

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

August 19, 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 August, 2014.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doug Poehls
Richard Herr
Chuck Dickerson Scot Stokes
Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton
Bruce McGee
Tom Nelson

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 Poehls to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 5, 2014, as presented, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Montana Department of Transportation: Letter of July 31, 2014, regarding 2014-2018 Final Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of July 24, 2014; Agenda for August 14, 2014.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Resolution No. R14-48: Resolution relating to Special Improvement District No. 114; Preliminary levy of special assessments for maintenance costs on property within the District for the purpose of paying the costs of maintaining certain local improvements.

Mayor Mace stated that this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Resolution No. R14-48.

Mayor Mace opened the public hearing.

Mayor Mace stated that this is a levy of special assessments for maintenance costs within the district, which is in Elena Subdivision. The resolution of intent for the \$6,500 total amount was approved by the council on August 5th. Per state statute, the actual resolution must be adopted by the first Monday in September. A notification of the 2014-2015 assessment for \$69.15 per lot was mailed to all property owners.

Mayor Mace opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Mace asked three times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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Mayor Mace closed the public hearing.

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CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2014.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 08/03/2014 totaling \$185,345.39.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of August 5, 2014 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of July 31, 2014 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of August 12, 2014 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 Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service:

Mayor Mace appointed Dan Hungerford to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dan Hungerford to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Riley Hutchens introduced Dan Hungerford to the council. Dan is new to the emergency medical field, is currently a federal law enforcement officer and wants to join the ambulance crew.

Mayor Mace welcomed him.

- **Resolution No. R14-49: Resolution relating to Special Improvement District No. 114; Final levy of special assessments for maintenance costs on property within the District for the purpose of paying the costs of maintaining certain local improvements.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R14-49, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R14-50: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Beartooth Resource, Conservation, and Development Area, Inc. for providing economic assistance to complete the Tax Increment Finance District Strategic Master Plan.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R14-50, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R14-51: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel Middle School.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R14-51, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R14-52: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel High School.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R14-52, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R14-53: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) for street sweeping.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R14-53, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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, August 25th, at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Herr mentioned that a new refinery is being offered for the City of Billings. He asked if the city could get involved in trying to get the refinery in Laurel, as there is land available by the new overpass and a new refinery would encourage more business.

There was a brief discussion. Council Member Dickerson suggested that he contact Jerry Thomas, an economic developer.

Council Member Stokes asked regarding the city's sidewalk program and if another list of properties is ready to be done. An update will be given at the August 26th council workshop.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Dickerson 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 five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 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 2nd day of September, 2014.

Mark A. Mace
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Ewan
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer