

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

DECEMBER 18, 2018

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 6:36 p.m. on December 18, 2018.

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:           Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer  
                                                  Officer Husener  
                                                  Officer Booth  
                                                  Officer Anglin  
                                                  Officer Sauter  
                                                  Officer Pitts  
                                                  Captain Langve  
                                                  Susan Canape, Dispatcher  
                                                  Jessica McCartney, Dispatcher

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 December 4, 2018, 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:

- Laurel Chamber of Commerce minutes of November 8, 2018; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda of December 13, 2018.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of November 2018 in the amount of \$204,637.91.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/2/2018 totaling \$182,271.68.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
  - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of December 4, 2018, were presented.
  - Council Workshop minutes of November 13, 2018, were presented.
  - Council Workshop minutes of November 27, 2018, were presented.
  - Council Workshop minutes of December 11, 2018, were presented.
  - Park Board minutes of November 1, 2018, were presented.

- Park Board minutes of December 6, 2018, were presented.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of November 19, 2018, were presented.
- Library Board minutes of November 13, 2018, were presented.
- Library Board minutes of December 11, 2018, were presented.
- Cemetery Commission minutes of July 10, 2018, were presented.
- Cemetery Commission minutes of August 14, 2018, were presented.
- Cemetery Commission minutes of November 13, 2018, were presented.
- Tree Board minutes of November 29, 2018, were presented.

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 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):**

David Newton, 1310 East Maryland Lane, spoke his concerns regarding traffic control on the east side of town. He gave examples of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Alder, East 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Alder, and East 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Cottonwood. He asked that the City consider placing stop signs at these locations. He also stated his concern with there being no sidewalk on East Maryland for pedestrians to walk on.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
  - Appointment of Stanley J. Langve as Chief of the Laurel Police Department.

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's appointment of Stanley J. Langve as Chief of the Laurel Police Department, 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.

Mayor Nelson stated that typically the Current Police Chief would be performing this ceremony and pass the baton onto their predecessor, however former Police Chief Musson has already retired. Mayor Nelson asked that former Police Chief Musson and former Police Captain Guy do the brass pinnings.

Judge Kerr swore in the newly appointed Chief Langve.

Former Police Chief Musson spoke briefly regarding the newly appointed Police Chief Langve. Former Police Captain Guy assisted in the pinning of the collar brass.

Police Chief Langve requested his wife do the honor of pinning his badge.

- Appointment of Tristen Willis to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance.

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tristen Willis to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance, 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. R18-85: A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Release of Funds from the Tax Increment Financing District Fund for Façade Improvements for the Properties located at 101 West Railroad Street, Laurel Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-85, 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.

- **Resolution No. R18-86: A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Release of Funds from the Tax Increment Financing District Fund for Façade Improvements for the Properties located at 217-221 West Main Street, Laurel Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-86, 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. R18-87: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Agreements with Centron Services, Inc. D/B/A Credit Systems For Collection Services for the Laurel Ambulance.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-87, 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.

- **Resolution No. R18-88: A Resolution Declaring Certain Items of the City as Surplus Available for Sale or Trade to the Public or Other City Vendors for New Equipment.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R18-88, 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.

- **Resolution No. R18-89: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Beartooth RC&D Economic Development District.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R18-89, 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.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

It was brought up at the most recent Public Works Committee meeting that some citizens have expressed interest in protesting their taxes due to the condition of the streets. It was cautioned that by doing so, may be counter-intuitive. The City does the best it can with the resources it has and cannot do any more without funding from taxes.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** None.

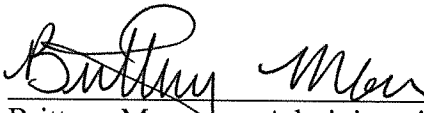
**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:**

Mayor Nelson stated due to the only agenda item being an appointment he has canceled the December 26<sup>th</sup> Workshop. Council will meet next on January 2, 2019.


**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 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 7:10 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019.



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Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:



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Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer