

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JULY 14, 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 6:30 p.m. on July 14, 2020.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Emelie Eaton | Heidi Sparks |
| Bruce McGee | Richard Herr |
| Scot Stokes | |
| Richard Klose | Don Nelson |

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Irv Wilke

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 McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, 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:

- Judy Goldsby and Gavin Williams Reappointment Letters to the City/County Planning Board.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of June 2020 in the amount of \$224,169.97 and July 2020 in the amount of \$27,636.58.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/28/2020, totaling \$227,342.91.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. Council President Eaton asked that July 7, 2020, Budget/Finance Committee minutes be pulled.

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 23, 2020.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 7, 2020.
- Park Board Minutes of June 18, 2020.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of June 22, 2020.
- Library Board Minutes of May 12, 2020.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of June 15, 2020.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of John Bartham to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve the Mayor's appointment of John Bartham to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-34: A Resolution To Adopt An Official Schedule Of Fees And Charges For The City Of Laurel, Repealing All Previous Resolutions That Set Fees Or Charges That Conflict With The Schedule Attached Hereto Upon Its Effective Date.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R20-34, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-35: A Resolution Approving The Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And The Laurel Airport Authority, Said Agreement Relating To Fire Protection**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R20-35, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-36: A Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of The Lease Agreement With Laurel Chamber Of Commerce For The Laurel Chamber Building For An Additional Five Year Term.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R20-36, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-37: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With True North Contracting For Asphalt And Concrete Replacement Work Related To The Construction On The 5th Avenue Railroad Crossing Within The City Of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R20-37, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-38: A Resolution To Approve Property Owners' Request To File A Petition To Annex Their Property Located At 810 West 7th Street To The City Of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R20-34, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-39: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Award Of Grants From The Tax Increment Financing District Funds Pursuant To The Lura Small Grant Request Program For Eligible Applicants And Improvements.**
- **Items Removed From the Consent Agenda**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R20-39, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 7, 2020, will be on the next Council agenda.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council requested discussion at the next Workshop regarding areas of town that seem to have issues with traffic. In particular, Eleanor Roosevelt between Fir and Cottonwood as well as uncontrolled intersections.

Council noted today on various Laurel Community groups on Facebook there were comments concerning City water having a tinge to it. There were comments about Staff flushing hydrants. It was asked if things like this could be put on the City's Facebook page and website to help communicate with residents. It was questioned which came first the brown water or the flushing of the hydrants. It was clarified that when the power shut off it caused a water hammer within the system. This knocked mineral deposits off of the pipes. The flushing of the hydrants was to assist in flushing of the minerals.

Council stated prior to the 4th of July, both the Fire Association and Chamber gave a brief overview of the plans for the 4th. It was requested if the School Superintendent could be invited to do the same with what school will look like this fall.

Council noted the work has begun at Riverside Park. They commented it was great to see the work get started down there.

A Council Member asked what the Council could do to help the City from needing to potentially lay off City Employees.

Council congratulated Council Member Klose on receiving an award for recognition of his volunteerism.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Nelson stated that he had planned on addressing the water issue in which Council had already brought up.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

- Appointments of Courtney Hallock, Lance Dollarhide, and Lyndy Gurchiek to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance.

Mayor Nelson stated that the sooner these three appointments were brought forward, the sooner they can be put to work. The Department is looking forward to adding these folks to their volunteer roster.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointments of Courtney Hallock, Lance Dollarhide, and Lyndy Gurchiek to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance, seconded by Council Member Klose.

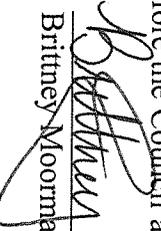
Mandi Crable, with the Laurel Ambulance Service, was present to give a brief overview of the three appointees. Both Lyndy and Lance are phenomenal paramedics. They will assist in being able to provide a higher level of care if needed and not need to rendezvous with AMR to transport the patient. Courtney is a new EMT but is a pre-med student and will be a great asset to the team.

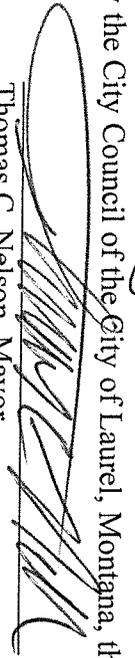
There was no council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Stokes 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 6:59 p.m.

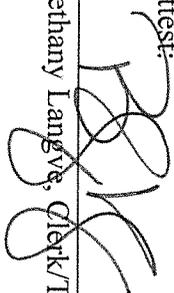

Britney Moorman, Administrative Assistant


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 28th day of July 2020.



Attest:


Bethany Langye, Clerk/Treasurer

