

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 7, 2014

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 Ken Olson at 6:30 p.m. on January 7, 2014.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:           Emelie Eaton                   Doug Poehls  
  Bruce McGee                   Mark Mace  
  Scot Stokes                   Chuck Dickerson  
  Tom Nelson                   Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:           None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:               None

Mayor Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Olson asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

## **SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Mayor Olson performed the swearing in ceremony for Jean Kerr, newly-elected City Judge.

Mayor Olson performed the swearing in ceremony for Mark Mace, newly-elected City Mayor.

Mayor Olson performed the swearing in ceremony for Doug Poehls, Chuck Dickerson, Bill Mountsier, Tom Nelson, and Bruce McGee, newly-elected Aldermen.

There was applause and pictures were taken.

Mayor Olson handed the gavel to Mayor Mace, who led the remainder of the council meeting.

## **MINUTES:**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2013, as presented, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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:**

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of November 21, 2013; Agenda for December 19, 2013.

## **PUBLIC HEARING.**

## **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims for the month of December 2013 in the amount of \$2,193,134.59.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/22/2013 totaling \$168,443.75.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
  - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of December 17, 2013 were presented.
  - City-County Planning Board minutes of December 2, 2013 were presented.
  - Council Workshop minutes of December 30, 2013 were presented.

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--Tree Board minutes of September 19, 2013 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 Dickerson. 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:** None.

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

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Big Sky EDA Board:

Mayor Mace appointed Heidi Jensen to the Big Sky EDA Board, Ex Officio Member, for a five-year term ending December 31, 2018.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Heidi Jensen to the Big Sky EDA Board, Ex Officio Member, for a five-year term ending December 31, 2018, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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.

- **Elect Council President**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to open nominations for the position of Council President and to nominate Doug Poehls for Council President, seconded by Council Member Nelson.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to nominate Tom Nelson for Council President, seconded by Council Member McGee.

Mayor Mace asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Motion by Council Member Poehls that nominations cease, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

A ballot vote was cast for the nominations for Council President. Council Member Poehls received four votes and Council Member Nelson received three votes. Council Member Poehls was elected as the Council President.

- **Elect Council Vice-President**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to nominate Emelie Eaton for Council Vice-President, seconded by Council Member Stokes.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to nominate Tom Nelson for Council Vice-President, seconded by Council Member Dickerson.

Mayor Mace asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Motion by Council Member Poehls that nominations cease, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

A ballot vote was cast for the nominations for Council Vice-President. Council Member Nelson received six votes and Council Member Eaton received one vote. Council Member Nelson was elected as the Council Vice-President.

- **Resolution No. R14-01: A resolution of the City Council approving a change order to the City's contract with Wilson Brothers Construction Inc. for additional work and compensation required for the Laurel Riverside Bank Stabilization Project.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R14-01, seconded by Council Member Nelson. 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. R14-02: A resolution of the City Council creating a position called the Planning Director and adopting a job description for such position.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R14-02, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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):**

Ken Olson, 814 Fifth Avenue, thanked Mayor Mace and the City Council for the retirement reception on December 30<sup>th</sup>. He appreciated the thought that went into the parting gifts, the opportunity to serve the City of Laurel, and the opportunity to serve with each of the Council members. He wished everyone the best of luck in all future endeavors. He stated that the thing that binds everyone together is doing what is best for the citizens of Laurel.

Mayor Mace thanked Mr. Olson. Mayor Mace stated that the amount of time he spent in Laurel was well served and it is good to see how people step up and serve the community.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

- Review of Monthly Reports: Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Code Enforcement: None.

Council Member Poehls wished everyone a happy new year. He stated that it was nice working with everyone in the past and he looks forward to making things happen in the City of Laurel in the future.

Council Member Dickerson wished a happy new year to everyone. He looks forward to working together to make things happen for the City of Laurel.

Council Member Mountsier wished everyone a happy new year. He stated that the council would support Mayor Mace as well as they supported Mayor Olson, and he looks forward to helping Mayor Mace in any way he can.

Council Member Nelson wished everybody a healthy and prosperous new year. He mentioned that the Cemetery Commission is scheduled to meet on January 16<sup>th</sup> and the agenda will be posted soon.

Council Member Stokes wished everybody a happy new year.

Council Member McGee wished everyone a wonderful and prosperous new year and he looks forward to the council tackling things for the city's benefit as a group under Mayor Mace's leadership.

Council Member Eaton distributed a list of four discussion items for next week's council workshop.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Stokes 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 6:56 p.m.

Cindy Allen  
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

Mark A. Mace  
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Ewan  
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer

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