

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JANUARY 28, 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 January 28, 2020.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks
	Richard Herr
Scot Stokes	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Don Nelson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce McGee

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 Klose to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 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:** None.

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 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.

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's 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.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment and asked that Staff present the item.

Karen Courtney, Code Enforcement Officer, stated the original Ordinance adopting the various building codes was passed in 2005, adopting the 2003 building codes. The referenced codes were updated by Administrative Order in 2015 to the 2012 building codes.

As of December 7, 2019, The State of Montana Building and Commercial Measurements Bureau adopted the new 2018 building codes with modifications. In accordance with the Administrative Rules of Montana, certified cities are required to adopt those codes within 90 days.

Due to the necessary changes to the language of the Chapters and the appendices that are being adopted, an amended Ordinance change rather than an Administrative Order was required. Therefore, we are requesting that the council approve to adopt the ordinance amending Title 14 of the Laurel Municipal Code.

Mayor Nelson stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

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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 January 2020 in the amount of \$82,242.44.**  
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 December 2019.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 1/12/2020 totaling \$197,101.50.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. Council President Eaton stated there was a separation of the Consent Agenda. The Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of December 2019 needed to be pulled from this agenda and would be on the February 11, 2020, Consent Agenda simply because they were not done.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the consent items as separated, 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.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

#### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

- Budget/Finance Committee minutes of January 14, 2020, were presented.
- Public Works Committee minutes of December 16, 2020, were presented.
- Tree Board minutes of December 19, 2020, were presented.
- Emergency Services Committee minutes of October 28, 2019, were presented.
- Safety Committee minutes of November 26, 2019, were presented.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of December 16, 2019, were presented

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

#### **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Appointment of Karl Dan Koch to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2021.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Karl Dan Koch to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2021, 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.

- **Mayor's Appointment Memo.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's Appointment Memo, see attached, 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.

- **Resolution No. R20-03: Resolution Calling A Public Hearing To Approve Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements In The Laurel Urban Renewal District As An Urban Renewal Project And To Finance The Project Through The Issuance Of Tax Increment Urban Renewal Bonds; And Making A Reimbursement Declaration In The Event That Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds Reimburse Original Expenditures Of The City**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R20-03, 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. R20-04: A Resolution Of The City Council Accepting An Easement From George M. Fox For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Maintaining, Replacing And Repairing A Sewer Line For Village Subdivision Within The Described Easement.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R20-04, 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.

- **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. (Second Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Klose to adopt Ordinance No. O20-01, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Nelson, Klose, Stokes, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of December 2019 have been moved to the February 11, 2020, Consent Agenda.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Public Works Committee has moved their February meeting to February 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. due to the holiday.

It was requested that the Council have a discussion about West Railroad on the next Workshop. Mayor Nelson stated that the discussion would be added to the next Workshop.

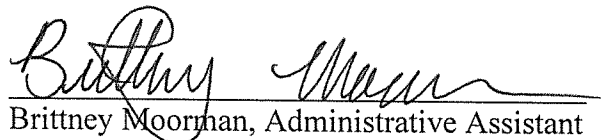
**MAYOR UPDATES:** None.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

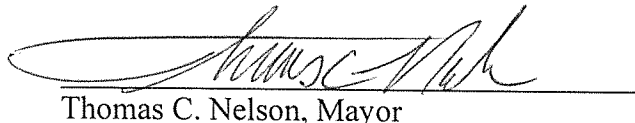
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Nelson 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.

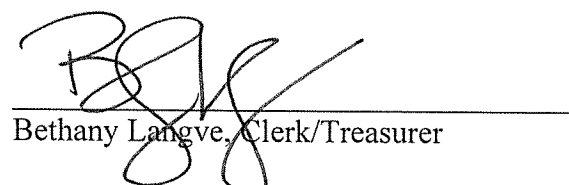
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer