

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

DECEMBER 22, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held virtually and called to order by Mayor Tom Nelson at 6:32 p.m. on December 22, 2020.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks
Bruce McGee	Richard Herr
Scot Stokes	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Don Nelson (6:51 p.m.)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Stan Langve, Police Chief
Lyndy Gurchiek, Ambulance Director

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 November 24, 2020, 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:

- Airport Authority Board Minutes of October 27, 2020.
- Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda for December 10, 2020, and Minutes of November 12, 2020.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through 12.4.2020.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Claims entered through 12.18.2020.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 11/29/2020 totaling \$226,160.99.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/13/2020 totaling \$213,987.08.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of July 19, 2019.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of August 13, 2019.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of August 27, 2019.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of September 17, 2019.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of October 1, 2019.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of October 15, 2019.**

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- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of November 5, 2019.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of November 19, 2019.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of May 2, 2020.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of June 2, 2020.**
- **Approval of Workshop Minutes of June 16, 2020.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. Council Member Eaton stated the Claims entered through 12.4.2020 and 12.18.2020 needed to be pulled and would be voted on at the next voting meeting.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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:

- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of November 16, 2020.
- City/County Planning Board Minutes of October 21, 2020.
- Tree Board Minutes of November 19, 2020.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Kathy Brown, Samantha Kaufman, Tyrel Mraz, Aidan Cullingworth, and Collen Timmons-Lee to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kathy Brown, Samantha Kaufman, Tyrel Mraz, Aidan Cullingworth, and Collen Timmons-Lee to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Lyndy Gurchiek, Ambulance Director, stated at least three of these people have 15 or more years of experience, if not more. Some have teaching experience as well, which will help move the Laurel Ambulance Service forward. One is brand new, and one is a Highway Patrolman who lives in town. This is a great opportunity.

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

- **Appointment of Evan Bruce to Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Evan Bruce to the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022, 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.

- **Appointment Phyllis Bromgard to Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Phyllis Bromgard to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024, 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.

- **Appointment of Richard Herr to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Herr to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024, 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.

- **Appointment of Scot Stokes to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Scot Stokes to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024, 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.

- **Appointment of Daniel Klein to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Klein to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024, 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.

- **Appointment of Dennis Eaton to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dennis Eaton to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment.

Council Member Eaton formally recused herself, as Dennis Eaton is her spouse. There could be a conflict of interest.

A vote was taken on the motion. All six voting council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0. (Aye: 6; Nay: 0; Abstain:1)

- **Appointment of Dianne Lehm to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dianne Lehm to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R20-83: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Memorandum Of Understanding With The United States Marshals Service For Participation In The Fugitive Task Force Program.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R20-83, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R20-84: A Resolution Approving A Task Order Between The City Of Laurel And KLJ Engineering For Engineering To Replace The Insulated Water Main That Crosses Highway 212 Over The Yellowstone River.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R20-84, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Both sets of claims pulled for this consent agenda will be on the next Council meetings consent agenda.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council noted a great job from Staff during 2020.

Council thanked the Clerk/Treasurer for submitting two CARES act reimbursements. The City submitted \$883,510.00 for the first submission and \$343,148.00 for the second. Both were approved.

Council thanked the Council Secretary for her work on minutes.

MAYOR UPDATE:

Mayor Nelson noted there is no meeting next week as it is a five Tuesday month. The next meeting will be on January 5th, 2021.

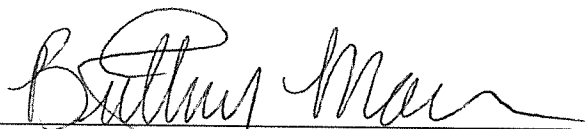
Mayor Nelson declared a vacancy on the Library Board due to the passing of one of their members. This seat needs to be filled.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

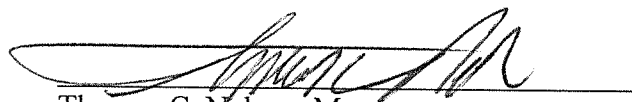
ADJOURNMENT:

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 7:03 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 12th day of January 2021.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer