

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 21, 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 Mark Mace at 6:30 p.m. on January 21, 2014.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:           Emelie Eaton           Doug Poehls  
  Bruce McGee           Vacant seat  
  Chuck Dickerson  
  Tom Nelson           Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:           Scot Stokes

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:           None

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

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

## MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2014, as presented, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Montana Department of Revenue: Application for Issuance of one Original (NEW) Montana Retail On-Premises Consumption Restaurant Beer and Wine License for Beartooth Grill.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2013.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of December 2013.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 01/05/2014 totaling \$187,890.10.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of January 7, 2014 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of January 9, 2014 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of January 14, 2014 were presented.

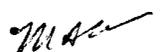
--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of December 16, 2013 were presented.

The mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.



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

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Police Reserves:

Mayor Mace appointed Darci Waldo, DJ Sheffler, Justin Bickford, Jarred Anglin, Gerald Seth Scheller and Nick Spadt to the Laurel Police Reserves.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointments of Darci Waldo, DJ Sheffler, Justin Bickford, Jarred Anglin, Gerald Seth Scheller and Nick Spadt to the Laurel Police Reserves, seconded by Council Member Nelson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service:

Mayor Mace appointed Joe Lowther, Alana Badgett, Karissa Sundeen and Elliott Grayson to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's appointments of Joe Lowther, Alana Badgett, Karissa Sundeen and Elliott Grayson to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council Member Poehls stated that the Emergency Services Committee will meet on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers. The agenda will be sent out soon.

Council Member Poehls stated that the changes in the committee list will be done after the Ward 2 council vacancy is filled on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Mountsier expressed thanks for the clerk/treasurer's help to cash some city checks recently. He appreciated her attention to the matter.

Council Member Nelson is still waiting for word on the work that needs to be done in the buildings in the park in order for the Rifle Club's lease to go forward.

Council Member Nelson mentioned that the Cemetery Commission met last week and the minutes should be distributed soon. The Cemetery Commission is prioritizing the projects that need to be done in the next few years and working with the staff to get cost estimates in order to present the projects to the council and secure funding.

Mayor Mace stated that he missed the Cemetery Commission meeting, as he attended the Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting that night.

Council Member McGee asked if the quiet ordinance was on the next agenda for the Emergency Services Committee.

Council Member Poehls added the quiet ordinance to the next Emergency Services Committee agenda.

Council Member McGee asked for an update on the annexation on Main Street between Alder and Locust. He stated that the city planner gave him an update not too long ago that it was manageable, but it has not been accomplished and he would like to push it along. Council Member McGee stated that another section of town needs to be discussed after that.

Council Member Eaton asked for copies of the information and minutes regarding the last decision about the skate park issue. She would like to get that in the council minutes so the public can understand that it was discussed and a decision was made.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:**

Mayor Mace stated that the Local Government Center in Bozeman is trying to set up a goal setting session with the council. He stated the importance of looking at the council's goals, including goals that were previously set that have not been reached or completed, and new goals that the council would like to see. The Local Government Center has suggested Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, for the goal setting session. Mayor Mace asked the council how that date would work.

Council Members Poehls, Dickerson, Nelson, McGee and Eaton agreed that it would work. Council Member Mountsier said that March 1<sup>st</sup> would not work for him. Mayor Mace mentioned that he spoke with Council Member Stokes about it today and he plans to attend. The session would be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

Mayor Mace asked the council to write down the goals for discussion at that meeting. The information from the session will be provided to any council members that cannot attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

Mark A. Mace  
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Ewan  
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer