

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JANUARY 2, 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 January 2, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks Richard Herr Irv Wilke Bill Mountsier
	Richard Klose	
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Bruce McGee	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 Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2018, 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

- WBI Energy Transmission Letter

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of December 2018 in the amount of \$981,415.02.**  
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 December 2018.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/16/2018 totaling \$169,601.23.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
  - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of December 18, 2018, were presented.
  - Laurel Airport Authority minutes of September 25, 2018, were presented.
  - Laurel Airport Authority minutes of October 23, 2018, were presented.
  - Emergency Services Committee minutes of October 22, 2018, 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 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.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.



**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
  - Appointment of Evan Bruce to Park Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Mayor Nelson gave a brief overview of the process needed if Council does not have a Workshop.

Motion by Council Member Eaton for Mayor to introduce item, 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.

Mayor Nelson asked that Mr. Bruce introduce himself to Council. Mr. Bruce stated that he is currently serving on the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board and the City/County Planning Board. He spent time on the Master Plan Committee. He is interested in serving on the Park Board.

Motion by Council Member Wilke to close discussion, 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.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Evan Bruce to the Park Board for a term ending December 31, 2022, 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.

Mayor Nelson clarified that at the City Council meeting Council should have made a motion to suspend Council rules to cancel the Workshop.

Mayor Nelson stated that there are two appointments and one resolution, on a LURA grant, on next weeks Workshop. Council may make a motion to suspend the rules and dispose of the Workshop scheduled on January 8, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to suspend Council rules and cancel the Workshop scheduled for January 8, 2019, 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.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:** None.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

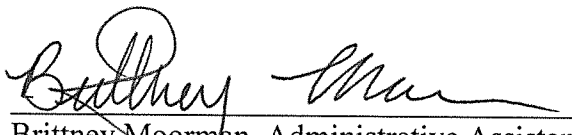
Mayor Nelson gave a brief update on the search for a City Planner. A conditional job offer should be made soon.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

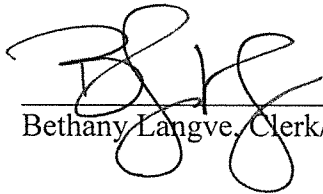
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

  
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Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer