

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 2, 2002

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 Chuck Rodgers at 7:00 p.m. on January 2, 2002.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Van Roekel
 Ken Olson Mark Mace
 Gay Easton Daniel Dart
 Bill Staudinger Bud Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Temple

Mayor Rodgers asked the council to observe a moment of silence in behalf of the family of Miranda Fenner.

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Alderman Staudinger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2001, as presented, seconded by Alderman Dart. Motion carried 7-0.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS:

Mayor Rodgers conducted the swearing in ceremony for the judge, mayor, and aldermen: Judge Jean Kerr; Mayor Bud Johnson; Doug Poehls, Ward 1; Ken Olson, Ward 2. He then handed over the gavel to Mayor Bud Johnson. Alderman Poehls took his seat on the council.

Mayor Johnson introduced several family members who attended the meeting: Jenny, his wife; Andrea and John, his children; Frieda and John Johnson, his parents; and his sister, Jill.

Alderman Olson introduced his wife, Peg.

Alderman Poehls' wife was unable to attend due to another scheduled meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Joe Burst: Letter of December 13, 2001 regarding Kiwanis International.
- b. Montana Municipal Insurance Authority: Memo of December 14, 2001 regarding safety training.
- c. CDBG ED Program Manager: Letter of December 17, 2001 regarding CDBG Program for Economic Development – Proposed Changes for the 2002 Program Year beginning April 1, 2002.
- d. Department of Veterans Affairs: December 2001 letter regarding HUBZone certification.
- e. Montana Department of Commerce: Letter of December 21, 2001 regarding Draft Application Guidelines for the Treasure State Endowment Program.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. **Claims for the month of December 2001 in the amount of \$470,982.97.**

A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

- b. **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of December 3, 2001 were presented.

--City Council Committee of the Whole minutes of December 18, 2001 were presented.

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

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Alderman Mace. Motion carried 6-0.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

Mayor Johnson changed the order of the scheduled matters on the agenda.

a. Elect Council President and Vice-President.

Council President:

Mayor Johnson called for nominations for council president.

Alderman Mace nominated Alderman Easton for council president.

Mayor Johnson asked three times if there were any further nominations. There were none.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Alderman Easton for council president. All six aldermen present voted aye.

Alderman Gay Easton is the council president.

Council Vice-President:

Mayor Johnson called for nominations for council vice-president.

Alderman Easton nominated Alderman Olson for council vice-president.

Mayor Johnson asked three times if there were any further nominations. There were none.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Alderman Olson for council vice-president. All six aldermen present voted aye.

Alderman Ken Olson is the council vice-president.

Mayor Johnson congratulated Alderman Easton and Alderman Olson.

b. Confirmation of Appointments.

Police Officer:

Mayor Johnson appointed Erin Popp as a police officer for the City of Laurel, with a one-year probationary period and pending completion of required testing.

Motion by Alderman Olson to approve the appointment of Erin Popp as a police officer for the City of Laurel, with a one-year probationary period and pending completion of required testing, seconded by Alderman Mace. Motion carried 6-0.

Appointments by Mayor Johnson:

Mayor Johnson appointed Alderman Olson as the Chairman of the Budget/Finance Committee.

Mayor Johnson appointed Aldermen Olson, Easton and Mace to the Executive Committee and the Personnel Committee.

Mayor Johnson informed the council that, due to his appointment as mayor, there is a vacant seat on the council. Alderman Easton is in charge of the process to fill the position. The position has been

advertised in the *Laurel Outlook*, and any interested persons should contact Alderman Easton. Interviews will be held and nominations will be presented at the next council meeting.

Mayor Johnson informed the council that his seat on the City-County Planning Board is now vacant as it was a council appointment for his term of office. In the past, the council has chosen one of its own members to fill the seat on the Planning Board.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 15th day of January, 2002.

John E. Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer