

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

May 2, 2006

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 May 2, 2006.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Mary Embleton Keith Molyneaux
 Perry Asher

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 April 18, 2006, as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Montana Department of Transportation: Billings Bypass EIS, Issue No. 1.

Montana Department of Transportation: March 2006 *Newsline*.

Montana League of Cities and Towns: Memorandum of April 18, 2006 regarding District Legislative Meetings.

Montana League of Cities and Towns: Letter of April 20, 2006 regarding Local Government Center.

Montana Department of Administration: Letter of April 24, 2006 regarding June 2006 Budgeting and Accounting Seminar.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Ordinance No. 006-04:** Ordinance amending the Laurel Municipal Code to provide the city council the authority to establish and adopt the city's fees and charges for services it provides by annual resolution.

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

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

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Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of April 2006 in the amount of \$185,607.50.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 04/23/2006 totaling \$133,984.44.**

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

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of April 4, 2006 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of April 25, 2006 were presented.

--Special Council Workshop minutes of April 26, 2006 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 vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments:** None.
- **Resolution No. R06-42: A resolution accepting the Preliminary Engineering Services Proposal from Montana Engineering and Administration, Inc. for a city-wide Storm Water System Plan, and authorizing the Mayor and staff to negotiate a contract for said services.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve Resolution No. R06-42, seconded by Alderwoman Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-43: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an extension to the contract for city attorney legal services between the City of Laurel and Elk River Law Office P.L.L.P.**

Motion by Alderwoman Hart to approve Resolution No. R06-43, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment.

Alderwoman Johnson stated that she has enjoyed Keith and Sam's work.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-44: A resolution of the City Council approving the Project Development Agreement with Johnson Controls for the City of Laurel's Public Utilities Department Project and Facilities Analysis, and to further authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement with Johnson Controls for the implementation and completion of the Performance Contracting Project including the facilities analysis and installation of meters for an automated meter reading system.**

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to approve Resolution No. R06-44, seconded by Alderwoman Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-45: A resolution approving a small construction contract between the City of Laurel and KC Interiors providing for flooring improvements to the council chambers of city hall for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve Resolution No. R06-45, seconded by Alderman Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-46: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with ABTelcom, Inc. to install and maintain a telephone system for the City of Laurel's Fire, Ambulance and Police Building (FAP) in accordance with ABTelcom's attached proposal.**

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve Resolution No. R06-46, seconded by Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-47: Resolution to approve the amended Development Agreement negotiated by City staff and Laurel School District No. 7.**

Motion by Alderman Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R06-47, seconded by Alderman Stamper. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-48: Budget amendment resolution amending appropriations and revenues for various funds for fiscal year 2006.**

Motion by Alderman Stamper to approve Resolution No. R06-48, seconded by Alderman Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-49: Resolution to authorize submission of a TSEP application and commit matching funds.**

Motion by Alderwoman Johnson to approve Resolution No. R06-49, seconded by Alderwoman Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Intercap loan application for the East First Street project.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to proceed with the Intercap application for the funding for the East First Street project, seconded by Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

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.

There was a discussion about the draft of the City of Laurel's web page.

Aldermen Mace and Poehls will work at the Project HELP construction site all day on Wednesday.

The City-County Joint Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in Billings. The City of Laurel is interested in the regional water item and the Laurel speed limit issues on the agenda.

Several council members commented regarding the success of the Arbor Day celebration. The program was creative, the recitation of the poem was special, and the students were attentive to the program.

Alderwoman Johnson was elected regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution today, and she will travel to Glasgow this week to be re-elected as a state officer.

Alderman Easton thanked Steve Klotz and the crew for their efforts in the Arbor Day Celebration. The contractor for the East First Street project worked in another location during the ceremony. The Honors Society plans to have a dedication ceremony in the park after the project is completed.

Alderman Hart thanked the Tree Board for their efforts in the Arbor Day celebration.

Alderman Dickerson suggested that the City of Laurel send a letter of thanks to the contractor for their willingness to delay their work on the East First Street project during the celebration.

Mayor Olson mentioned that the council will participate in the construction of the Project HELP playground equipment at Kiwanis Park on Wednesday evening.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderman Hart 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 eight aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 16th day of May, 2006.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer