

**Minutes of City of Laurel  
Budget/Finance Committee  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

**Members Present:**      **Emelie Eaton**                      **Richard Klose**  
                                 **Scot Stokes**

**Others Present:**      **Mayor Nelson**                      **Bethany Langve**  
                                 **Heidi Sparks**

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Eaton at 5:40 pm.

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**General Items**

- Review and approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting. Richard Klose made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Heidi Sparks seconded the motion to approve the November 12, 2019 Budget and Finance Committee meeting minutes, all in favor, motion passed.
- Review and approve purchase requisitions – There were none presented.
- Review and approve the October Journal Vouchers. The Committee briefly reviewed the October Journal Vouchers and had no comments or questions. Emelie Eaton made a motion to approve the October Journal Vouchers. Heidi Sparks seconded the motion to approve the October Journal Vouchers, all in favor, motion passed.
- Review and approve the October 2019 Financial Statements. The Clerk/Treasurer briefly went over the October 2019 Financial Statements. The Committee had no questions or comments. Richard Klose made a motion to approve the October 2019 Financial Statements. Scot Stokes seconded the motion to approve the October 2019 Financial Statements, all in favor, motion passed.
- Review and recommend approval to Council Claims entered through 11/22/19. Scot Stokes had previously reviewed the Claims Detail report and the check register for accuracy. There were no questions regarding the claims. Scot Stokes made a motion to recommend approval to Council the claims entered through 11/22/19, Richard Klose seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

- Review and approve Payroll Register for pay period ending 11/03/19 totaling \$192,474.58. The two-page summary was reviewed, signed and dated. Heidi Sparks made a motion to approve the Payroll Register for the pay period ending 11/03/19 totaling \$192,474.58, Emelie Eaton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

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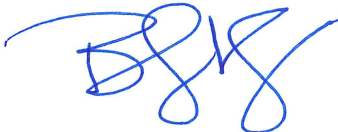
**Other Items**

- Review the Comp/Overtime report for pay period ending 11/03/2019. The Committee reviewed the comp/overtime report for pay period ending 11/03/2019 and had no questions or comments.
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**Announcements** –

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