

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 2, 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 December 2, 2014.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Scot Stokes

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer

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 November 18, 2014, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of November 2014 in the amount of \$780,948.83.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 11/13/2014 totaling \$167,472.99.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of November 18, 2014 were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of November 17, 2014 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of November 25, 2014 were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of October 20, 2014 were presented.
 - Laurel Public Library Board of Trustees minutes of June 10, 2014 were presented.
 - Laurel Public Library Board of Trustees minutes of July 8, 2014 were presented.
 - Laurel Public Library Board of Trustees 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 Eaton to approve the consent items 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.

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CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Irv Wilke, 1017 7th Avenue, apologized for not getting the Laurel Rod and Gun Club's Turkey Shoot request submitted in time to proceed with the event on December 14, 2014. He will submit another request to schedule Turkey Shoots in January, February and March of 2015.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
- **Resolution No. R14-85: A resolution of the City Council approving the revised and updated internal policies for the Laurel Police Department.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R14-85, 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.

- **Resolution No. R14-86: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with American Legion Baseball for the Laurel Dodgers Baseball's use of City owned property.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R14-86, seconded by Council Member Mountsier.

Zada Stamper, American Legion Baseball's representative, 523 Date Avenue, requested that the council change the lease amount to \$300 for the first year, \$600/year for the next two years, and \$900/year for the final two years of the agreement. The Legion would also like the city to reroof the concession stand this year. The Legion reroofed the small shed last year and the city provided the materials. Zada asked the council to consider the Legion's offer prior to passing the resolution.

A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Eaton, Poehls and Mountsier voted aye. Council Members Nelson, Dickerson, McGee, Mountsier and Herr voted nay. Motion failed 3-4.

Council Member Poehls asked for further discussion since the concession stand leaks and he is not satisfied with either requested amount on the lease.

Council Member Nelson believes that \$3,300 is not out of line for three years. He would like staff to review the city's cost of maintaining the fields and have further discussion at the next council workshop. The lease has to take into consideration what lessees are paying at Riverside Park and the Chamber building.

The lease will be discussed further at the December 9th council workshop.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Dickerson requested discussion at the next council workshop regarding the timeframe for submitting board, commission, and committee minutes. The council needs to have the minutes in a timely manner in case something needs action.

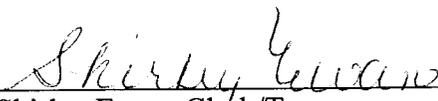
Council Member Easton stated that the Public Works Committee will meet on Monday unless there is nothing on the agenda. The committee members will be informed if the meeting is cancelled.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Dickerson 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 6:54 p.m.



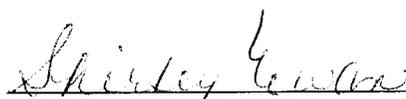
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 16th day of December, 2014.



Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer