

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 5, 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 December 5, 2006.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Poehls

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Mary Embleton Perry Asher
 Sam Painter Mark Richards

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 Alderman Stamper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2006, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Mayor Olson asked Perry Asher to introduce the matter to the council.

Perry stated that this ordinance amends another ordinance. When the first ordinance was passed recently, staff recognized that several areas were originally identified incorrectly. The corrections were made and it is ready for review.

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

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

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

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of November 2006 in the amount of \$280,861.33.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 11/19/2006 totaling \$142,030.40.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of November 21, 2006 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of November 28, 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 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service:

Mayor Olson appointed Kara Hergenrider as an attendant on the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Motion by Alderman Fritzler to approve the appointment of Kara Hergenrider as an attendant on the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, 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.

Big Sky Economic Development Authority Nominating Committee:

Mayor Olson appointed Gay Easton to a one-year term, ending December 7, 2007, on the Big Sky Economic Development Authority Nominating Committee.

Motion by Alderwoman Hart to approve the appointment of Gay Easton to a one-year term, ending December 7, 2007, on the Big Sky Economic Development Authority Nominating Committee, 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.

- **Resolution No. R06-127: Resolution of the City Council to vacate a certain platted cul-de-sac in the Laurel Business Park Subdivision as requested by property owners within such subdivision.**

Motion by Alderman Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R06-127, 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. R06-128: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 2 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement between the City of Laurel and Morrison-Maierle, Inc., for the Main Street Waterline Project authorizing additional engineering services for the additional cost of \$9,165.00.**

Motion by Alderman Easton to approve Resolution No. R06-128, seconded by Alderman Dickerson. 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. R06-129: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with Gray Construction, Inc., for additional work and materials on the Main Street Waterline Replacement Project in the amount of \$4,987.50.**

Motion by Alderwoman Johnson to approve Resolution No. R06-129, 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.

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.

Alderman Dickerson requested that a council representative attend the Montana Department of Transportation meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Laurel High School. Public input will be received regarding the West Laurel Interchange. Since a council workshop is scheduled for December 12th. Perry Asher will attend the MDT meeting to represent the City of Laurel.

Alderman Mace stated that MDT scheduled the meeting at the school to get public comment. MDT already presented the information at a council meeting, and he does not know what else the city would be involved in as far as a public meeting at this point.

The City of Laurel and MDT are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 13th, regarding the Eighth Avenue Project.

Castors and updated maps were installed on the tables in the council chambers today. There was discussion regarding the possibility of new window coverings for the council chambers.

Alderwoman Johnson mentioned her recent trip to Florida and expressed anticipation to live there.

Alderman Easton attended a Bright n' Beautiful meeting recently. A container to recycle Christmas trees will be located at the parking lot of the grain elevator. Laurel will get a share of the chippings for use in Lions Park. The City of Billings, City of Laurel, and Yellowstone County contribute to the program.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alderman Fritzier to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Alderman Hart. 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 6:59 p.m.

Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 21st day of December, 2006.

Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer