

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

(Revised)

FEBRUARY 25, 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 February 25, 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: Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

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 February 11, 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:

- Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda for February 13, 2020; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Minutes of January 9, 2020.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$38,688.29.**
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 January 2020.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 2/9/2020 totaling \$199,117.60.**

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 February 11, 2020, were presented.
- Tree Board Minutes of January 16, 2020, were presented.
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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Taryn Massa, 304 Cedar Avenue #3, stated she was here tonight to advocate for the Ambulance mill levy to be put before Council for a June 2nd vote.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Mayor's re-appointment of Linda Frickel to the LURA Advisory Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Linda Frickel to the LURA Advisory Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 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 Nicole Leverenz to the Laurel Ambulance Service**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Nicole Leverenz to the Laurel Ambulance Service, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-08: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Submission Of An Application To The Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R20-08, 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:

Council Member Sparks requested that her request to be absent more than ten days is on the next Workshop.

Council Member Wilke stated he would be absent March 3rd as he will be teaching hunters education that night.

Emergency Services Committee removed a member due to a lack of attendance. It will be in the minutes and should trigger the Mayor's appointment of a new individual to that committee.

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MAYOR UPDATES:

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UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

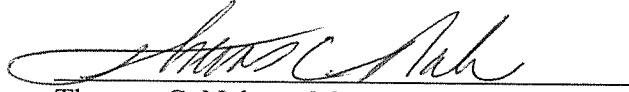
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Herr 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.

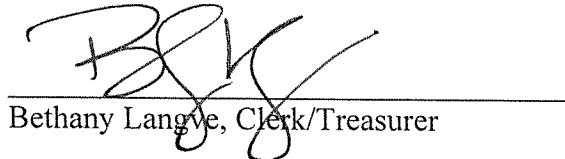
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Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 10th day of March 2020.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


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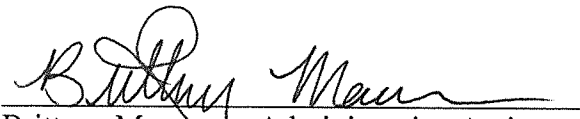
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