

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

APRIL 2, 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 6:32 p.m. on April 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: Nick Altonaga, City Planner

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 March 19, 2019, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$1,278,587.90.**
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 February 2019.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 3/24/2019 totaling \$196,204.03.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of March 19, 2019, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of March 26, 2019, were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of December 17, 2018, were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of March 18, 2019, were presented.
 - City-County Planning Board minutes of March 7, 2019 were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of March 18, 2019, were presented.

The mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. The Approval of the Payroll register for PPE 3/24/2019 totaling \$196,204.03 was removed from the consent agenda.

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to bring R19-07 to the table at the end of Scheduled Matters, seconded by Council Member McGee.

The developer asked that Council postpone voting on this item. He stated that he had run into legal issues that he needed to address prior to the Council's vote. It was clarified that this item had been added to the end of Scheduled Matters at that time Council can address the request.

There was no council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
 - **Laurel Police Department: Ryan Sedgwick**
 - **Swearing-in Ceremony**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ryan Sedgwick to the Laurel Police Department, 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.

Chief Langve introduced Ryan Sedgwick to the Council. Ryan received his B. S. in Criminal Justice from MSUB in December 2017. This past year he has worked security at Billings Clinic, within that year he was promoted to Shift Supervisor and Field Training Officer. Ryan has served on the Laurel Police Reserves since 2016. He served two years as Vice President and one year as President.

Judge Kerr performed the swearing-in ceremony for Ryan Sedgwick.

Chief Langve and Council Member McGee read the Criminal Justice Code of Ethics with Ryan.

Chief Langve presented Ryan with the LPD color brass. Ryan requested his father pin his badge.

- **Resolution No. R19-10: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With The Billings Family YMCA For The Operation And Management Of The City Of Laurel Municipal Pool.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R19-10, 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.

- **Resolution No. R19-11: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Property Owner At 519 5th Avenue To Utilize The Boulevard Adjacent To The Property For Storage Of Materials Until The Weather Allows The Owner's Project To Proceed.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R19-11, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to amend Resolution No. R19-11 to include the deadline of May 15th, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R19-07:**

Motion by Council Member McGee to table Resolution No. R19-07 as requested by the developer, seconded by Council Member Irv. There was no public comment.

Council asked that this matter is brought back to the next Workshop until it is ready to move forward.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

It was questioned if the ordinance discussed at last week's Workshop was ready to be brought back. It was clarified that the item would be brought back to the next Council meeting.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 3/24/2019 totaling \$196,204.03.

This item was removed because the total was incorrect. The total should have been \$196,329.67. There were four different payrolls one of which was retro pay for police uniforms. The wrong amount was entered.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Payroll Register for PPE 3/24/2019 as amended, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

A Council Member stated that the City is on the right track to accept money instead of land for parkland. It has been stated at Park Board that the City has enough parkland to maintain. The example of the parkland donated for the Ironhorse Station subdivision was given. Need to have this discussion as the City moves forward.

Park Board meeting Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 5:30 pm in Council Conference Room.

Public Works Committee meeting Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 6:00 pm in Council Conference Room.

MAYOR UPDATES:


May 4th is the City Clean Up day. The Public Works Director will give a report of the amount of refuse was hauled. Each year this amount is less than the previous year.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wilke 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.

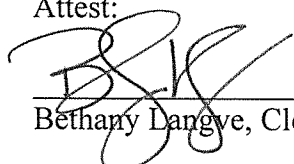
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 16th day of April 2019.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer