

Donna Kilpatrick announced that Cleanup Day in Laurel is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 27th. The headquarters will be located in the Thomson Park shelter and a roll-off container will be placed on Main Street to collect the bagged garbage. Donna invited everyone to participate.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:

a. Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week – April 28 through May 4, 2002.

Mayor Johnson read the following proclamation:

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, John E. Johnson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Laurel, do recognize the week of April 28 through May 4, 2002, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Mary Embleton, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

b. Proclamation: National Volunteer Week – April 21-27, 2002.

Mayor Johnson read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the foundation of a humane and just society is the people's willingness to work together for the common good; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, our city's volunteer force is an important part of the community; and

WHEREAS, self-sacrificing individuals mobilized to help others can stem the tide of poverty, hunger, homelessness, spouse and child abuse, emergency situations and other problems that afflict our society; and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, volunteering creates an opportunity to better oneself; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of all our citizens to honor our dedicated volunteers and celebrate the volunteer programs which contribute to the life of our communities throughout Yellowstone County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John E. Johnson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Laurel, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2002, as National Volunteer Week in Laurel, Montana, and urge my fellow citizens to observe this period by thanking those in our community who give generously of their time to help others and by considering how they can devote a portion of their lives each week to people in need, or an important cause or group.

c. Volunteer Award Presentation: Carolyn Boyd.

Mayor Johnson introduced Carolyn Boyd, and presented the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2001 to her. Alderman Ken Olson made the unique award. Mayor Johnson explained that the Laurel School Board and the City Council met in joint session a couple years ago. A joint resolution resulted from that meeting, and the Drug and Alcohol Task Force was established soon after. When the question of who should lead the task force was discussed, Carolyn Boyd was the only person suggested. Mayor Johnson also served on the task force. One of the positive impacts resulting from the task force was the school resource officer that was jointly funded by the school and the city.

Carolyn has been a driving force in the group to make such impacts. The audience and the council joined Mayor Johnson in applause for Carolyn’s service to the community.

Carolyn Boyd thanked Mayor Johnson for the award, and she thanked her friends for being there. Carolyn mentioned the importance of the task force’s work with the cooperation between the school district and the city.

Del Henman, the chairman of the school board, stated that working with Carolyn Boyd is phenomenal. He stated that the community would be much better if there were more people like Carolyn, and he thanked her.

Don Allen, the chairman of the Library Board in Billings, has worked with Carolyn for the last ten years. Carolyn has served on the Library Board for fourteen years, and her term expires in June. Mr. Allen stated that Carolyn is an outstanding volunteer, and he was glad to attend the meeting to support her.

Mayor Johnson congratulated Carolyn again, and he thanked all those who attended the presentation.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- a. **Confirmation of Appointments.**

None.

- b. **Ordinance No. O02-15:** Ordinance amending Chapter 3.04 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to annual financial statement. Second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-15

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.04 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

Motion by Alderman Mears to adopt Ordinance No. O02-15, seconded by Alderman Van Roekel. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- c. **Ordinance No. O02-16:** Ordinance amending Chapter 3.08 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to awarding contracts. Second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-16

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.08 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO AWARDING CONTRACTS.**

Motion by Alderman Mace to adopt Ordinance No. O02-16, seconded by Alderman Dart. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- d. **Ordinance No. O02-17:** Ordinance amending Chapter 5.12 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to beer wholesaler fee. Second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-17

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.12 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO BEER WHOLESALER FEE.**

Motion by Alderman Dart to adopt Ordinance No. O02-17, seconded by Alderman Oakes. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- e. **Ordinance No. O02-18:** Ordinance amending Chapter 5.16 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to gambling licenses. Second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-18

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.16 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE

RELATING TO GAMBLING LICENSES.

Motion by Alderman Oakes to adopt Ordinance No. O02-18, seconded by Alderman Mears. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- f. **Ordinance No. O02-19:** Ordinance amending Chapter 5.20 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to amusement license fees. Second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-19

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.20 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO AMUSEMENT LICENSE FEES.**

Motion by Alderman Mears to adopt Ordinance No. O02-19, seconded by Alderman Easton. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- g. **Ordinance No. O02-20:** Ordinance amending Chapter 5.40 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to taxicab license procedure. Second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-20

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.40 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO TAXICAB LICENSE PROCEDURE.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to adopt Ordinance No. O02-20, seconded by Alderman Van Roekel. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- h. **Ordinance No. O02-21:** Ordinance amending Chapter 5.44 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to license fee for transient merchant. Second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-21

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.44 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO LICENSE FEE FOR TRANSIENT MERCHANT.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to adopt Ordinance No. O02-21, seconded by Alderman Mace. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- i. **Ordinance No. O02-22:** Ordinance amending Chapter 6.04.040 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to animal waste. First reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-22

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04.040 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO ANIMAL WASTE.**

Motion by Alderman Van Roekel to adopt Ordinance No. O02-22, seconded by Alderman Oakes. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-22 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002.

- j. **Ordinance No. O02-23:** Ordinance amending Chapter 6.08.010 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to licensing requirements. First reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-23

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.08.010 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

Motion by Alderman Mears to adopt Ordinance No. O02-23, seconded by Alderman Van Roekel. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-23 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002.

- k. Ordinance No. O02-24:** Ordinance amending Chapter 9.04.010 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to resisting or obstructing public officer. First reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-24

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.04.010 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RESISTING OR OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC OFFICER.

Motion by Alderman Mace to adopt Ordinance No. O02-24, seconded by Alderman Dart. A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. O02-24. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-24 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002.

