



# The Medicine Laker

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## From Our Mayor

*By Chris Heim, Mayor*

### Hello Neighbors!

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the children's Halloween party at City Hall and the display at Jevne Park. We brought Chris Klar's vision to life, and I know he would be proud! Moments like these remind us of how special it is to live in Medicine Lake.

### Key Updates

**Election:** I am incredibly grateful to Josh Hauble, our Election Clerk, and all the Election Judges for managing a smooth voting process, and to our citizens for the wonderful voter turnout. Congratulations to Councilmembers Ruth Hovey and Bill McNaughton on their re-election, and a warm welcome to Councilmember-elect Nina Zelazny! I'd also like thank Councilmember Jenna Jones for her service, and I am honored to be re-elected as your mayor.

**Public Works:** As we honor the memory of our dear friend, Chris Klar, we are thoughtfully working through a transition plan for his role as Public Works Superintendent. Several community members have stepped in to assist in the short-term as we develop a long-term plan. We will discuss this further in our December Council Meeting.

**EPA Federal Grant:** I'm thrilled to share that we've submitted the required paperwork to receive \$680,000 from the EPA Federal Grant for our street/water/sewer capital project. This money will have a significant positive impact on our city.

**Chris Klar Memorial:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to Chris's memorial fund. For those who would still like to contribute, donations are being accepted. We'll be planting a beautiful sugar maple at the city entrance to honor Chris and Alan, with additional plans for a commemorative feature in Jevne Park near the pavilion.

This past month has reminded us all of the importance of community—supporting each other as we honor the memory of Chris Klar and carry forward with our city's operations. Thank you, everyone, for your commitment and care.



# MEDICINE LAKE CARES!

## Medicine Lake Cares!

### Fundraiser for Second Harvest Heartland

- ✓ For the **Six Time**, the City of Medicine Lake Community Club has organized a fundraiser to assist Second Harvest Heartland to provide food for the hungry in our communities.
- ✓ **“Match the Match”**. This year several residents have agreed to match the first \$12,500 raised to bring our community total to \$25,000. Then this \$25,000 total will be matched by a generous corporate donor so Second Harvest receives \$50,000. So, for **every \$1 you donate, \$4 will go to Second Harvest!**
- ✓ Second Harvest sources and distributes food to nearly 1000 food shelves, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers and others programs in Minnesota.
- ✓ The need for food shelves keeps rising. Food, housing and energy costs are more than 30% higher than before the pandemic.
- ✓ In 2023 Second Harvest saw 7.5 million visits to food shelves. That's up from another record of 5.5 million the year before.
- ✓ Second Harvest turns a \$1 donation into 3 meals. A \$10 donation will feed a person for 10 days. A \$100 donation feeds a family of 4 for a month.
- ✓ Any size donation is appreciated. If you are able, please consider a larger gift of \$100, \$250, \$500 or more. Please donate now?

**Last year we raised \$18,500. Our goal this year (with local match) is \$25,000.**

**To donate online and to learn more: Visit our website at:**

<http://support.2harvest.org/goto/mlcares2024>

Link also available on City of Medicine Lake Facebook page

**To donate by check:** Write a check payable to Second Harvest and place the check in the special collection box located by the front door at **185 Peninsula Road**. (Barry and Mozie)

**To donate by Foundation or Donor Advised Fund:** Contact Paul Samson [LPSamson@aol.com](mailto:LPSamson@aol.com) These donations will then be added to fundraising totals on the website.

All donations will show donor names on the website unless you request “Anonymous”.

Questions or Comments: Contact Paul Samson [LPSamson@aol.com](mailto:LPSamson@aol.com)

**Thank you in advance for your generosity and community support!**

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## City Council Votes - Election Results

By Therese Polum, City Clerk

### November 13, 2024 Council Votes



The following motions were approved with Mayor Heim, Councilmembers McNaughton, Hovey, Tomezik in favor. Councilor Jones absent.

- Resolution 24-25 declaring results of the general election of 2024:
- Chris Heim declared Mayor elect to two-year term
- Ruth Hovey declared council member elect to four-year term
- William McNaughton declared council member elect via Special Election to four-year term
- Nina Zelanzy declared council member elect via Special Election to two-year term

These terms commence January 6, 2025.

## Remembering a Dear Friend

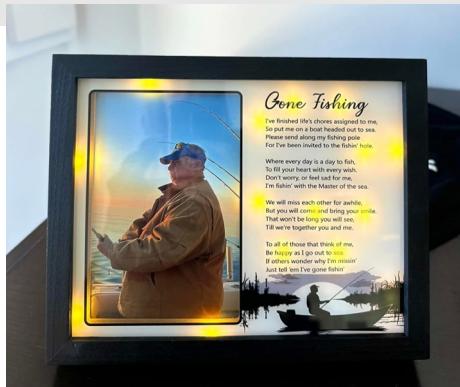


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*By Therese Polum, City Clerk*

### November 4, 2024 Council Votes

The following motions were approved with Mayor Heim, Councilmembers McNaughton, Hovey, Tomczik and Jones in favor.

- Agenda
- October 7, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes
- Approval of Veit pay application No. 7
- Resolution 24-23 appointing election judges for the November 5, 2024 election
- Resolution 24-24 accepting a monetary gift of \$7,162.09 from donor list to benefit the Klar Family Memorial
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through September 30, 2024.
- Adjourn

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#### Mark Your Calendar!

MEETING	DATE & TIME
City Council	6pm, Monday, December 2
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7pm, Tuesday, December 3 7pm, Tuesday, December 17
Planning Commission	6pm, Thursday, December 19