

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

SEPTEMBER 03, 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 6:32 p.m. on September 03, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce McGee	Heidi Sparks
Scot Stokes	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton	Richard Herr
	Bill Mountsier

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

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

Mayor Nelson asked the everyone present to observe a moment of silence.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ROLE CALL OF THE COUNCIL

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and asked staff to present the item.

Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer, stated that these are budget amendments for last fiscal year. She stated that these are the same amendments that were gone over in depth during the August 27th Workshop meeting, and nothing has changed since that meeting. These budget amendments are amending appropriations and one revenue for last fiscal year.

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 (3) times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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Mayor Nelson stated that he would not have staff respond to questions as there were none.

Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

- 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget and Tax Resolutions.

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel’s 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget and Tax Resolutions.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and asked staff to present the item.

Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer, stated that nothing had changed since the preliminary budget had been presented at the August 27th Workshop. She did want to present a few highpoints of the budget:

- Completion of the Riverside Park Recreation Project Plan
- Growth Management Plan
- East Downtown Infrastructure Project
- Addition of the Small Grant Program to the TIFD Fund
- 21 Streets Budgeted to be Chip and/or Crack Sealed Using Street Maintenance Funds
- Victim Witness Interlocal Agreement with Yellowstone County
- SED Basin Completion
- Screw Rehab at the Sewer Plant
- Staffing at the Ambulance Department

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CONSENT ITEMS:

The mayor stated that the consent items would be on the next meeting’s agenda.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- **Review reports from Boards and Commissions.**
 Laurel Airport Authority minutes of July 23, 2019.
 Public Works Committee minutes of August 19, 2019.

There were no questions or comments regarding the presented minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R19-48: A resolution approving and adopting the Final Budget for the City of Laurel for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-48, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-49: A Resolution levying taxes for general and specific purposes for the City of Laurel, Montana, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R19-49, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-50: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 2 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the entire cost of maintenance and electrical current for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-50, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-51: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 3 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the entire cost of maintenance and electrical current for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R19-51, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-52: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Street Sweeping District No. 1 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the purpose of the sweeping of streets in the downtown or Business District for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-52, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-53: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of street maintenance and/or improvements for Street Maintenance District No. 1 that constitutes all streets and alleys embraced within the City of Laurel, Montana, for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-53, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-54: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of street improvements for Special Improvement District No. 113 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2019- 2020.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-54, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-55: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of park improvements for Special Improvement District No. 114 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2019- 2020.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-55, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-56: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 115 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R19-56, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-57: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 116 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R19-57, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-58: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 117 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-58, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-59: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 118 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R19-59, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-60: A resolution levying and assessing the annual cost of sidewalk improvements for residential properties pursuant to the City's Residential Sidewalk Replacement Program within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-60, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-61: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property in the City of Laurel for delinquent water charges.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R19-61, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-62: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property in the City of Laurel for delinquent sewer charges.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-62, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-63: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property designated as garbage districts in the City of Laurel, Montana, for the removal of garbage and refuse.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R19-63, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-64: Budget Amendment Resolution Amending Appropriation And Revenues For Various Funds For Fiscal Year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-64, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-65: Resolution Of The City Council To Amend Resolution R19-46 Correcting The Hearing Dates Contained Within The Resolution And Exhibit B.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R19-65, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-66: A Resolution Cancelling The November 7, 2019 General Election Of Certain Municipal Officers**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-66, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment. A member of Council wanted to clarify that this resolution was to cancel Wards 2 and 3 only. The Mayor confirmed that was correct. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Motion to approve Council Member Mountsier to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060)**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the motion to approve Council Member Mountsier to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060), seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion, and all five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: There were none as there was no consent agenda this meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

There will be a 9/11 Ceremony, on September 11, 2019, in the Firemen's Park at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend, and the Mayor has been invited to speak.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The Council thanked our Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, and all other agencies, involved with fighting the fire north of town.

The September 16th Public Works meeting has been cancelled.

The Council Members will be given a tour of the water and sewer treatment plants on the 17th of September at 5:30pm.

Tonight is the deadline to register for the fall session of Hunter's Safety. Ron Waller may be contacted to register, or you may go register at the High School.

September 5th is the Park Board meeting at 5:30 pm.

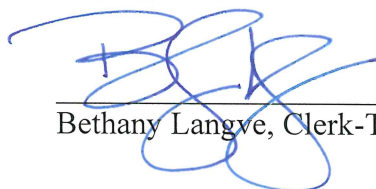
MAYOR UPDATES: The Mayor will be discussing the intake in the near future.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member McGee 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, and 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 7:08 p.m.

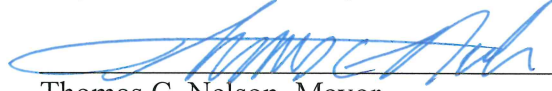


Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer



Council Minutes of September 03, 2019

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 10th day of September 2019.



Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:



Kelly Strecker, Deputy Clerk