

**Minutes of City of Laurel
Budget/Finance Committee
Tuesday, July 2, 2019**

Members Present: Emelie Eaton
 Bruce McGee
 Scot Stokes

Others Present: Mayor Nelson

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

General Items

- Review and approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting. Scot Stokes made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Bruce McGee seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- Review and recommend approval to Council Claims entered through 6/28/19. Bruce McGee had previously reviewed the Claims Detail report and the check register for accuracy. He stated that he wondered if there was not a celebration over finishing the Sed Basin due to charges he saw and felt were out of the ordinary. Also, he stated that he felt the drone was nothing more than an in vogue expensive toy which required expensive repairs which were paid on this register. Scot Stokes inquired about the Verizon contract as he saw it was over \$1,000 again this month. Bruce McGee made a motion to recommend approval of the claims entered through 6/16/19. Scot Stokes seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- Review Comp/Overtime hours for pay period ending 6/16/19. There were no questions.
- Review and approve Payroll Register for pay period ending 6/16/19 totaling \$175,312.40. The two page summary was reviewed, signed and dated. Bruce McGee made a motion to approve the Payroll Register for the pay period ending 6/16/19 totaling \$175,312.40. Scot Stokes seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business – none

Old Business – none

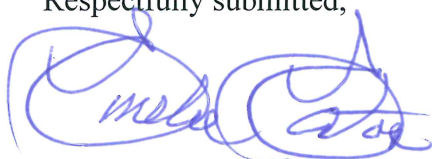
Other Items –

- Update from the Mayor - Mayor Nelson was asked to speak about any issues of interest.
 1. The Mayor spoke about LURA and recent resignation of Steve Solberg from the advisory portion of that board. Scot mentioned that there may be other resignations in protest over the bondable project. The Mayor spoke to options regarding the future of that group.
 2. A question was asked by Bruce McGee about what authority the Council would have if it knew a branch of City government was not following directives and options given in LMC. It was decided that the Mayor was going to speak to the prosecuting attorney regarding this issue. Vice Chair McGee was going to inquire of Judge Kerr to get further information.
 3. Chairwoman Eaton inquired about whether the City of Laurel had really been considered in the selection process now that the Air National Guard had announced it is going to create a second base in Billings. It was explained that there is no water and sewer services and there likely would not be for six years. Scot commented on it hindering growth.

Announcements – The Mayor stated he would have Karen Courtney look at the Verizon/phone contracts to see if there could be some cost cutting options. Additionally, he would like the committee to request a review of Sole Stone's billing. Since they are at the 6 month point in their contract with the City, if they are able to bill more effectively, we should have enough history with them that it would show. Lastly, the Mayor stated he will have a report on the website per Scot's inquiry. There are issues with the domain name. Without the list of who was scheduled to review the claim before the July 16th meeting, Scot stated that he felt it was likely his turn and he would review them. He stated if someone else was scheduled he would prefer to trade with them and review for the July 16th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held July 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Scot Stokes will review the Claims prior to that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emelie Eaton', is written over a faint, circular blue stamp or watermark.

Emelie Eaton
Budget and Finance Chair

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.