

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

DECEMBER 23, 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 December 23, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Richard Herr
 Irv Wilke
 Richard Klose Bill Mountsier

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 Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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:

- Chamber of Commerce minutes of November 14, 2019; Laurel Chamber of Commerce agenda of December 12, 2019.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$158,420.10.**
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 November 2019.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/15/2019 totaling \$184,329.28.**

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:

- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of November 26, 2019, were presented.
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of December 10, 2019, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of December 3, 2019, were presented.

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--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of November 18, 2019, were presented.

--Library Board minutes of September 10, 2019, were presented.

--Library Board minutes of October 8, 2019, were presented.

--Library Board minutes of November 12, 2019, were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of November 18, 2019, were presented.

--Tree Board minutes of October 16, 2019, were presented.

--Tree Board minutes of November 21, 2019, were presented.

--Cemetery Commission minutes of July 9, 2019, were presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
 - **Reappointment of Mike Kirshenmann to the Police Commission for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2022.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the reappointment of Mike Kirshennman to the Police Commission for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2022, seconded by Council Member Herr.

Mike Kirshenmann, 1112 Cherry Hills Drive, stated he was a Reserve Officer from 1988 to 2008. From 1992 to 2008, he was Captain and President of the Reserve program. The past six years he has been a Police Commissioner and Judge Kerr's bailiff for jury trials. As a Reserve Officer, before they changed the rules, did patrol the streets. He stated he knows most of them very well if not all of them. He stated he worked under Chief's Musson, Atkinson, and Crowe. He thanked Council for considering him for another term. He stated he enjoys what he does, loves what he does that this is his town, and wants to stay a part of it.

Council Member Mountsier thanked Mr. Kirshenmann for coming in. There are many times when Council votes on people and can't remember who they are or what they look like. He stated he did remember Mr. Kirshenmann and thanked him for his service.

Council Member Wilke echoed Council Member Mountsier's comment.

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.

- **Resolution No. R19-88: A Resolution Approving A Task Order Authorizing Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. For Services Relating To The City Of Laurel's 2020 Pavement Maintenance Project.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R19-88, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment.

Council Member Herr questioned what the cost for this Task Order. It was clarified the amount was in the resolution of \$82,000.

A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-89: A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 To Task Order Authorizing Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. For Work Relating To The City's East Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-89, 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.

- **Resolution No. R19-90: Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Beartooth RC&D Economic Development District.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R19-90, 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:

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

Council Member Mountsier stated he has enjoyed being on Council these past few years.

Council Member Sparks stated that 2019 was a pretty good year, she is looking forward to what 2020 has to bring.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Nelson stated that 2019 had been a busy year, 2020 is looking like it will be a busy year as well. Staff is working on some updates to various ordinances. Those will be coming forward soon.

Mayor Nelson stated that there would be a special Council meeting on January 7th. The first Tuesday is a Workshop now; those newly elected will need to be sworn in. The special Council meeting will be at 6:30 with the Workshop to immediately follow.

Mayor Nelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

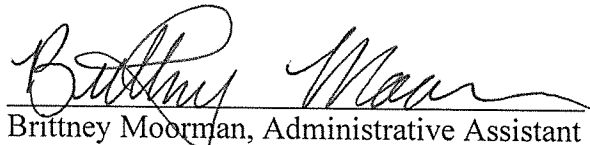
Council Member Herr stated last week Beartooth RC&D talked to Council about grants. Would like updates on how this is going. Mayor Nelson stated there would be updates on West Railroad and the extension of services out to the exchange.

Council Member Herr stated he drove out towards the new exchange, and it is approximately ¾ of the way paved. It will be something new and good for the City.

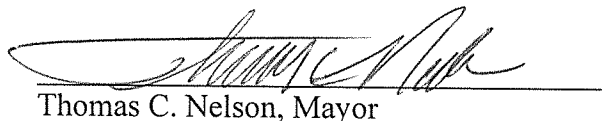
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Mountsier 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. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

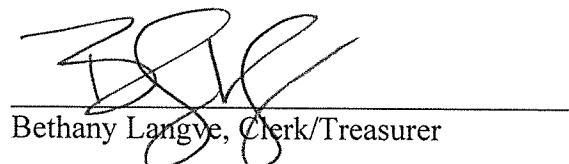
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 14th day of January 2020.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer