

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

August 2, 2005

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 Ken Olson at 6:33 p.m. on August 2, 2005.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Fritzler Doug Poehls
 Kate Stevenson Mark Mace
 Gay Easton Jennifer Johnson
 Norm Stamper

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Dart

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

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2005, as presented, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BearFacts: July 2005 Newsletter of Beartooth Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.

Rocky Mountain Ranch Realty: Letter of July 18, 2005 from Marvin Brown regarding zoning issue requests.

Wayne H. Freeman: Letter of July 7, 2005 regarding Clark and Sacajawea Arrival Celebration.

Cable Montana: Service Reports for June 2005.

Montana Department of Transportation: Letter of July 20, 2005 regarding information request Big Ditch project.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Agenda for July 28, 2005; Minutes of July 14, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of July 2005 in the amount of \$200,210.27.**

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

- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 07/17/2005 totaling \$129,037.12.**

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

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of July 5, 2005 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of July 26, 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 Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments:** None.
- **Resolution No. R05-80: Budget amendment resolution amending appropriations and revenues for various funds for fiscal year 2005.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve Resolution No. R05-80, seconded by Alderman Stamper. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-81: Being a resolution authorizing budget transfers.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve Resolution No. R05-81, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-82: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce Treasure State Endowment Program for the City's wastewater improvement project.**

Motion by Alderman Stamper to approve Resolution No. R05-82, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-83: Resolution adopting a job description for Maintenance Superintendent.**

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to approve Resolution No. R05-83, seconded by Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-84: Resolution of the City Council of Laurel, Montana, to approve the Final Plat of the Amended Plat, Lots 6-12, Block 2, Mathis Subdivision.**

Motion by Alderwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. R05-84, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. Cal Cumin explained that this plat takes 7 lots and turns them into 3 lots, which is subject to council approval since it is more than 6 lots being re-described. This action is also exempt from Department of Health review, and other requirements, under the subdivision laws. Dan McGee was also present to help answer any questions. The Planning Board recommends approval of the plat. There was no public comment. Alderman Easton asked if the lots were in city limits, which they are. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-85: A resolution approving Alderman Poehls' temporary absence from the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve Resolution No. R05-85, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Aldermen/women Fritzler, Stevenson, Easton, Johnson, and Stamper voted aye. Alderman Mace voted nay. Alderman Poehls abstained from voting. Motion carried 5-1-1.

- **Resolution No. R05-86: A resolution authorizing the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service to raise their rates.**

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve Resolution No. R05-86, seconded by Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Alderman Easton reminded those present of the invitation to CHS Refinery, and that the RSVP is due by August 5th. Alderman Fritzler stated that he would attend.

Mayor Olson informed the council that he had e-mailed Wayne Freeman regarding the letter proposing a Lewis and Clark production next summer. Mr. Freeman will be at the August 9th workshop to do a presentation of his proposal, and the mayor has invited the schools and other organizations who may be interested in participating, to the workshop.

Mayor Olson also informed the council that the city had received the certified mill value today. One mill is worth \$5,885, and the budgeted revenues will need to be increased, through a budget amendment. More information will follow at the next council workshop.

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

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Alderman Mace. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 16th day of August, 2005.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer