

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

DECEMBER 10, 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 6:31 p.m. on December 10, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Scot Stokes Irv Wilke
 Richard Klose Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 November 26, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Ordinance No. O19-03: An Ordinance Amending The Laurel Municipal Code For The Purpose Of Changing City Park Hours Pursuant To 12.28.060.

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Ordinance No. O19-03: An Ordinance Amending The Laurel Municipal Code For The Purpose Of Changing City Park Hours Pursuant To 12.28.060.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Nelson asked three times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Nelson asked three times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Nelson asked Staff to respond to any relevant questions. There were none.

Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of November 2019 in the amount of \$708,014.26.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/1/2019 totaling \$236,171.58.**

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 eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--City-County Planning Board minutes of November 20, 2019, were presented.

It was questioned if the City-County Planning Board had enough members for a quorum. It was clarified that they do, but that there are still vacancies. The Mayor stated that he would have a list of vacancies at next week's Workshop.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R19-87: A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With The American Legion And Laurel Little League For Baseball Facilities As Described In The Lease Agreements.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R19-87, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Ordinance No. O19-03: An Ordinance Amending The Laurel Municipal Code For The Purpose Of Changing City Park Hours Pursuant To 12.28.060. 2nd reading.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to adopt Ordinance No. O19-03, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment.

It was clarified that when Riverside Park opens up for camping, it will have different hours. This item should not have to be brought up again to address those hours. These hours will only affect the park portion of the park.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Mountsier, Klose, Stokes, McGee, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Mayor Nelson stated that Rotary is hosting a blood drive on December 19, 2019. He will verify the times. If anyone is interested in donating, contact the Rotary Club for further info.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Eaton stated recently she spoke with two constituents. One asked if there will ever be an Animal Control Officer. She has been told that there will be a discussion with the Police Department for the 2020/2021 Budget. The second stated that the Personnel Manual needs to be updated and clarified as to who it applies too. She has been told that City Staff are working with MMIA on updating the Personnel Manual. This is a lengthy process but it is being done.

Council Member Klose stated the Cemetery Commission would be meeting on December 18th at 5:30.

Council Member Klose stated that this Saturday at the National Cemetery is the Wreaths Across America. There will be a ceremony and placing of the wreaths.

Council Member Klose stated that City Staff are working to place section markers at the Cemetery. These were rocks from the river that now have lettering with the section names.

Council Member Eaton stated the next Public Works Committee meeting will be December 16th at 6:00 p.m. There have been two additions to the agenda. If there are any other agenda items, get them to her by Thursday.

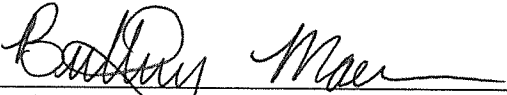
MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

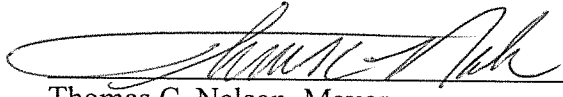
Motion by Council Member Herr to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

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



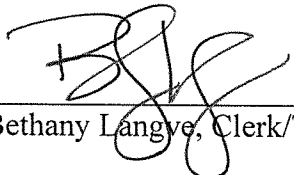
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 23rd day of December 2019.



Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:



Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer