

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

August 16, 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 6:30 p.m. on August 16, 2005.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Poehls

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

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

Mayor Olson removed item 11, j. from scheduled matters on the council agenda.

MINUTES:

Motion by Alderwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2005, as presented, seconded by Alderman Mace. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 9, 2005, as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Montana Engineering & Administration: Letter of August 3, 2005 regarding Laurel 2005 Wastewater Improvements; Management Plan.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Letter of August 3, 2005 regarding SRF Loan \$866,000.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Memo regarding 2005 Urban Forestry Excellence Awards.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Letter of August 4, 2005 regarding Letter of Approval for State Revolving Fund Loan Program in Lieu of commitment Agreement – Revised.

Montana Department of Labor and Industry: Letter of July 29, 2005 regarding a public hearing on the proposed 2005 Montana Building Construction, Heavy, and Highway Prevailing Wage and Benefit Rates.

Montana Department of Revenue: Letter of July 28, 2005 regarding Application for Transfer of Location of Montana Retail On-Premises Consumption Restaurant Beer/Wine License No. 03-044-9490-301, TIN HORN CASINO (formerly Little Big Men Pizza), 413 4th Street S.E., Suite A/B, Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Agenda for Thursday, August 26, 2005; Minutes of July 28, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Olson read the Public Hearing Procedure to the council and audience.

Cal Cumin asked if it would appropriate to rearrange the order of the public hearings, as the owner and developer of Iron Horse Station Subdivision was not there yet.

Mayor Olson and the council allowed the public hearings to be rearranged.

- **Zone change to eliminate off-street parking requirement in the Central Business District.**

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

Cal Cumin explained the zone change to eliminate the off-street parking requirement in the Central Business District. This comes from the Growth Management Plan that was adopted by the city council. Basically, it is an incentive to get and keep businesses in the downtown area and allow the current businesses to expand without having to meet off-street parking requirements. In the past, the requirements have discouraged businesses from locating in the downtown area, which is the last thing the City of Laurel should do. The basic change is that it eliminates parking for commercial operations. It does not change off-street requirements for family dwellings, retirement homes, etc, but it does change the distance requirement for a retirement home or boarding house. The thrust of the ordinance is to eliminate the requirement for off-street parking.

Mayor Olson asked four times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson asked four times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

- **Zone change to allow “Granny Flats’ or small residential units in basements and garages in residential zoning districts.**

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

Cal Cumin explained that the additional dwelling unit, or ADU, means a separate dwelling unit within an existing residential dwelling unit that does not change the outward appearance of the residence in residential areas and provides a separate living area, which includes kitchen and bathroom facilities, for family or non-family members. The primary residence must be occupied by the owner. The ADU’s may be rented or leased and construction standards must be approved by the city’s public works office prior to construction and occupancy. There has been a lot of discussion on this among council members and the Planning Board, and a public hearing was scheduled to get public input.

Mayor Olson asked if there were any proponents.

Kurt Markegard, 1705 Downy Road, lives just outside the city limits but is included in the City of Laurel’s zoning jurisdiction. Kurt is in favor of allowing a kitchen in a basement or a garage. He stated that the current zoning allows a room and bathroom facilities in the garage. However, he is not allowed to have an additional kitchen unit in the garage. He feels that, with proper design on building a lot and a house, he should be able to put a kitchen in his basement and lease or rent it out if he deemed it necessary in the future. If a family member needed a place to live, he would like to be able to offer that to them, whether it was in his garage or basement, with a division between the two units.

Mayor Olson asked three times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson asked four times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

- **Zone change to allow small “Mom and Pop” type retail stores in residential districts.**

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

Cal Cumin explained that this proposal comes from the Planning Board and was derived from the Growth Management Plan to help create the City of Laurel as a nice place to live, work, and raise a family. This is not a nostalgic return to the old days. It is actually an encouragement for people who want to support a small retail operation in their neighborhood and presently cannot do it. Also, it serves the people of a neighborhood to be able to walk instead of getting in the car to drive to the grocery store to get milk, a cup of coffee, or a newspaper. It is oriented to be similar to some of the

old stores that were in Laurel in the past. It is an opportunity for those people to again exist and get away from the concept of zoning as being a strictly absolute use, which tends to divide up a community. The idea tries to bring the community together, but it is not wide open. It would include convenience stores or retail establishments offering for sale a relatively limited selection of pre-packaged food products, household items and other related goods, not including gasoline or fuel sales. Coffee, soup, sandwiches, bakeries, mail package and delivery services, laundromats, etc. would be included. Each application would be reviewed through the city's conditional use process, which requires an advertised public hearing and notification of the neighbors. Under the conditional use permit, the planning board makes recommendations to the council and the council can impose requirements that would make the particular operation or applicant fit better into a proposed neighborhood. The recommendation is that such stores be allowed on the basis of 1,000 square feet of retail space per twenty dwelling units. It is up to the applicant to prove the market and to show that the neighborhood could support it. If the applicant wanted to have 4,000 square feet of retail space, there would need to be eighty dwellings. This does not include the outdoor parking area. The burden of proof for the need is on the applicant. Cal stated that there would not be a lot of people trying to open commercial developments, because it just would not work. Some of the requirements include: one parking space for 500 square feet of retail area shall be provided at the site or in back of the retail sales area and only diagonal parking shall be allowed in front of the store; at least two trash receptacles; store lighting designed to shine away from other properties; and signage limited to subdued colors that confirm the lighting requirements must be on the store building or of monument type no larger than five feet high and eight feet long. The stores can be located in new or existing structures that provide residences in the rear of the store or above the store, and which meet city building and fire code conditions. No gambling or motor fuel sales are allowed.

Alderman Fritzler asked regarding the conditional use permit.

Cal explained that most of the businesses throughout Laurel, unless they have a home occupation permit from the city, are grandfathered uses that existed before the zoning occurred.

Alderman Fritzler asked if the business would have to reapply if it changed ownership.

Cal explained that the land use can continue, but it cannot be enlarged or changed. There is a gray area there, because if a retail establishment sells candy and wants to sell cigars, it is still a retail establishment.

Mayor Olson asked four times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson asked four times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

- **Iron Horse Station Subdivision zone change request: Block 3, Lots 1-6, from Residential Limited Multi-Family to Community Commercial.**

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

Cal Cumin explained the zone change request from Iron Horse Station Subdivision, Marvin Brown, developer. The request went through the public hearing process at the planning board, at which people were interested in exactly what was being proposed for Block 3, Lots 1-6 from Residential Limited Multi-Family to Community Commercial. Cal stated that Marvin Brown has apparently signed a deal with St. John's Nursing Home. He has the contract and there is a timeframe of about one year for St. John's to start the project on Lot 7. Mr. Brown requested the zone change so he can provide the secondary units for the primary units that are going to be provided by the assisted living process and project by St. John's Nursing Home. Because Mr. Brown has gone through a large subdivision process and invested a considerable amount of money in paving, design, curbs, gutters, bringing in off-site water and sewer facilities oversized for the area, etc., as required by the city, the planning board felt that this request was probably not a pipe dream and he should be allowed to continue his project in the manner he sees it coming to fruition. At this time, Cal introduced the engineer from Engineering, Inc.

Will Ralph, of Engineering, Inc. in Billings, represents the developer, Marvin Brown, in this project. He gave an overview of the zone change requests. The reason for the Community Commercial request for Lots 1-6 is to provide a larger area for the St. John's part of this project to expand. Marvin has an agreement with St. John's and they would like to include Lots 1-6 to expand the

project to include a community center and some life cycle type homes for the project. The community center, which would probably be on Lots 3 and 4, could be used by the general public for functions and gatherings. Lots 1-17 of Block 2 would come forward with a Residential Limited Multi-Family zoning because the developer would like to build duplexes on those lots. He is trying to cater to the aging crowd and provide life cycle type living. The advantage of duplexes is the low maintenance provided by a homeowner's association. Basically, the whole premise of the project is to build single family homes that provide low maintenance, the duplexes, and the assisted living homes.

Mayor Olson advised the council that this public hearing is set for the Iron Horse Subdivision zone change request of Block 3, Lots 1-6, from Residential Limited Multi-Family to Community Commercial.

Alderman Johnson asked Will to show the location of the houses that are currently being built. Will explained the location of those houses, two of which are located on Lots 2 and 24.

Alderman Fritzler asked if the developer had a total agreement with St. John's for this project.

Will stated that, based on his conversations with Marvin, there is a tentative agreement with St. John's.

Alderman Dart asked what would happen to Lot 7 if St. John's was to decline this land use and it reverted back to the developer.

Cal stated that it would stay as it is zoned by the city. However, it would defeat the whole purpose of the subdivision to use it for something else, and Cal emphasized that the developer has done everything he said he would do to this point.

Will stated that it would do Marvin no good to turn this into something else, as he is trying to maintain a residential feel in this project. This requested zone change would just expand the current zoning of Lot 7.

Alderman Fritzler stated that this is a great concept because it is a total concept for the three phases of aging.

Alderman Johnson asked regarding the Planning Board minutes when Marvin Brown addressed the issues regarding documentation with St. John's. According to the minutes, Marvin stated that he gave Lot 7 to St. John's and they accepted it.

Cal stated that Marvin Brown wants to use Lots 1-6 to develop his project around the St. John's project on Lot 7.

Alderman Johnson asked what assurance the council has that the developer would not build two big apartment complexes on that lot

Will stated that the developer could do that, but based on his conversations with Marvin, that is not the direction he is headed. Mr. Brown is really geared toward a low-maintenance type of facility for aging people, not apartment complexes.

Mayor Olson read a letter from Robert A. Robinson, 916 Washington Avenue, which was received on July 25, 2005. The letter stated that "eight out of nine homeowners that are on the list sent out by the Planning Board on 6/15/05 are opposed to any zoning change in the Iron Horse Subdivision." Petitions were attached to the letter.

Mayor Olson asked three times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson asked if there were any opponents.

Robert A. Robinson, 916 Washington Avenue, stated that he sent out a petition regarding the requested zone change. He did not contact the apartment houses or the City of Laurel. Eight out of the nine property owners are very much opposed to any zone change there. He is not against St. John's Nursing Home. If he could be guaranteed that St. John's was going in that corner and there would be homes for the elderly behind it, he would be 100 percent for it. But they have been told tonight by Cal that if the developer decides not to do this or it does not go through, he can put

anything in there he wants. The city's list of allowed uses has over a hundred businesses that could be put into that area. Robert stated that the residents do not want or need businesses there. Mr. Robinson stated that there are things going on up there that do not even meet city code. There are a lot of buildings around town that businesses need to go in and there are vacant buildings all over the City of Laurel. He is not against St. John's. If they could get a 100 percent guarantee, a signed paper that said St. John's would build within the next two or three years, he would be for it. He knows that St. John's has a major project going on at their current location right now, and he cannot see them building in Laurel in the next five to seven years.

Mayor Olson asked two times if there were any opponents.

Sam Mourich, 907 Wyoming, stated that he was not on the list, did not receive a letter, but his neighbor got a letter.

Mayor Olson stated that it is determined by the proximity to the area, which is 300 feet.

Sam is not against St. John's being located there. When the original proposal was brought up, St. John's was in it so he questioned why the zoning has to be changed now.

Cal stated that these projects evolve. As indicated earlier, Mr. Brown supposedly donated Lot 7 to St. John's and has probably agreed to develop the lots around there. In order to do that in the manner he wants to, the developer has requested the zoning.

Sam stated that he is against the proposal.

Dee McClelland, 708 East Maryland Lane, lives directly across the street from Iron Horse Station Subdivision. She questioned what would happen to Lot 7 if St. John's does nothing with it. It is a big area, and she would like to know if it is going to be a three-story apartment house. She questioned how it would affect the other neighbors, because it is small acreage. Dee thinks that St. John's is wonderful, but a confirmation is needed from St. John's regarding the project. It is a good setting, but everybody wants to know that they will not back out and what would happen if they do back out. It could become a slaughter plant or any of the commercial listings, it could really ruin the neighborhood, and everybody is concerned about.

Gary Arnold, 908 Washington Avenue, does not have a problem with St. John's being at this location. If he remembers correctly, the initial plat map, before it was even annexed, had St. John's to the north of the current location and the apartment buildings on the west. That has since changed. Gary called the real estate office that is marketing this and was told that the covenants call for 1,600 square foot houses. Gary said that the real estate website is marketing houses at 1,259 square feet. So Mr. Brown has already changed what he said he was going to do twice. Gary is opposed to the zone change.

Karen Robinson, 916 Washington Avenue, said that there is concern about this area changing to commercial. There are more than ninety-six commercial possibilities this could become if St. John's does not go through with the project. She suggested getting a signed agreement so it could be rezoned later if this is a definite proposal from St. John's. Karen stated her concern over the increased traffic pattern with the additional houses on approximately 65 lots. East Maryland is a very busy street right now. A school is going to be built there, and there will be a lot of buses in the area. Karen stated that we do not need any businesses other than a St. John's complex.

Mayor Olson asked three times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

A gentleman asked if he could speak. Mayor Olson stated that the public hearing had been closed. Mayor Olson asked if he was a proponent or an opponent, and the gentleman responded that he was a proponent. Mayor Olson stated that the time to speak on that issue had passed.

- **Iron Horse Station Subdivision zone change request: Block 2, Lots 1-17 from Residential 7500 to Residential Limited Multi-Family.**

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

Cal Cumin stated that this request came from the Planning Board with a recommendation to approve. The planning board held a public hearing and decided that it was probably in the best interest of the city. Cal explained that the zone change is from Residential 7500 to Residential Limited Multi-Family. When the developer originally platted this site, he did not realize that the Nutting Drain's easement was as wide as it was and his lots were deeper. He would like to build a bigger unit on those lots than is allowed under R7500. Therefore, he has requested this zone change. At this time, Cal introduced Marvin Brown, the developer.

Marvin Brown, 26 Stanford Court in Billings, apologized for being late to the meeting. He showed the council a drawing of the proposed duplex that is planned for the lots. The plan is to build about seventeen of the town homes, which are 1,100 feet on one side and 1,200 feet on the other, and basically designed for small families or senior living. When the subdivision was platted, it was actually thought that the Nutting Drain Ditch was a deeded parcel with an easement to the Nutting Drain Ditch. Late in the process they realized that it was actually a deeded parcel and would have to make an exception. The town homes are made to be fairly economical and should be in the \$125,000 to \$150,000 price range to keep them affordable for retirement-type living. With the accent of St. John's and the proposal to build a community center jointly with Mr. Brown on the corner, the people who live in the town homes could actually be part of the community with St. John's and the master plan. Mr. Brown stated that they are moving ahead substantially in the planning with St. John's. They have met with the architects a number of times and further drawings will be supplied.

Alderman Fritzler asked for an explanation of the configuration of the town homes.

Alderwoman Stevenson asked if the covenants governing this area would be separate from the rest of it.

Mr. Brown stated that the covenants would be the same and the maintenance of the property would be covered by a maintenance company through the homeowner's association.

Alderwoman Johnson asked for clarification of the word "possible" in conjunction with St. John's.

Mr. Brown stated that St. John's agreed to take the corner lot and it has been solidified with a written letter of commitment and voted on and approved by their board already. A couple of options have been given. St. John's wants to buy the six lots that surround it and incorporate it or they want to do a joint venture with him. Originally, the proposal he gave St. John's was that he would build about twenty single-family units in each of two locations, jointly build a community center with offices in the middle, and St. John's would build their three pods. The architect has prepared four different drawings and has drafted some conceptual drawings for him so they complement each other. Mr. Brown stated that it would look like a campus when the project is done. It will actually flow together and the buildings will match each other because it will be done jointly in some fashion.

Alderwoman Johnson asked how St. John's could build in Laurel with all of the building being done at their current site.

Marvin stated that St. John's current site is already full to capacity. They moved their Alzheimer's unit to one building last week, and the empty units are already filled. There are many people from Laurel that would like to be in the St. John's chain, but there is no room for them. St. John's would like to keep them here in the community if possible, and that is the reason for their efforts to build an assisted living center in Laurel.

Alderwoman Johnson asked if it seems like a pretty sure deal.

Marvin thinks that the deal is a hundred percent. St. John's already has financing in place to build and they are on schedule. The agreement has been made with Mr. Brown and they are in the planning stage and have had an agenda already for two or three months. Marvin thinks they will be building by sometime mid-summer next year.

Alderwoman asked if the houses that are being built already are retirement homes.

Marvin stated that the houses are open for either family homes or retirement homes. The homes will be energy efficient, one-level, handicapped accessible, with thirty-inch doors, and roll in showers. They are not restricted to elderly but are open for anyone who would like to participate.

Mayor Olson advised the council that this public hearing is for the Iron Horse Subdivision zone change request for Block 2, Lots 1-17 from Residential 7500 to Residential Limited Multi-Family.

Mayor Olson asked four times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson asked if there were any opponents.

Robert A. Robinson, 916 Washington Avenue, stated that a petition was also given to the council regarding this zone change request. Eight out of the nine homeowners also said that they did not want to accept the zone change. There are sixty-five lots there right now and another seventeen lots would total eighty-two units in that area. He thinks that is too many. Robert stated that there are spec homes being built up there now that, in his understanding, are not following Montana State Codes. He does not want to see the place turned into what he thinks it is going to be turned into. Mr. Robinson stated that there are major apartment houses up there that have not been full since they were built. He questioned why more duplexes are needed when the available places are not filled.

Mayor Olson asked three times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2005.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 07/31/2005 totaling \$131,524.42.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of July 19, 2005 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of August 4, 2005 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of August 9, 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 Dart. 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. R05-88: A resolution levying taxes for general and specific purposes for the City of Laurel, Montana, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005.**

Motion by Alderman Dart to approve Resolution No. R05-88, 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. R05-89: A resolution amending the assessment amount set by Resolution No. R05-69 levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 2 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the entire cost of maintenance and electrical current for the fiscal year, 2005-2006.**

Motion by Alderman Stamper to approve Resolution No. R05-89, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. 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. R05-90: A resolution amending the assessment amount set by Resolution No. R05-71 levying and assessing the cost of street maintenance and/or improvements for Street Maintenance District No. 1 that constitutes all streets and alleys embraced within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2005-2006.**

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to approve Resolution No. R05-90, 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. R05-91: A resolution to approve a Special Review allowing Fiberglass Structures, Inc., to expand into Lot 2A, Block 1, Entertainment Park Subdivision Amended in Laurel.**

Motion by Alderwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. R05-91, seconded by Alderman Dart. There was no public comment.

Alderwoman Johnson suggested that Rob Harris explain why the business is expanding.

Rob Harris, 1045 Golf Course Road, stated that the new building is approximately 300 yards from the existing building. This is an opportunity to expand Fiberglass Structures, as they are quite busy. With expansion, they might hire additional employees and manufacture out of the new building.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-92: A resolution to approve the Preliminary Plat of Cherry Hills Subdivision, Third Filing, an addition to the City of Laurel, subject to conditions.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve Resolution No. R05-92, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. There was no public comment.

Cal distributed copies of the Cherry Hill Subdivision, Third Filing, plat to the council and mayor.

The conditions listed on the resolution are being addressed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-93: Resolution to adopt a Management Plan for the 2005 Wastewater Improvements Project.**

Motion by Alderman Dart to approve Resolution No. R05-93, 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. R05-94: Bond resolution relating to \$866,000 Sewer System Revenue Bond (DNRC Revolving Loan Program), Series 2005.**

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve Resolution No. R05-94, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O05-06: Ordinance amending Chapter 10.20 of the Laurel Municipal Code relating to restricted speed zones. First reading.**

Motion by Alderman Stamper to adopt Ordinance No. O05-06, seconded by Alderman Dart. 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.

The public hearing of Ordinance No. 005-06 will be on the council agenda on September 6, 2005.

- **Zone change for Foster at 1221 and 1303 Old Highway 10 West from Residential Tracts to Residential Manufactured Home** (Planning Board recommends denial). Council action: Schedule public hearing for September 6, 2005.

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to set the public hearing date for September 6, 2005, for the zone change for Foster at 1221 and 1303 Old Highway 10 West from Residential Tracts to Residential Manufactured Home, 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.

- **Amend zoning ordinance to repeal Chapter 17.64 providing for a Board of Adjustment** (Planning Board recommends approval). Council action: Schedule public hearing for September 6, 2005.

Motion by Alderman Mace to set the public hearing date for September 6, 2005 for the zoning ordinance to repeal Chapter 17.64 providing for a Board of Adjustment, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Alderwoman Johnson mentioned that the Tree Board has not met lately; however, some members will be reviewing the current ordinances regarding the board and its issues.

Alderwoman Johnson will attend the Economic Census Data workshop at MSU-Billings on Thursday.

Alderwoman Johnson attended the recent event at the Shiloh interchange.

Mayor Olson thanked the five council members that were able to attend the dedication at the Cenex Refinery last week.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderman Dart to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. 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 7:50 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 6th day of September, 2005.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer