

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

APRIL 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Tom Nelson at 6:30 p.m. on April 16, 2019.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce McGee	Heidi Sparks
Scot Stokes	Richard Herr
	Irv Wilke
	Bill Mountsier

## COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton  
Richard Klose

## OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer  
Stan Langve, Chief of Police  
Travis Pitts, Newly Appointed Police Captain  
Judge Kerr

Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

## MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 2, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chamber of Commerce minutes of February 14, 2019; Laurel Chamber of Commerce agenda of March 14, 2019.

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$141,828.07.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of March 2019.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 4/7/2019 totaling \$186,599.40.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
  - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of April 2, 2019, were presented.
  - Council Workshop minutes of April 9, 2019, were presented.
  - Park Board minutes of February 7, 2019, were presented.
  - Park Board minutes of March 7, 2019, were presented.
  - Park Board minutes of April 4, 2019, were presented.

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--Tree Board minutes of March 21, 2019, were presented.

--Laurel Airport Authority minutes of February 19, 2019, were presented.

The mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Stokes. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

Motion by Council Member McGee to bring O19-01 to the table at the end of Scheduled Matters, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
  - **Mayor's appointment of Travis Pitts as Police Captain for the Laurel Police Department.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the Mayor's appointment of Travis Pitts as Police Captain for the Laurel Police Department, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Judge Kerr performed the swearing in Ceremony for Travis Pitts.

Chief Langve and Council Member McGee read the Criminal Justice Code of Ethics with Travis.

Chief Langve presented Travis with Badge and captains bars.

- **Resolution No. R19-12: A Resolution Of The City Council Requesting Distribution Of Bridge And Road Safety And Accountability Program Funds.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-12, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Motion to approve Council Member Mountsier to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060.)**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Council Member Mountsier to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060), seconded by Council Member Stokes. There was no public comment. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion Carried 6-0.

Council Member Mountsier stated he would be gone May 1<sup>st</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>, which is 14 days.

- **Ordinance No. O19-01: An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapters 2.08, 2.12, And 2.60 Of The Laurel Municipal Code For The Purpose Of Clarifying That Current City Employees Are Not Eligible To Serve As Members Of City Committees And Commissions Or To Serve As Elected City Officers In Accordance With Montana Law. (First Reading)**

Motion by Council Member McGee to adopt Ordinance No. O19-01, seconded by Council Member Sparks.

Motion by Council Member McGee to amend Ordinance No. O19-01, seconded by Council Member Sparks.

There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion. All six council members present voted aye via a roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

Judge Kerr is attending school next week. Court will remain open; the Judge will be available to the Police. The Head Clerk is approved temporary Judge in Judge Kerr's absence.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

A Council Member spoke to the traffic around track meets. He stated the alley is not in compliance.

It was requested that ordinances be reviewed.

Council was reminded that it is a five Tuesday month and there is not Council next Tuesday.

Emergency Services Committee's next meeting is April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**MAYOR'S UPDATES:**

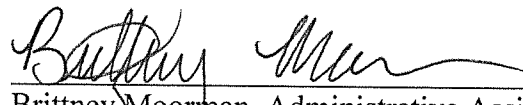
Mayor Nelson agreed some ordinances are hard to enforce. It is time to review and update them accordingly.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

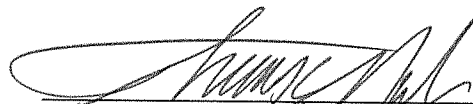
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Herr to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

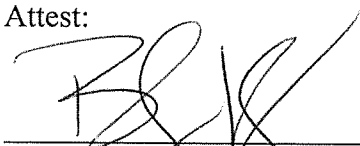
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer