

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Fire Chief Terry Ruff stated that the fire department started submitting grant applications about three years ago, but the department has had a difficult time receiving any grants in the past. About a year ago, a grant committee was formed and Scott Wilm is the chairman of this committee.

Scott Wilm, 1st Assistant Chief, explained that a committee was formed last March to look into Homeland Security grants for the fire department. Last Wednesday, the department received confirmation from Senator Conrad Burns' office that it received a Homeland Security grant for \$218,405. The city is required to match five percent of the grant monies. The fire department applied for communications in order to update all of the portable radios to a P25 compatible system, which the State is looking at in the future. The department applied for a CAF (compressed air foam) system to retrofit one of the engine companies and which will basically take the place of a tender company. The department put in for a P25 repeater, which will be compatible with and add to the present repeater. An exhaust system was also included in the grant application. The exhaust system will attach to each of the diesel trucks, and possibly the ambulances. The system will automatically turn off when the vehicles leave the building and will alleviate fume buildup inside the building.

Mayor Olson stated his appreciation for the fire department's hard work to receive the grant.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Police Commission:

Mayor Olson appointed Brett Lund to the Police Commission to complete the term ending December 31, 2007.

Motion by Alderwoman Stevenson to approve the appointment of Brett Lund to the Police Commission to complete the term ending December 31, 2007, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment.

Alderman Mace stated that Brett Lund is a great appointment for this position.

Mayor Olson agreed that Brett brings a lot of valued experience to the Police Commission.

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

- **Resolution No. R05-108: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Johnson Controls to evaluate the water meter system and develop a proposal for automated meter reading (AMR).**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve Resolution No. R05-108, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-109: Resolution accepting a grant from the Montana Department of Transportation for monies to be spent on the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and authorizing the Mayor to sign said grant.**

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to approve Resolution No. R05-109, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-110: A resolution of the City Council approving a three-year agreement between the City of Laurel and the Local Union known as Local 316, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.**

Motion by Alderwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. R05-110, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Ordinance No. O05-11: An ordinance amending Chapter 17.40 of the Laurel Municipal Code to eliminate the off-street parking requirement in the Central Business District Zone of Laurel.** Second reading. (First reading – 09/20/2005; Public hearing – 10/18/2005)

Motion by Alderman Easton to adopt Ordinance No. O05-11, seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Ordinance No. O05-12: An ordinance repealing Chapter 17.64 of the Laurel Municipal Code which provides for a Board of Adjustment.** Second reading. (First reading – 09/20/2005; Public hearing – 10/18/2005)

Motion by Alderwoman Johnson to adopt Ordinance No. O05-12, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Emergency Ordinance No. O05-14: Emergency ordinance in accordance with MCA § 7-5-108, immediately adopting the International Building Code, 2003 Edition, the International Residential Building Code, 2003 Edition, the International Existing Building Code, 2003 Edition, the Uniform Plumbing Code and the International Energy Conservation Code, 2003 Edition, as immediately effective and enforceable by the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. O05-14, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Ordinance No. O05-15: An ordinance creating Title 14 and amending Title 15 of the Laurel Municipal Code for the purpose of updating the codes adopted and enforced by the City of Laurel.** First reading.

Motion by Alderman Mace to adopt Ordinance No. O05-15, seconded by Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

The public hearing of Ordinance No. O05-15 will be on the council agenda on December 6, 2005.

- **Ordinance No. O05-16: An ordinance modifying Title 3, Chapter 3.08 of the Laurel Municipal Code, to comply with changes both in State law and the City's adoption of a Purchasing and Procurement Policy.** First reading.

Motion by Alderman Stamper to adopt Ordinance No. O05-16, seconded by Alderman Poehls.

Chuck Dickerson, 501 West 13th, asked if there would be a public hearing for this ordinance.

The public hearing of Ordinance No. O05-16 will be on the council agenda on December 6, 2005.

There was no further public comment or council discussion. A 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:

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

Mayor Olson mentioned that the public hearing of Ordinance No. O05-13 is scheduled for the council meeting on November 15, 2005.

The council retreat is scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday, November 18th and 19th in the community room at the Laurel Library.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderwoman Stevenson to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A 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 6:50 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 15th day of November, 2005.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer