



Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims for the month of October 2006 in the amount of 535,093.42.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/22/2006 totaling \$139,868.87.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
  - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of October 17, 2006 were presented.
  - Cemetery Commission minutes of October 19, 2006 were presented.
  - Council Workshop minutes of October 31, 2006 were presented.

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment.

Alderwoman Hart removed item 6.b., Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/22/2006 totaling \$139,868.87, from the consent agenda. The item will be considered under Items Removed from the Consent Agenda.

A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

**Police Commission:**

Mayor Olson reappointed Mike Michunovich to a three-year term, ending December 31, 2009, on the Police Commission.

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve the reappointment of Mike Michunovich to a three-year term, ending December 31, 2009, on the Police Commission, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Laurel Volunteer Fire Department:**

Mayor Olson appointed Rlynn Halverson to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion by Alderman Mace to approve the appointment of Rlynn Halverson to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Alderman Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Ordinance No. O06-08:** Ordinance amending Section 12.28 of the Laurel Municipal Code eliminating the previous established Park Committee; and replacing the committee with a newly-created and appointed Park Board; and providing specific duties and responsibilities for the newly-created Park Board; and to establish restricted hours for use of "Kids Kingdom" in Kiwanis Park. Second reading.

Motion by Alderwoman Hart to adopt Ordinance No. O06-08, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Ordinance No. O06-09: Ordinance amending Section 2.68.100 of the Laurel Municipal Code, amending the Judge's salary.** Second reading.

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to adopt Ordinance No. O06-09, seconded by Alderwoman Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Ordinance No. O06-10: Ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Laurel, Montana, to change the zoning of Northeast One Quarter of Section 2, Township 2 South, Range 24 East, PMM, also known as Brookwood Subdivision, from Agricultural-Open Space and Unzoned to Residential Tracts.** Second reading.

Motion by Alderman Dickerson to adopt Ordinance No. O06-10, seconded by Alderman Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Ordinance No. O06-12: Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O06-06.** First reading.

Motion by Alderman Mace to adopt Ordinance No. O06-12, seconded by Alderman Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O06-12 will be on the council agenda on December 5, 2006.

- **Resolution No. R06-116: A resolution of the City Council approving the Performance Contract by and between the City of Laurel and Johnson Controls, Inc.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to delay council action on Resolution No. R06-116 to the council meeting on November 21, 2006, seconded by Alderman Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-119: 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 Alderwoman Hart to approve Resolution No. R06-119, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-120: A resolution transferring certain Water and Sewer Funds of the City of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve Resolution No. R06-120, seconded by Alderwoman Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion.

A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Olson stated that this action is a step in the right direction for the city to provide funding for anticipated water and sewer purchases. He thanked the council for its approval of this resolution.

- **Resolution No. R06-121: A resolution approving a lease agreement between the City of Laurel and Jennifer Kraft providing for the use of city-owned property.**

Motion by Alderwoman Hart to approve Resolution No. R06-121, seconded by Alderman Fritzler. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R06-122: Resolution adopting a job description for Court Clerk I.**

Motion by Alderman Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R06-122, seconded by Alderman Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/22/2006 totaling \$139,868.87.**

Alderman Hart stated that the Payroll Register for PPE 10/22/2006 totaling \$139,868.87 should be amended to \$138,325.83.

Motion by Alderman Poehls to approve the amended Payroll Register for PPE 10/22/2006 totaling \$138,325.83, seconded by Alderman Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

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

Alderman Mace mentioned the need to redistrict newly-annexed properties, and he wanted to make sure the process continued.

Mayor Olson stated that the process of redistricting was last done after the Government Review Commission twelve years ago, and the city's growth has been substantial since then. Mark Richards is working on this process.

Alderman Dickerson asked for an update on the web site at the next workshop.

Perry explained that the web page is under the wrong address right now. Bart Haskell, from Technical Edge Consulting, has been installing the exchange server in city hall this week. When the exchange server has been installed, Bart will change the address for the city's e-mail addresses and the URL for the website. Perry is working with Zee Creative to set up a time for some employees to receive some training.

Alderman Fritzler stated that the Veterans' Cemetery will now become a reality.

Mayor Olson stated that the county and the City of Laurel will enter into negotiations on how the Veterans' Cemetery will proceed. He thanked Alderman Fritzler for all his work on this issue. The city will look at providing an easement to the county in the northern part of that section. This has been a terrible corner with the diversion from a west traffic flow to the south, and extending that through the city's property to meet up with Buffalo Trail will be great. This is an exciting time for Laurel. The cost of the road will be paid by the county.

Alderman Fritzler mentioned that activity regarding the Veterans' Cemetery will begin in January. The sprinkler system is included in the CIP process, and a resolution for the cemetery master plan will be presented to the council in the near future. After the bid for the master plan is awarded, the contractor will work with the county and the commission to bring the plans together.

Mayor Olson again recognized Alderman Fritzler's work on the Cemetery Commission.

Alderman Fritzler thanked him and stated that it was everyone's effort.

There was a brief discussion regarding other veterans' cemeteries in Montana.

Alderman Poehls mentioned that at one time the City of Laurel sent a letter to Senator Burns regarding our north water reservoir issue and some of the other projects that would be a tremendous benefit to the Yellowstone Valley. He suggested that, in lieu of the results of yesterday's elections, the council should forward a letter regarding those issues to Jon Tester.

Mayor Olson agreed and stated that it is time to take an opportunity to invite our representative and senator to meet with the council. He asked that this item be put on the next council workshop agenda for council discussion.

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the race between Krayton Kerns and Emilie Eaton.

Mayor Olson mentioned the Veterans' Day celebration on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at noon at Veterans' Park. Representation from the Laurel Middle School, the Laurel High School, the VFW, the American Legion, and the Hometown Pride organization will attend. A flag that was flown over Iraq will be raised and the fire department will present a salute to the veterans. Commissioner Kennedy will be invited to attend the ceremony.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Alderman Fritzier 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 five aldermen/women present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2006.

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Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer