

- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 05/22/2005 totaling \$123,681.51.**

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

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of May 3, 2005 were presented.

--Special Council Workshop minutes of May 18, 2005 were presented.

--Emergency Services Committee minutes of May 23, 2005 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of May 31, 2005 were presented.

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

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

City-County Planning Board:

Mayor Olson reappointed Hazel Klein and Bud Johnson to two-year terms ending June 30, 2007 on the City-County Planning Board.

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to approve the reappointments of Hazel Klein and Bud Johnson to two-year terms ending June 30, 2007 on the City-County Planning Board, seconded by Alderman Poehls. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

FAP Task Force:

Mayor Olson stated that Mark Mace and Dick Fritzler would serve on the FAP Task Force. Staff members on the task force include Police Chief Rick Musson, Fire Chief Terry Ruff, and Ambulance Director Jan Faught.

- **Request by Tamsen Kober for permission to file an application for annexation of land, Lots 7-12, Block 6, Nutting Brothers Subdivision, that is less than a city block.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve the request by Tamsen Kober for permission to file an application for annexation of land, Lots 7-12, Block 6, Nutting Brothers Subdivision, that is less than a city block, seconded by Alderman Mace.

Alderman Fritzler asked if the road that runs through the lots would automatically become a city street with the annexation.

Mayor Olson explained that the request is to allow the application for annexation of the land to go before the City-County Planning Board, where the issue would be discussed.

A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-55: A resolution approving an agreement between the City of Laurel and the City of Billings, said agreement relating to solid waste disposal.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve Resolution No. R05-55, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-56: A resolution extending Ordinance No. 653 for ninety (90) days.**

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve Resolution No. R05-56, seconded by Alderman Poehls. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

- Review of Monthly Reports: Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Code Enforcement: None.

Alderman Poehls stated that Joe Bradley and Steve Cosner attended the Local Government Review Commission on Monday to speak regarding the issues and options discussed during the previous government review. The interesting meeting brought out different options that could be pursued.

Alderman Poehls mentioned that over \$20,000 was raised from the recent Laurel YMCA fundraiser.

Mayor Olson stated that the YMCA is an asset to the community and their hard work is greatly appreciated.

Alderwoman Johnson mentioned that the Economic Development Corporation of Big Sky Economic Development Authority is holding a quarterly EDC meeting at CTA Architects next Thursday. As a board member, she is encouraged to bring guests, such as business owners, to learn about EDC. EDC has received comments from business owners in Billings that want more information regarding development of work force training, lobbying, and health care issues. This quarterly meeting will address work force development and try to provide work force training for businesses. The work force training starts at 3:00 p.m. and a dinner is scheduled after the training.

The Tree Board met recently to discuss involvement in the planting and landscape design of the cemetery's master plan. The Tree Board will discuss the issue with the chairman of the Cemetery Commission.

Alderwoman Stevenson brought a chair for the council's consideration to replace the current chairs, and the new chairs will be available soon.

Mayor Olson stated that the City-County Joint Meeting last Thursday was an opportunity to see how agencies interact. The City of Billings and Yellowstone County had some very interesting discussions. Because of the time factor at the end of the discussion, Mayor Olson asked that the City of Laurel's item be dropped and asked if the county commissioners could come to Laurel for a meeting. Commissioner John Ostlund indicated that the commissioners would consider a date to meet with the council. Mayor Olson suggested that Thursday, June 30th, at 7:00 p.m. would be a good date. Once a date has been set, there will be a discussion regarding the agenda items for that meeting.

Alderman Poehls suggested Thursday, July 14th, as an alternate date for the meeting.

Alderman Easton mentioned that with some of the issues that need to be discussed, he would like to see the meeting scheduled as soon as possible before the construction season begins. He would like to see the meeting scheduled for June 30th.

Several council members agreed, and Mayor Olson said that the request would be made to the county commissioners. The agenda for the meeting will be discussed at the council workshop on June 14th.

Alderman Poehls mentioned that the Local Government Review Commission has discussed the possibility that the City of Laurel could become a 2nd class city after the next census. If that is true, the city's sphere of influence would expand from one mile to five miles. If both the City of Laurel

and the City of Billings have a five-mile sphere of influence, almost the whole county would be within those two spheres of influence. He questioned at what point the council should discuss that with the county commissioners.

Mayor Olson asked the council to bring forward any issues for consideration at the meeting with the county commissioners. A final agenda will be set next Tuesday at the council workshop.

Alderman Fritzler stated that the issue of the ambulance calls within the county needs to be reviewed. He would like to know what it really costs the city to transport the ambulance calls in the county in order to present the information to the county commissioners.

Mayor Olson asked if he was referring to ambulance districting.

Alderman Fritzler stated that cost information is needed in order to decide. He stated that the county should participate in the cost of the ambulance service. He is unsure whether it should be a district or if the city should receive a supplement from the county to support the calls.

Mayor Olson stated that the information could be presented at the workshop. He asked the council to forward suggested agenda items to the council secretary. The projects that involve partnering up with the county will also be brought forward.

Mayor Olson mentioned that letters of interest for the Ward 4 council position have been received from Lynet White, Charles White, and Norman Stamper and will be considered at the June 21st council meeting.

Sharon Pearson, a representative from Conrad Burns' office, will be in Laurel for an outreach visit on Tuesday, June 14th, from 11:00 to 12:30 in the council chambers.

Mayor Olson asked the Executive Committee to meet briefly after the council meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

Alderman Johnson thanked Mr. Stamper for attending the council meeting.

Mayor Olson introduced Norman Stamper to the council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 21st day of June, 2005.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer