

Resolution No. R02-28: Authorizing the purchase of a new backhoe from R.D.O. Equipment Company for \$57,667.

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

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Alderman Mace. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: Mayor Johnson read the following proclamation.

POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;

WHEREAS, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;

WHEREAS, A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;

WHEREAS, The red poppy has been designated as the symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and,

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower;

THEREFORE, I, John E. Johnson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Laurel, County of Yellowstone, Montana, do hereby proclaim this 27th day of May, 2002, as Poppy Day and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 21st day of May, 2002.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Yellowstone Conservation District Board:

Mayor Johnson explained that Gay Easton's term on the Yellowstone Conservation Board has expired. Certain notification requirements must be completed before the City of Billings, the City of Laurel, and the Town of Broadview make a decision regarding the next appointment. The Board has requested that Gay Easton's term be extended to July 1, 2002.

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve extending Alderman Easton's term to the Yellowstone Conservation District Board to July 1, 2002, seconded by Alderman Dart. Motion carried 5-0.

Laurel Volunteer Fire Department:

Motion by Alderman Dart to approve the appointments of Kevin Zard and Rodney Lee to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Alderman Oakes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adopt Ordinance No. O02-22, seconded by Alderman Mace. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Alderman Mace to adopt Ordinance No. O02-23, seconded by Alderman Oakes. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Alderman Dart to adopt Ordinance No. O02-24, seconded by Alderman Oakes. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Alderman Oakes to adopt Ordinance No. O02-25, seconded by Alderman Dart. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Alderman Dart to adopt Ordinance No. O02-26, seconded by Alderman Van Roekel. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adopt Ordinance No. O02-27, seconded by Alderman Mace. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Alderman Oakes to adopt Ordinance No. O02-28, seconded by Alderman Van Roekel. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **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.** Second reading.

Motion by Alderman Van Roekel to adopt Ordinance No. O02-29, seconded by Alderman Mace. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Ordinance No. O02-30: Ordinance amending Chapter 17.28 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to Airport Zoning.** First reading. Public hearing was held on May 7, 2002.

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adopt Ordinance No. O02-30, seconded by Alderman Oakes. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Johnson recently met with some individuals who are involved with the Laurel Airport. Will Metz, a hangar owner at the Laurel Airport, has negotiated a contract with Rocky Mountain College to lease his building at the airport. After final signing of the contract, the Rocky Mountain College Flying School will use the Laurel Airport as its base of operations. Mayor Johnson stated that this is an exciting opportunity for the community and the Laurel Airport.

Mayor Johnson stated that several committee appointments, including one on the Airport Authority, would expire on June 30th. An advertisement process has been established to inform the public of the available positions. The closing date for the pending appointments will be June 7th, and the appointments will be made at the council meeting on June 18, 2002.

Alderman Poehls voiced concern regarding a private airstrip and hangar that have been constructed in the area close to the golf course. Cal Cumin will check into the matter.

Alderman Poehls mentioned the YMCA activities that are scheduled during the 4th of July. The Laurel Medical Center and St. Vincent's Foundation recently presented the YMCA with a donation of \$8,200. The YMCA is working on developing a skate park and hockey field near the soccer field.

Alderman Van Roekel has received complaints regarding overloaded garbage cans. He suggested that the city should place an ad in the newspaper to inform the public regarding items to place in the garbage cans and items to take to the landfill.

Alderman Oakes has been researching garbage and rubbish ordinances from other cities and plans to present some information to the council soon. He stated that issues such as hazardous waste, types of garbage placed in the containers, and leaving the cans at the curbs need to be addressed.

Mayor Johnson will be unavailable for a council workshop on May 28th, but a meeting could be arranged. He asked the council to give input after the meeting.

The department heads will present a budget presentation with a focus on the General Fund to the City Council on Wednesday, June 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Volunteer/Employee Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Mayor Johnson encouraged the council to assist with the event.

Alderman Mace suggested that the City of Laurel should register for some teleconference seminars offered by the American Public Works. A training seminar regarding GASB 34 is scheduled for July 17th, and a risk management and liabilities seminar is scheduled for December 5th. Alderman Mace will check into this and inform the Public Works Department of the schedule.

Mayor Johnson stated that MMIA training for department heads and council members would be scheduled soon.

The Council Workshop on June 11th will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At 7:30 that evening, Interstate Engineering will provide a railroad grade separation presentation and public input time.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 4th day of June, 2002.

John E. Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer