

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JULY 27, 2021

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 July 27, 2021.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Nelson

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:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2021, 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:

- Ambulance Monthly Report – June 2021

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through July 23, 2021.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 7/11/2021 totaling \$208,203.25.**

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 seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 22, 2021.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 13, 2021.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 20, 2021.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of June 28, 2021.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of June 21, 2021.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Adam Bell, Ashley Bell, and Travis Berchenger to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Adam Bell, Ashley Bell, and Travis Berchenger to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Klose.

Brent Peters, Fire Chief, briefly introduced the appointees. All scored very well during their interviews. They will make great additions to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-56: A Resolution Of The City Council Selecting Kios Brothers As The Successful Bidder For The City's Purchase Of A Garbage Truck.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R21-56, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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. R21-57: A Resolution Adopting A Formalized Procedure For The City's Fire Department To Administer Fire Members' Drill Pay.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R21-57, 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. R21-58: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of A Grant To Laurel Auto Clinic From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Large Grant Request Program.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-58, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Stokes, and McGee voted aye. Council Members Wilke, Klose, and Eaton voted nay. Motion failed 4-3.

- **Resolution No. R21-59: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of A Grant To Dynamic Designs From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Large Grant Request Program.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R21-59, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Klose, Stokes, McGee, and Eaton voted aye. Council Member Wilke voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

- **Resolution No. R21-60: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of A Grant To Emerald HVAC From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Large Grant Request Program.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R21-60, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Member Sparks, Herr, Klose, Stokes, McGee, and Eaton voted aye. Council Member Wilke voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

- **Resolution No. R21-61: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of A Grant To Laurel Ford From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Large Grant Request Program.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R21-61, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks and Herr voted aye. Council Members Wilke, Klose, McGee, and Eaton voted nay. Council Member Stokes abstained from the vote. Motion failed 2-4.

- **Resolution No. R21-62: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of A Grant To Fraternal Order of Eagles From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Large Grant Request Program.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R21-62, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks and Herr voted aye. Council Members Wilke, Klose, Stokes, McGee, and Eaton voted nay. Motion failed 2-5.

- **Resolution No. R21-63: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of A Grant To Rapid Tire From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Large Grant Request Program.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R21-63, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Klose, Stokes, McGee, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-64: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of A Grant From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Small Grant Request Program For Eligible Applicants And Improvement To An Apartment Building Located Within The District.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-64, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, and Wilke voted aye. Council Members Klose, Stokes, McGee, and Eaton voted nay. Motion failed 3-4.

- **Resolution No. R21-65: A Resolution Of The City Council Requesting The Mayor And City Staff Review The Existing Animal Regulations And Propose An Amendment To The Existing Regulations To Allow Persons To Own Chickens Within The City Limits.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R21-65, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment.

Council President Eaton commented that she was not voting no on this resolution for the topic at hand, but this resolution directs Staff.

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

- **PULLED - Resolution - Pavement Maintenance 2022 moved to a Workshop in August 2021**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council welcomed the new firefighters to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

Council asked for a discussion on the Ambulance pay scale at the next Workshop.

Council asked who authorized diagonal parking on 3rd Avenue. Staff did not want it, Council did not want it, yet it is painted.

Council requested a discussion on Ex Parte Communications be placed on next week's Workshop.

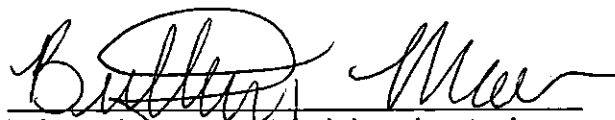
MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

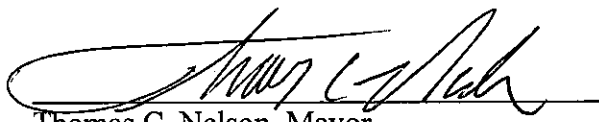
ADJOURNMENT:

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 seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

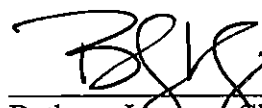
There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 10th day of August 2021.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

