

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

MAY 7, 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 6:31 p.m. on May 7, 2019.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Klose Bill Mountsier

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Brent Peters, Fire Chief

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

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

MINUTES:

- Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2019.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Ordinance No. O19-01: An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapters 2.08, 2.12, And 2.60, 2.64, And 2.76 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 And For Other Purposes.

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Ordinance No. O19-01: An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapters 2.08, 2.12, And 2.60, 2.64, And 2.76 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 And For Other Purposes.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and stated that this is an ordinance change with the language changes after the first Workshop.

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 April 2019 in the amount of \$1,036,969.86.**
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 4/21/2019 totaling \$175,957.65.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of April 16, 2019, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of April 30, 2019, were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of March 25, 2019, were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of April 15, 2019, were presented.
 - Library Board Minutes of March 12, 2019, were presented.
 - Library Board Minutes of April 9, 2019, were presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of February 25, 2019, were presented.
 - City-County Planning Board minutes of April 4, 2019, were presented.

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 or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:

- Poppy Day Proclamation

Mayor Nelson read the Poppy Day proclamation declaring May 24, 2019, as Poppy Day.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Karl Dan Koch, no address given, stated that for three years in a row he asked that the handicap parking [near the football stadium] be addressed. He reminded Council that this parking lot is City owned. He stated this is a handshake agreement between the former Mayor Olsen and the School. The City placed the millings, and the school put up the signs and painted. He has previously requested angled parking. He has requested that this lot only be handicap parking during track and football seasons. He stated if someone parks perpendicular to the fence post it can be difficult to maneuver or get out of the parking lot. He was told that the Police are unable to ticket when someone is parked in the no parking any time zone. There is only one sign present; a second sign is needed. He had offered to buy a second sign. He had even written a check, but that check did not include the pole or labor to put it in. He stated he again offered to pay for those costs too. Asking for this issue to be dealt with.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments:**
 - Mayor's Appointment of Sean Parkinson to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Peters introduced Mr. Parkinson to Council. Mr. Parkinson had been a member of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department for 7 years. He had moved away to Park City and recently moved back.

Fire Chief Peters also stated that Fire and EMS had appreciated the service cards.

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's appointment of Sean Parkinson to the Laurel Volunteer Fire 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.

- **Resolution No. R19-13: A Resolution Accepting The Bid From FirstMark Construction And Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Sign All Related Documents For The East 6th Street Project, City Of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-13, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

- **Resolution No. R19-14: Resolution Relating To Special Improvement District No. 119; Declaring It To Be The Intention Of The City Council To Create The District For The Purpose Of Undertaking Certain Local Improvements And Financing The Costs Thereof And Incidental Thereto Through The Issuance Of Special Improvement District Bonds Secured By The City's Special Improvement District Revolving Fund; And Establishing Compliance With Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under The Internal Revenue Code**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R19-14, 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.

- **Resolution No. R19-15: A Resolution To Approve A Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Fatbeam LLC For Installation, Construction, Reconstruction, Operation, And Maintenance Of A Fiber Optic System Within The City Of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-15, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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.

- **Ordinance No. O19-01: An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapters 2.08, 2.12, And 2.60, 2.64, And 2.76 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 And For Other Purposes.(2nd Reading)**

Motion by Council Member McGee to adopt Ordinance No. O19-01, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

It was requested for an update on West Railroad and new website at the next Workshop.

It was requested for Council to discuss a possible tow-away zone in reference to Mr. Koch's concerns.

Emergency Services Committee has been moved to May 20, 2019, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Works Committee will be May 20, 2019, at 6 p.m. in Council Conference Room. Get any agenda items to Council Member Eaton.

MAYOR UPDATE: None.

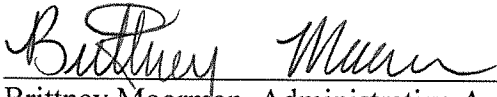
UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:


Mr. Koch requested that the millings from the East. 6th Street project is put down on the parking lot [near the football stadium]. Mayor Nelson stated this could be brought forward to Workshop and discussed.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, 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.

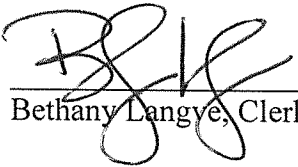
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 21st day of May 2019.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langye, Clerk/Treasurer