- l. Ordinance No. O02-25:** Ordinance amending Chapter 9.16.070 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to advertisements on public property prohibited – exceptions. First reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-25

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.16.070 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ADVERTISEMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY PROHIBITED – EXCEPTIONS.

Motion by Alderman Dart to adopt Ordinance No. O02-25, seconded by Alderman Oakes. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-25 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002.

- m. Ordinance No. O02-26:** Ordinance amending Chapter 9.20.010 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to loitering prohibited. First reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-26

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.20.010 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LOITERING PROHIBITED.

Motion by Alderman Oakes to adopt Ordinance No. O02-26, seconded by Alderman Mears. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-26 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002.

- n. Ordinance No. O02-27:** Ordinance amending Chapter 9.24.020 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to exceptions to provisions against carrying concealed weapons. First reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-27

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.24.020 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO PROVISIONS AGAINST CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

Motion by Alderman Mears to adopt Ordinance No. O02-27, seconded by Alderman Easton. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-27 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002.

- o. Ordinance No. O02-28:** Ordinance amending Chapter 9.24.050 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to exception to discharge regulations. First reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-28

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.24.050 OF THE LAUREL MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO EXCEPTION TO DISCHARGE REGULATIONS.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to adopt Ordinance No. O02-28, seconded by Alderman Van Roekel. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-28 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002.

- p.** Laurel City-County Planning Board recommendation to adopt the revisions to the Airport Zoning Ordinance: **Set public hearing date for May 7, 2002.**

Motion by Alderman Mears to set a public hearing for the revisions to the Airport Zoning Ordinance on May 7, 2002, seconded by Alderman Mace. Motion carried 6-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Alderman Mace attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting on April 9th. The American Red Cross presented information regarding the organization's involvement in the efforts after the September 11th tragedy in New York City. The American Red Cross was on site within thirty minutes of the incident. Four Red Cross volunteers, who were also firemen, were killed soon after their arrival on the scene. Alderman Mace stated that possible emergencies at the railroad and the refinery provide good reason for the City of Laurel to have an emergency delivery system in place.

An emergency drill is scheduled at the Billings Airport on May 16th at 10:00 a.m. Alderman Mace requested that the City of Laurel send someone to observe the drill in action.

The Billings Fire Department discussed the equipment that various emergency departments in the area are purchasing for use in case of a disaster. The Billings Fire Chief suggested that the equipment should be standardized in order to spend the dollars wisely. Alderman Mace again stated that the City of Laurel should have a delivery plan in place for delivery of all emergency agencies.

Mayor Johnson stated that the communication system between the Billings Fire Department, the Sheriff's Office, and the City of Laurel, need to work together better in order to provide the necessary services.

Alderman Dart visited with representatives of the American Red Cross today. The American Red Cross presented horrifying stories and pictures about the September 11th tragedy.

Alderman Dart has received calls and input regarding the 9:00 whistle. The Emergency Services Committee is researching the importance of the whistle beyond tradition. Some have suggested the utility purpose of the whistle for emergency and test situations.

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway have scheduled a TRANSCAER Training session on June 10, 2002, at 8:00 a.m.

Alderman Mace presented a Heroes Breakfast Nomination Form that was recently distributed at the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Copies of the form will be distributed to council members and department heads for their nominations.

Mayor Johnson attended the City-County Health Board meeting recently. The major topic of concern was the anthrax scare, and the police and fire response to the scare was discussed. The

Health Department has also been very involved in the anthrax situation. A county mill levy is being proposed in order to provide funding for a county health officer.

Alderman Easton mentioned that the berm at the water intake was lost today. The Army Corps of Engineers will be at the Soil Conservation meeting on Wednesday, and he plans to mention the situation then.

Alderman Easton stated that the Laurel Senior Center received approval for a grant for a thirteen-passenger bus with a hoist.

Alderman Van Roekel recently discussed some issues with a neighbor. The neighbor, who had received a sticker on an unlicensed vehicle, was impressed when a police officer stopped to help him remove the sticker.

Alderman Van Roekel received encouraging information from Dale Ahrens that funding is available to begin a Head Start program.

A representative from the Safety Director's Office may be available to speak to the Emergency Services Committee regarding the topic of work safety.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

- a. **Ordinance No. O02-29:** An ordinance of the City of Laurel providing that the procedure for adopting building and technical codes and their revisions shall be by administrative order.

ORDINANCE NO. O02-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUREL PROVIDING THAT THE PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING BUILDING AND TECHNICAL CODES AND THEIR REVISIONS SHALL BE BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER.

Motion by Alderman Easton to place Ordinance No. O02-29 on this agenda, seconded by Alderman Mace. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Alderman Mears to adopt Ordinance No. O02-29, seconded by Alderman Dart. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O02-29 will be on the council agenda on May 7, 2002. The second reading for Ordinance No. O02-29 will be on the council agenda on May 21, 2002.

- b. **Council Workshop and Department Head meetings on April 23rd cancelled.**

Mayor Johnson stated that Council Workshop and Department Head meetings would not be scheduled on Tuesday, April 23rd. A Drug and Alcohol Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd, in the Council Chambers, and he encouraged the council to attend that meeting.

- c. **Elected Officials Workshop.**

The Elected Officials Workshop is scheduled for May 8-10 in Billings. Registration slips for the workshop must be turned in to Mary Embleton by April 24th.

- d. **Note from Senior Helping Hands in Billings.**

The note said: On behalf of our clients and staff, we at Senior Helping Hands would like to thank the City of Laurel for your generous contribution of \$700. Your donation will help us to serve those older members of the Laurel Community, who are unable to pay for services. Thank you!

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 7th day of May, 2002.

John E. Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer