

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JUNE 4, 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 June 4, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Emelie Eaton	Richard Herr
		Irv Wilke
	Richard Klose	Bill Mountsier
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Bruce McGee	Heidi Sparks
	Scot Stokes	
OTHER STAFF PRESENT:	None	

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 Eaton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Intent to Create SID No. 119**

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Intent to Create SID No. 119.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and stated that staff is not present as the Council has been through this at the Workshop. This is the SID associated with the E. 6th Street project.

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 May 2019 in the amount of \$2,157,263.96.**

A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 5/19/2019 totaling \$172,589.52.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

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- Budget/Finance Committee minutes of May 21, 2019, were presented.
- Council Workshop minutes of May 28, 2019, were presented.
- Emergency Services Committee minutes of April 29, 2019, were presented.
- Public Works Committee minutes of May 20, 2019, were presented.
- Tree Board minutes of April 18, 2019, were presented.
- Tree Board minutes of May 16, 2019, were presented.
- Laurel Airport Authority minutes of April 16, 2019, were presented.
- City-County Planning Board minutes of May 2, 2019, were presented.
- Revised Park Board minutes of April 4, 2019, were presented.
- Park Board minutes of May 2, 2019.

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 Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Karl Dan Koch, 320 Colorado Avenue, stated that he had set out to make this parking lot a combination lot, that this is the only lot within 80 miles that is not a combination lot. He thanked the Mayor and Council President Eaton for addressing the issues with the handicap parking lot.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R19-18: A Resolution Approving A Task Order Authorizing Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. For Work Relating To The City's 2019 Pavement Damage Repair Project.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-18, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-19: A Resolution Approving An Amendment To Task Order Authorizing Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. For Work Relating To The City's East 6th Street Reconstruction Project.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-19, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-20: A Resolution Approving An Amendment To Task Order Authorizing Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. For Work Relating To The City's East Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R19-20, seconded by Council Member Herr. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-21: Resolution Relating To Special Improvement District No. 119; Creating 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**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-21, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-22: A Resolution Of The City Council To Amend The Large Grant Request Program Pursuant To The Recommendation Of The Laurel Urban Renewal Agency.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R19-22. There was no second to the motion. Mayor Nelson stated with no second then this resolution dies. This resolution will be brought back for further discussion at next week's Workshop.

- **Resolution No. R19-23: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Certain Revisions To The CBA Through A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Local Union Local 303, American Federation Of State, County And Municipal Employees, AFSCME.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R19-23, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Kris Vogelee, 306 E. 4th Street, stated that the Downtown is dying. There are currently 7 storefronts vacant in the downtown area. LURA was developed to create a vital and cohesive extension of the core Laurel area, improve traffic patterns to further enhance business experiences, and create a destination place where the people want to repeatedly visit. He stated that Laurel is not a destination place. Need to spend funds on projects that increase the tax base. Recently a nearby commercial space was sold for \$38/sqft. This has lowered his taxable value and could impact the TIF District. He would like the TIF District funds to go to things that increase the taxable value.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Public Works Committee has requested to add a continuing agenda item be the discussion on the handicap parking lot.

MAYOR UPDATES:


Mayor Nelson stated the next LURA meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Nelson plans on attending this meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

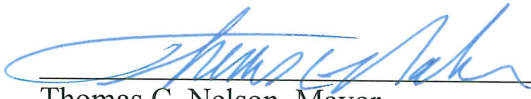
ADJOURNMENT:

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 five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

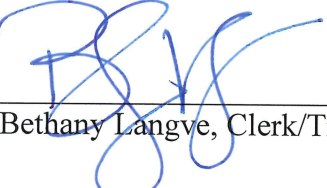
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 18th day of June 2019.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer