group of people in the community. Mayor Marks said council is supportive of the pavilion but will need to keep talking about it. He said the park equipment needs additional discussion.
- Susan Wiese asked for a comprehensive plan for Jevne Park that includes storm water management. Councilmember Garberg said the storm water issue was resolved last year when council voted to discontinue the Jevne Park Stormwater project. Mayor Marks recommended that Ms. Wiese reach out to the informal committee to participate on the plan. He said the park will not be changed until there is a formal plan.

Fire Department Report – Rich Halvorsen

- Reported two calls for service in the past month.

- Reported the boat was removed from the lake.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Report – Clint Carlson

- Reported the biggest issue at the BCWMC meeting this month was inspection of the Bassett Creek tunnel.
- Reported he is working on getting an estimate to use Plymouth's new street sweeper.
- Reported he and Gary Holter are trying to locate the signed document for the high water mark.

Public Works Superintendent Report – Chris Klar

- Reported the park is shutdown for winter.
- Reported he found zebra mussels on customer equipment and on his equipment.
- Reported he will have more information in a few months on how to protect ash trees from emerald ash borer.

Treasurer's Report – Craig Kile

- Receipts in reporting period: \$3,445
- Receipts year to date: \$476,962
- Disbursements in reporting period: \$57,589
- Disbursements year to date: \$595,229
- **Motion to approve the summary spending, receipts and cash balances through November 1, 2020 forwarded by Councilmember Shaffer and seconded by Councilmember Heim. With all in favor, the motion carried.**

Officer Reports:

Councilmember Garberg

- Reported the air scrubber has been installed at City Hall.
- Reported the safety gate has been installed in the City Hall office.
- Reported this year's road mix will be 20% salt and 80% sand.

Councilmember Tomczik

- Reported nothing to report.

Councilmember Heim

- Reported on the SEH capital improvement project. They have been pulling information together in November. The report should be ready by January. Community discussions should start in March or April. There is a tiering of funds available including state bonding bill (50% funding), grants, loans, bonds.
- Reported Three Rivers is working on a project proposal for a trail from Maple Grove to Eden Prairie. Information will be posted for community input.

Councilmember Shaffer

- Reported she would like to review with council how to set up the communication equipment in City Hall. Ms. Wiese asked that the previous months minutes and the financial report be displayed via Zoom.

Mayor Marks

- Reported next month the 2021 budget needs to be approved. He is not in favor of raising our levy 12.5% and asked everyone to come with questions, thoughts, opinions on the budget.

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New Business

- Nancy Pauly reported Medicine Lake had 80.5% of households respond to the 2020 U.S Census. The state response rate was 75.1%
- Ms. Pauly reported Three Rivers Park District is working on a French Regional Park master plan and they want to engage our city staff to introduce the project and gather preliminary feedback. They will be directed to Mayor Marks.
- Council decided they will meet November 13 at 5:00 PM to canvas the election.

Motion to adjourn forwarded by Councilmember Garberg and seconded by Councilmember Shaffer. With all in favor, the motion carried at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pauly
City Clerk

Approved on December 7, 2020