

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

AUGUST 10, 2021

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 August 10, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce McGee	Heidi Sparks
Scot Stokes	Richard Herr
Richard Klose	Irv Wilke

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton	Don Nelson
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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 July 27, 2021, 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:

- Letter from Taryn Massa resigning from the Emergency Services Committee.

Mayor Nelson declared a vacancy on Emergency Services Committee.

- Police Department Monthly Report – July 2021.
- Building Department Monthly Report – July 2021.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through August 6, 2021.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 7/25/2021 totaling \$168,706.35.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of July 6, 2021.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Stokes. 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:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 27, 2021.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R21-66: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Change Order #1 To The Contract Between The City Of Laurel And Hardrives Construction Authorizing Additional Work And Additional Costs For The 2021 Pavement Maintenance Project.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-66, 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.

- **Resolution No. R21-67: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Change Order #2 To The Contract Between The City Of Laurel And Hardrives Construction Authorizing Additional Work And Additional Costs For The 2021 Pavement Maintenance Project.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R21-67, 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.

- **Resolution No. R21-68: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Change Order #3 To The Contract Between The City Of Laurel And Hardrives Construction Authorizing Additional Work And Additional Costs For The 2021 Pavement Maintenance Project.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R21-68, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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:

Public Works Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Nelson listed off the changes for Council meetings for the next few weeks. Those changes are as follows:

- August 17th Workshop has been combined with the August 24th City Council Meeting
- August 17th Training for Council
- August 23rd Special Workshop – Budget
- August 24th Combined City Council meeting
- August 30th Special Workshop – Budget
- September 7th Special City Council meeting following the regularly scheduled Workshop

Council Member McGee stated that Emergency Services Committee is scheduled on August 23rd. He was unsure if he would need to reschedule or cancel the meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R21-69: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. Relating To The Closure Of Riverside Park Due To The Pipeline Replacement Project.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R21-69, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Mayor Nelson stated \$13,500 is for the closure of the campground during their construction period. They are also paying \$3,000 for the removal of two trees. The hope is to spend these funds on a sign for the campground.

It was questioned where this money would go. If it would be put in the park budget or if it would go into the General Fund but still be spent in the Parks. It was clarified that these monies will be put in General Fund but spent within the Park.

It was questioned if Riverside Park is currently closed. It was clarified that the campground is closed, but citizens can still use other areas of the Park. Northwest Energy has a gas line that they need to run through the Park. The City is still working through negotiating those terms. That will be brought forward at another time. But when the work begins could close a portion of the Park.

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

- **Resolution No. R21-70: A Resolution Granting Project Telephone Company A Franchise Agreement With The City Of Laurel**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R21-70, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment.


Council questioned why this resolution was not on last week's Workshop. It was clarified that this franchise agreement is the same as others that have come before Council. The City Attorney has been working on this agreement.

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

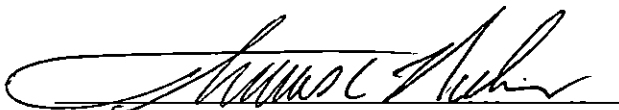
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wilke to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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.

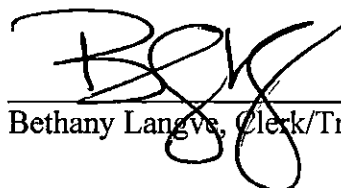
There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 24th day of August 2021.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langva, Clerk/Treasurer