

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 20, 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 Council President Gay Easton at 6:30 p.m. on December 20, 2005, in Mayor Olson's absence.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Fritzler Jennifer Johnson
 Norm Stamper Mark Mace
 Kate Hart (formerly Kate Stevenson)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Poehls Daniel Dart

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Sam Painter
 Administrative Assistant Perry Asher
 City Clerk/Treasurer Mary Embleton

President Easton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

President Easton asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

MINUTES:

Motion by Alderman Stamper to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 2, 2005, as presented, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2005, as presented, seconded by Alderman Stamper. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Agenda for Thursday, December 8, 2005; Minutes of November 17, 2005.

Mike Kadas, Office of the Mayor, Missoula, Montana: Letter regarding Request for Support.

Cable Montana: Service reports for October 2005.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Letter of December 5, 2005 regarding 2006 Urban Forestry Grant Program.

Montana Municipal Insurance Authority: Risk Management Bulletin #-07-06 regarding Risk Management 101 Program.

Montana Municipal Insurance Authority: Memo of December 13, 2005 regarding MMIA Board of Directors Vacancy.

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company: Letter of November 30, 2005 regarding pipeline safety.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of November 2005.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/04/2005 totaling \$154,106.42.**

- **Approval of non-union retroactive pay increases totaling \$16,031.39.**

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

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of November 15, 2005 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of December 1, 2005 were presented.

--Cemetery Commission minutes of December 8, 2005 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of December 13, 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 Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A 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:** None.

- **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.** Second reading. (First reading – 11/01/2005; Public hearing – 12/06/2005)

Motion by Alderman Stamper to adopt Ordinance No. O05-15, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **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.** Second reading. (First reading – 11/01/2005; Public hearing – 12/06/2005)

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to adopt Ordinance No. O05-16, seconded by Alderwoman Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-116: Collection of annual service fee for all water users, pursuant to the Public Water Supply Program.**

Motion by Alderwoman Hart to approve Resolution No. R05-116, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-117: A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Laurel to issue Task Order No. 10 to Morrison-Maierle, Inc., to develop design, bid and construction documents for the replacement of the water line from Third Avenue to Eighth Avenue on West Main Street.**

Motion by Alderwoman Hart to approve Resolution No. R05-117, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-118: A resolution of annexation of Solid Foundations Subdivision, Yellowstone County, and approving the final plat of Solid Foundations Subdivision, an addition to the City of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Alderwoman Johnson to approve Resolution No. R05-118, seconded by Alderman Stamper. There was no public comment.

During council discussion, Alderman Mace asked if all the final items for this subdivision had been completed. City Attorney Sam Painter explained that the item had been completed when the final plat was approved in April. The purpose of this resolution, and Resolution No. R05-119 that follows, is to clean up the language from the previous resolutions so that they now include annexation language acceptable to the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder to treat these as annexations, as was originally intended.

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

- **Resolution R05-119: A resolution of annexation of Iron Horse Station Subdivision, Yellowstone County, and approving the final plat of Iron Horse Station Subdivision, an addition to the City of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Alderman Stamper to approve Resolution No. R05-119, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R05-120: Resolution of the city council vacating right-of-way portions of East Eighth Street, East Ninth Street, and Washington Avenue to School District No. 7-70.**

Motion by Alderman Stamper to approve Resolution No. R05-120, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Request from Mike Kadas, Mayor of Missoula, for a letter of support for Montana Public Power Incorporated acquisition of NorthWestern utility system**

Motion by Alderman Mace to send a letter of support to Mike Kadas, Mayor of Missoula, seconded by Alderman Stamper. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Aldermen/women Easton, Mace, Stamper, Johnson, and Hart voted aye. Alderman Fritzler voted nay. Motion carried 5-1.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Alderwoman Johnson congratulated Alderwoman Hart (formerly Stevenson) on her recent marriage. She also reported that she had recently attended a workshop on the Montana Main Street Program, which was a requirement for representatives of cities who plan to apply for one of the two pilot city programs. Alderwoman Johnson requested that this be placed on the December 27th workshop agenda, when she can present more information on the subject.

Alderman Easton took the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and stated he enjoyed the city Christmas party last Saturday evening. He also wished Kate a happy marriage.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, President Easton adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 3rd day of January, 2006.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer