

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of June 2006.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 07/16/2006 totaling \$143,069.86.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of June 20, 2006 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of July 6, 2006 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of July 11, 2006 were presented.

Alderman Dickerson asked regarding the section on front yard setbacks in residential zones in the Laurel City-County Planning Board minutes of July 6, 2006. The minutes state that a question was asked if the line of sight on a corner would be affected and Cal was going to address this before it came before the council.

Cal stated that the item would be presented at a council workshop.

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):

Ambulance Director Jan Faught introduced Nancy Chiddix, a new attendant for the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance. Nancy received her EMT license in Anaconda and has moved to Billings. She volunteers about 40 to 50 hours of call time for the Laurel Ambulance Service. Jan asked the council to approve the appointment.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service:

Mayor Olson appointed Nancy Chiddix as an ambulance attendant for the Laurel Ambulance Service.

Motion by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the appointment of Nancy Chiddix as an ambulance attendant, seconded by Alderman Mace. 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.

Yellowstone Conservation District:

Mayor Olson appointed Marianne Hanser as the Urban Supervisor for the Yellowstone Conservation District for a three-year term ending June 30, 2009.

Motion by Alderman Stamper to approve the appointment of Marianne Hanser as the Urban Supervisor for the Yellowstone Conservation District, 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. R06-76: A resolution to approve a conditional use to allow Wal-Mart to place advertising for the two out parcels planned on the property Wal-Mart is**

acquiring (Laurel Business Park Subdivision, First Filing) on a single pylon billboard and prohibiting billboards on the two out parcels.

Motion by Alderman Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R06-76, 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. R06-77: A resolution transferring certain insurance funds of the City of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve Resolution No. R06-77, 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. R06-78: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a modification to the previously approved Task Order No. 8 with Morrison-Maierle, Inc., providing for additional engineering services for the previously approved sewer trunk line replacement project requiring additional costs for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve Resolution No. R06-78, seconded by Alderman Mace. 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. R06-79: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 5 with JTL Group, Inc., for additional concrete and sidewalk work on the East First Street construction project in the amount of \$4,812.50.**

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to approve Resolution No. R06-79, 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. R06-80: Resolution to approve a consultant contract between the City of Laurel and Cumin Associates for the provision of professional planning services.**

Motion by Alderwoman Hart to approve Resolution No. R06-80, 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.

- **Resolution No. R06-81: A resolution approving the Amended Plat of Laurel Business Park Subdivision, First Filing.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve Resolution No. R06-81, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Alderwoman Johnson attended the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board meeting today. The Board discussed designing a streetscape of the historic buildings and the changes through the years. They are working on a mobile streetscape design, rather than a stationary one, to complete in time for the Billings' Centennial. At the meeting, Kevin Kooistra-Manning, of the Western Heritage Center, mentioned that something similar could be done in Laurel.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are selling leather bookmarks at the Lewis & Clark Signature event on July 22nd through 25th. Alderwoman Johnson encouraged everyone to attend the event. Several tribes will have encampments, many activities are scheduled, and the interpretive center is extremely impressive.

Alderman Easton participated in an interview with Dr. Susan Gilbert, a professor at MSU-Billings, last Saturday. In 1998, Congress mandated the Corps of Engineers and the conservation districts to perform a study on the accumulative effects of the river from Gardiner to the confluence of the Missouri River. The study, which began in 1999, consists of twelve conservation districts and each county has a representative. Pictures of the six hundred mile river have been taken to document everything that happens on the river, including riprap and weirs. In the past year, a study of the birds and their habitats has also been done along the river. Currently, the landowners along the river are being interviewed. Dr. Gilbert will compile a 5,000 page document on the study. Alderman Easton expressed thanks to Bob Johnson for providing a tour of the water treatment plant last Saturday. Alderman Easton stated that Dr. Gilbert would make a presentation to the council after the study is finalized with the Corps of Engineers.

When Alderman Fritzler started serving on the Cemetery Commission, he tried to find an alternative to the Cove Ditch, which can limit the city's water usage. The Bureau of Mines gave him the geological data, and it was determined that there is not any water up there except in the ditches.

Alderman Fritzler spoke regarding the proposed Veterans' Cemetery. At a Yellowstone County Commission meeting today, the Veterans' Council formally requested the Commission to support up to a one mill levy for the proposed Veterans' Cemetery on the November ballot. Commissioners Kennedy and Ostlund, members of the Veterans' Council, and the local VFW, American Legion, and other organizations recently met at the cemetery to discuss preliminary plans for the proposed cemetery. There may be questions regarding proposed map layouts, talk about property transfers, and the city's commitment to this project. The City of Laurel's commitment is conceptual only at this point, and final plans will be brought to the council for approval.

Mayor Olson stated that Alderman Fritzler's effort with the proposed Veterans' Cemetery has been unlimited, and he thanked him for his dedication.

Mayor Olson stated that an inquiry was received regarding the loading and unloading perimeters of the downtown business district, particularly where Thomae Lumber is concerned. The issue has been investigated and the information will be presented to the council at the next council workshop. According to the city's files, there has been no indication for any allowances outside the downtown business district for loading and unloading. The issue was brought forward five years ago. As it is brought forward this time, everything will be documented regarding the issue. The issue will be addressed at the proper place at the forum provided by the city council. As information is available, Perry will provide it to the council.

An Emergency Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 24th, at 5:30 p.m. to review the current dog ordinance.

The lease proposals for the entities at Riverside Park are being addressed.

Alderman Dickerson asked if the council should schedule discussion on the next council workshop agenda regarding a presentation by Dr. Susan Gilbert. Mayor Olson stated that it could be discussed. Alderman Easton mentioned that Dr. Gilbert should have the document completed in August.

Alderwoman Johnson will be unable to attend the council workshop on July 25th.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderman Poehls to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Alderman Mace. 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 7:20 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Council Minutes of July 18, 2006

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 1st day of August, 2006.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer