

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JUNE 23, 2020

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 6:31 p.m. on June 23, 2020.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks
		Richard Herr
	Scot Stokes	Irv Wilke
	Richard Klose	Don Nelson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce McGee

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 June 9, 2020, as presented, 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Laurel Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Correspondence.
- Ban On Open Burning & Stage 1 Fire Restrictions – High Fire Danger – Yellowstone County Correspondence.
- Laurel Airport Authority Minutes of May 26, 2020.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims entered through June 19, 2020, in the amount of \$1,057,831.54.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/14/2020 totaling \$194,831.46.**

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 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:**

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 9, 2020.
- Tree Board Minutes of May 21, 2020.

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

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Appointment of Philip Swain and Michelle Grider to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's appointment of Phillip Swain and Michelle Grider to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, 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.

- **Appointment of Wallace Hall to Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2022.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Wallace Hall to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2022, 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 Richard Herr to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2022.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Herr to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2022, 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 Richard Herr to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Herr to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023, 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 LuAnne Engh to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of LuAnne Engh to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023, 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 Arthur Vogele to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Arthur Vogele to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Herr.

Arthur Vogle, 520 Date Avenue, thanked Council and Mayor for the opportunity to continue to serve on the Library Board.

There was no council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Council Member Sparks, Herr, Klose, Nelson, Stokes, and Eaton voted aye. Council Member Wilke voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

- **Appointment of Shane Linse to the Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Shane Linse to the Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Herr. 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. R20-33: A Resolution Awarding A Three-Year Contract With Olness And Associates For Auditing Services Through Fiscal Year Ending 2022 And Authorizing The Mayor To Sign Said Contract For The City Of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R20-33, 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.

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

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

A Council Member stated that at the most recent Public Works Committee and Emergency Services Committee meetings, there had been discussion regarding the intersection at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and W. Main Street. It was requested the Council discuss the traffic situation at that intersection.

Hunter Education and Bow Education has been null and void this spring. There have been no classes or field classes. Fish Wildlife and Parks are offering an online curriculum for anyone that needs this education. All fees have been waived.

Park Board will have their next meeting on July 2, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**MAYOR UPDATE:**


Mayor Nelson stated he would have a statement regarding when the Yellowstone County DMV office will open back up again for both the City's website and Facebook page.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

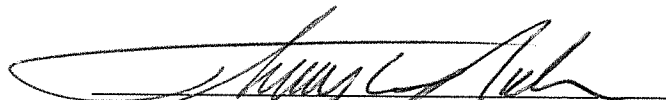
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Stokes 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

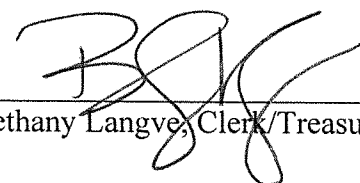
There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer