

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JUNE 22, 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 6:31 p.m. on June 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Scot Stokes
 Richard Klose Don Nelson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Irv Wilke

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 May 25, 2021, as presented, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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:

- Fire Monthly Report – May 2021
- Ambulance Monthly Report – May 2021
- Police Monthly Report – May 2021
- Building Department Monthly Report – May 2021
- Re-appointment of Jonathan Klasna to the Laurel City/County Planning Board Letter.
- Laurel Airport Authority Minutes of May 4, 2021.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through June 18, 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 5/30/2021 totaling \$202,116.20.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/13/2021 totaling \$197,219.20.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of September 2021.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of October 2021.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of August 18, 2020.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of September 1, 2020.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of February 16, 2021.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of April 20, 2021.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of May 4, 2021.**

- **Council Workshop Minutes of May 18, 2021.**

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 Klose. 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 May 11, 2021.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of May 25, 2021.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 8, 2021.
- Tree Board Minutes of May 2, 2021.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of March 29, 2021.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of May 24, 2021.

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 6/30/2023.**

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 6/30/2021, 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.

- **Appointment of Roger Geise to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending 6/30/2023.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Council's appointment of Roger Geise to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending 6/30/2023, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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 Richard Klose to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending 6/30/2023.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Klose to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending 6/30/2023, 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.

- **Appointment of David Gauslow to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending 6/30/2023.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of David Gauslow to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending 6/30/2023, 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 Jim Irwin to the Emergency Services Committee.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jim Irwin to the Emergency Services Committee, 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.

- **Appointment of Kate Manley to the Library Board for a five-year term ending 6/30/2026.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kate Manley to the Library Board for a five-year term ending 6/30/2026, 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 Paul Kober to the Park Board for the remainder of a four-year term ending 12/31/2022.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paul Kober to the Park Board for the remainder of a four-year term ending 12/31/2022, 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.

- **Appointment of Walter Widdis to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2024.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Walter Widdis to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2024, 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.

- **Appointment of Paul Kober to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2024.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paul Kober to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2024, 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. R21-48: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With Green Technology Solutions To Provide Electronics Recycling Drop Off Bins And Related Services At The City's Container Site.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R21-48, 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:

A Council Member stated he had been contacted about a letter someone had sent into Council. It was clarified that letter was read into the record at the last Workshop. It will be discussed at the next Workshop on July 6, 2021.

Council wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Emergency Services Committee will meet Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Nelson listed off the Board vacancies that still need to be filled. They are:

- Laurel Airport Authority (5-year term ending 6/30/2026)
- City/County Planning Board – City (2-year term ending 6/30/2023)
- City/County Planning Board – YCCDR (2-year term ending 6/30/2023)
- Cemetery Commission (2-year term ending 6/30/2022)
- Cemetery Commission (2-year term ending 6/30/2023)
- Public Works Committee (No Term)
- Tree Board (3-year term ending 6/30/2022)

Mayor Nelson reminded Council that June is a 5 Tuesday month. There will be no Council meeting on June 29, 2021.

Mayor Nelson reminded Council if they turn on the AC for any of their Board/Commission/Committee meetings to be sure to turn it off before they leave.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

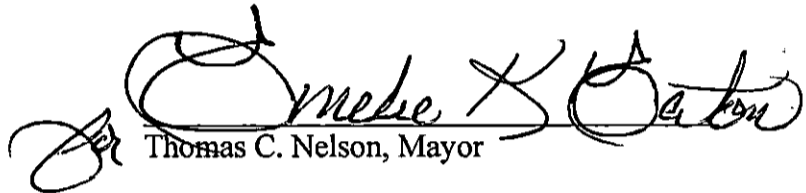
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton 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 6:58 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 13th day of July 2021.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

