

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

AUGUST 20, 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 6:36 p.m. on August 20, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Scot Stokes Irv Wilke
 Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Klose

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer
 Nick Altonaga, City Planner

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 August 6, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Approving the Annexation of Lot 18 Nutting Brothers Subdivision 2nd Filing and Lots 19-25 Nutting Brothers Subdivision 3rd Filing, as an addition to the City of Laurel, Montana.

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel Approving the Annexation of Lot 18 Nutting Brothers Subdivision 2nd Filing and Lots 19-25 Nutting Brothers Subdivision 3rd Filing, as an addition to the City of Laurel, Montana.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and asked staff to present the item.

Nick Altonaga, City Planner, this is an addition of Residential Multi-Family (RLMF) and Community Commercial zoning. All issues that had been brought forward at previous meetings have been taken care of. This parcel will be a great addition to the East side of town.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any proponents.

Scott Aspenlieder, Performance Engineering 608 N. 29 Street Billings, MT, stated he is the agent for the builder. He stated they appreciate the time that Staff has put in to work with them, getting this to a place where this is agreed upon. This is good for the community and the developer. They have cleaned up some of the question areas and are excited about bringing this area into the City. Probably following up with a subdivision application come Monday morning if all goes well. He stated he is happy to answer any questions should there be any.

Mayor Nelson asked two more times if there were any proponents. There were no additional proponents.



Mayor Nelson asked three times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Nelson asked Staff to respond to any relevant questions. There were none.

Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

- **Special Improvement District No. 119 Preliminary Levy of Special Assessments on Property Within the District for the Purpose of Financing the cost of Certain Local Improvements.**

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Special Improvement District No. 119 Preliminary Levy of Special Assessments on Property Within the District for the Purpose of Financing the cost of Certain Local Improvements.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and asked staff to present the item.

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer, this public hearing is for the intent to put the assessment associated with SID No. 119 on the tax rolls. So, the City can get that money in and start paying off the bond. The actual assessments will be voted on the 10th of September and sent to the County the following day so the assessments can begin this year.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Nelson asked three times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Nelson asked three times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Nelson asked Staff to respond to any relevant questions. There were none.

Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of August 2019 in the amount of \$866,766.58.**
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 June 2019.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2019.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 8/11/2019 totaling \$176,755.43.**

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

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment.

Council President Eaton stated that previously the minutes appeared in the Consent Agenda because this body does not vote on approval of the minutes of Boards/Commissions, those boards do. Those have been moved down to "Reports of Boards and Commissions."

A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- **Review reports from Boards and Commissions.**
Budget/Finance Committee minutes of August 6, 2019.
Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of July 22, 2019.
Library Board minutes of July 9, 2019.
City/County Planning Board minutes, August 1, 2019.

Mayor Nelson stated upon clarification from the City Attorney receiving of Boards/Committees/Commission minutes have been moved from the Consent Agenda to the Reports of Boards and Commissions section of the agenda. Council can discuss or give a brief update on their respective boards under this section of the meeting.

It was questioned if a set of minutes is not yet on the agenda if Council Members could have discussion regarding those minutes. It was clarified those discussions should take place when the minutes are placed on the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
 - **Appointment of Sarah Gallup to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.**

Mayor Nelson read the following statement from the Ambulance Director regarding Ms. Gallup's qualifications. "Sarah became an EMT this last year when she attended the Laurel EMT course. At that time, she was very busy in her studies for biology and pre-medicine at MSU Billings. Sarah actively participates with an organization called Magic City CPR. Her team helps teach CPR to anyone they come across to get as many people certified at providing the life-saving skill. Sarah has shown great interest in Laurel EMS, and is an active participant with various events we participate in. She is now ready to put her skills to the test in the world of prehospital EMS, and we are excited to have her."

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Sarah Gallup to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-41: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Employment Contract Between the City of Laurel and Nicholas Altonaga who Shall Serve as the City Planning Director for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R19-41, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-42: Resolution of the City Council Approving a Small Grant Program Proposed by the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R19-42, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-43: A Resolution Approving The Annexation Of Lot 18 Nutting Brothers Subdivision 2nd Filing And Lots 19-25 Nutting Brothers Subdivision 3rd Filing, As An Addition To The City Of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-43, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members: Eaton, McGee, Stokes, Mountsier, Wilke, Herr, and Sparks voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-44: Resolution Approving the Final Plan and Annexation of Regal Community Park, Legally Described as Nutting Bros 2nd Filing, S10, T02S, R24E Lots 7&8, an Addition to the City of Laurel, Montana**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R19-44, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-45: Resolution Relating To \$41,000 Special Improvement District No. 119 Bond, Series 2019; Fixing The Form And Details And Providing For The Execution And Delivery Thereof And Security Therefor**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-45, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members: Eaton, McGee, Stokes, Mountsier, Wilke, Herr, and Sparks voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-46: Resolution Relating To Special Improvement District No. 119 Preliminary Levy Of Special Assessments On Property Within The District For The Purpose Of Financing The Cost Of Certain Local Improvements.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R19-46, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members: Eaton, McGee, Stokes, Mountsier, Wilke, Herr, and Sparks voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-47: A Resolution Accepting the Proposal Submitted by High Point Networks to Provide the City's Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Service and Support Services and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract With High Point Networks for Such Services.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R19-47, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the motion to approve Council Member Klose to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060), seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The September Public Works Committee meeting has been canceled.

The open house for the Water Treatment Plant/WasteWater Treatment Plant has been scheduled September 17, 2019, at 5:30 prior to Council.

The Council Members who were able to attend the demonstration given by the Fire Department prior to this evenings meeting was good. The new extrication equipment will assist in future extrications. Council thanked CHS for their contribution to the purchase of the extrication equipment.

September 3, 2019 is the deadline registration for the fall session of Hunter's Safety. The class will be held September 9-13th.

Next Emergency Services Committee meeting is Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

Council Member Mountsier will be absent for more than ten days. This will be added to next weeks Workshop agenda.

Mayor Nelson clarified the meeting dates for September. August 27, 2019, will be a Workshop, followed by a Council meeting on September 3, 2019. September 10, 2019 Budget/Finance will meet before Council; Council will have a meeting to approve the Consent Agenda. September 17, 2019 will be a Workshop and follow the new order of meetings.

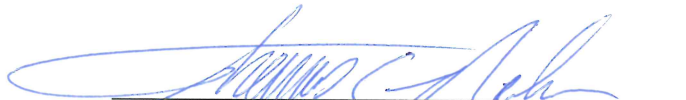
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 3rd day of September 2019.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer