

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JANUARY 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 6:32 p.m. on January 14, 2020.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Richard Klose Irv Wilke
 Don Nelson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Scot Stokes

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Karen Courtney, Code Enforcement Officer

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 December 23, 2019, 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:

- **Billings Swim Center Correspondence.**
- **Laurel Airport Authority Minutes 10/22/2019.**

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$181,496.55.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/29/2019, totaling \$198,253.41.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Council Workshop minutes of December 3, 2019, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of December 17, 2019, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of January 7, 2020, were presented.

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 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 December 23, 2019, were presented.
- Emergency Services Committee minutes of September 23, 2019, were presented.

--Safety Committee minutes of July 16, 2019, were presented.

--Park Board minutes of December 5, 2019, were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of December 11, 2019, were presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Nomination and Voting of Council President and Vice President.**

Mayor Nelson asked if there any nominations for Council President.

Motion by Council Member Wilke to nominate Emelie Eaton for Council President, seconded by Council Member McGee.

Motion by Council Member Herr to nominate Heidi Sparks for Council President, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any other nominations. Council was asked to cast their vote via silent ballot. Ballots were collected and read aloud by Mayor Nelson. The results are as follows: Council Member Eaton received four votes, Council Member Sparks received three votes, see attached ballots. Council Member Eaton will be Council President for the next two years at a vote of 4 to 3.

Mayor Nelson asked if there are nominations for Council Vice President.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to nominate Bruce McGee as Council Vice President, seconded by Council Member Klose.

Motion by Council Member Herr to nominate Heidi Sparks as Council Vice President, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any other nominations. Council was asked to cast their vote via silent ballot. Ballots were collected and read aloud by Mayor Nelson. The results were as follows: Council Member McGee received four votes, Council Member Sparks received three votes, see attached ballots. Council Member McGee will be Council Vice President for the next two years at a vote of 4 to 3.

- **Appointment of Thomas Scott, Brenton Dorsey, Sonja Jones, Dixie Childers, Dylan Benton, and Kaity Butler. to the Laurel Police Reserves.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Scott, Brenton Dorsey, Sonja Jones, Dixie Childers, Dylan Benton, and Kaity Butler to the Laurel Police Reserves, 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 Levi Vandersloot as Interim Ambulance Director.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Levi Vandersloot as Interim Ambulance Director, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O20-01: An Ordinance Amending Certain Chapters Of Title 14 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The Adoption And Enforcement Of Building Codes For The City Of Laurel As Required By The State Of Montana. (First Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to adopt Ordinance No. O20-01, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on

the motion. Council Members Spark, Herr, Wilke, Nelson, Klose, McGee, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R20-01: A Resolution Adopting An Amendment To The Personnel Policy Manual For The City Of Laurel Requiring Pre-employment Background and Driving Records Checks For Potential Employees And Annual Driving Record Checks For City Employees.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R20-01, 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. R20-02: A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Contract For The City's Prosecutor Duties Between The City Of Laurel And Thompson Painter Law, PC.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R20-02, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

It was requested there be a discussion on the progress on planning improvements for West Railroad Street. Mayor Nelson stated this would be on the next Workshop.

Public Works Committee will not meet on Monday, January 20, 2020, due to the holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day). The meeting has been moved to the following Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Conference Room.

Emergency Services will meet on January 27, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Those interested in attending the next Beartooth RC&D meeting it will be this Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 1:00 P.M. in the Yellowstone County Commissioners room.

LARC is having its public information meeting on January 20, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. at the Vue and Brew.

When Beartooth RC&D was here last month, they mentioned the Detention Center in Carbon County. There will be a public meeting in Joliet on the 29th at their Community Center.

Council thanked the Code Enforcement Officer for her work on the ordinance presented this evening.

MAYOR UPDATES:

- Committee Assignments

Mayor Nelson stated new committee assignments would be emailed out with phone numbers like they were before.

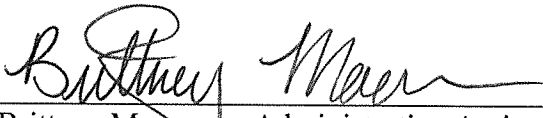
Mayor Nelson echoed the announcement regarding LARC's informational meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

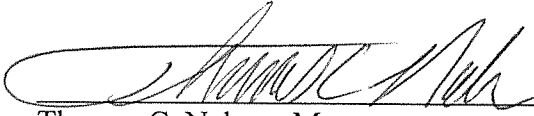
Motion by Council Member Nelson to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



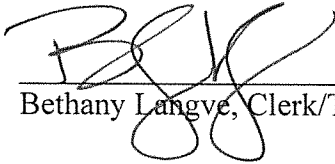
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

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



Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:



Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

