MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

June 30, 2004

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Ken Olson at 5:30 p.m. on June 30, 2004.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dick Fritzler	Doug Poehls
	Kate Stevenson	Mark Mace
	Gay Easton	Daniel Dart
	Jennifer Johnson	John Oakes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Olson asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

PRESENTATION OF THE 10-YEAR CASH FLOWS OF THE MAJOR FUNDS:

Mayor Olson introduced Nathan Tubergen, the Administrative Assistant, to present the ten-year cash flows of the major funds.

Nathan distributed a packet of information to the council regarding the revenues and expenditures in the General Fund, the Street Maintenance Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, and the Solid Waste Fund. Nathan used the overhead projector to present the information to the council.

The presentation included the distributed information, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as the record of this meeting.

During the presentation, there was discussion regarding the following: possible revenue sources; safety mill levies; the possibility of a mandate for the City of Laurel to have a full-time fire department after the 2010 census; a city fire district; a park maintenance district; explanation of the projection of the three percent employee wage and benefit package; the street maintenance district assessment; the basic charge in the sewer fund; the inequities in charges in the solid waste fund; the need for a rate study for the solid waste fund; the letter the mayor will send to the commercial solid waste users (a copy is attached to these minutes); the possibility of additional special revenue funds; the upcoming Local Government Review; and the continued need for an administrative assistant.

Nathan informed the council that he will not be available as the administrative assistant for the City of Laurel after June 30, 2005. The Mayor charged the council to look into ways that we can fill the vacancy, as Nathan's services will be greatly missed.

Mayor Olson recommended that the information Nathan presented be referred to the Budget/Finance Committee in order to work with the staff.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

Mayor Olson informed the council regarding the street closures for the 4th of July celebration. The fire chief, chief of police, and the Public Works Department had reviewed the requests for street closures. All requests for street closures were approved with the exception to close West 8th Street between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue from after the parade until the beginning of the fireworks display, as the granting of this request might cause a critical delay to emergency services acting in the vicinity. Upon their recommendation, Mayor Olson has signed a memo approving the street closures for the 4th of July for the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, the Public Works Department, the Laurel Jaycees, and the Freedom Jam. Copies of the memo will be distributed to the city council, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Alderman Mace. Motion carried 8-0.

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

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Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 6th day of July, 2004.

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Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer