

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

MARCH 19, 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 Council President Eaton at 6:32 p.m. on March 19, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emelie Eaton
Bruce McGee
Richard Klose
Richard Herr
Irv Wilke
Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Heidi Sparks
Scot Stokes

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Jessica McCartney, 303 Union President/Dispatcher

Council President Eaton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Council President Eaton asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2019, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Yellowstone County CodeRED Press Release.
- 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 March 2019 in the amount of \$ 107,355.64.**
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 February 2019.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 3/10/2019 totaling \$174,361.79.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of March 5, 2019, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of March 12, 2019, were presented.
 - Library Board minutes of February 12, 2019, were presented.

The Council President asked if there was any separation of consent items. The Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of February 2019 were removed from the Consent Agenda. The Mayor has not had a chance to review these reports.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the consent items as amended, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
 - **Reappointment of Evan Bruce to the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board for a term ending December 31, 2020.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the reappointment of Evan Bruce to the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board for a term ending December 31, 2020, 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.

- **Resolution No. R19-07: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Developer Of Iron Horse Station Subdivision To Install A Stormwater Pond Within Dedicated Parkland Within The Subdivision Pursuant To LMC 16.40.040.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to table Resolution No. R19-07, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was expressed that the Council needs additional information prior to voting on this item. It was requested this item be tabled until the next Council meeting.

A vote was taken on the motion to table this item until the next Council meeting. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-08: Resolution Selecting Hardrives Construction, Inc. For The City Of Laurel's 2019 Pavement Maintenance Project And Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract For Completion Of The Project.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R19-08, 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. R19-09: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Three-Year Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Local Union Local 303, American Federation Of State, County And Municipal Employees, AFSCME.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-09, 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.

- **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 table Ordinance No. O19-01, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was stated that there needs to be further clarification prior to voting on this matter.

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:

As stated above. The Clerk/Treasurers Financial Statements for February 2019 will be brought to the next Consent Agenda. The Mayor was unable to review prior to tonight's meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

House Bill 285 has a hearing this Thursday at 3 p.m. in Helena. House Bill 285 is proposing between mile markers 1 and 2 on Buffalo Trail be renamed to Pearl Harbor Veterans Memorial Highway. Call 444-4800 to express your support for this bill. It was noted that you could call the same number if you are opposed as well.

Council was reminded of the benefit for Dispatcher Brenda Sell. The Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for March 30 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Public Works Committee has moved their next meeting to April 11th at 6 p.m. in Council Conference Room.

Council was reminded that April is a five Tuesday month and Council will not meet the fourth week.

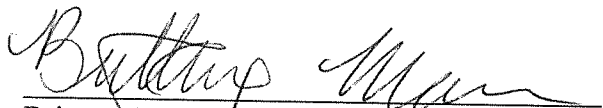
Mayor Nelson had planned to attend this meeting but was unable to attend.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

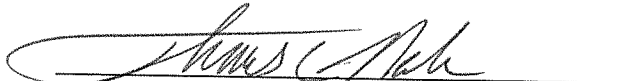
ADJOURNMENT:

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

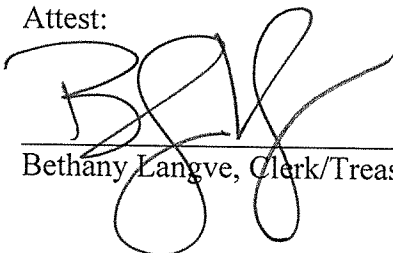
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2nd day of April 2019.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer