

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 19, 2010

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 6:40 p.m. on January 19, 2010.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kate Hart	Doug Poehls
Chuck Rodgers	Mark Mace
Alex Wilkins	Chuck Dickerson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton	Norm Stamper
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OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Embleton	Derek Yeager
Sam Painter	Kurt Markegard
Bill Sheridan	James Caniglia

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 Council Member Rodgers to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2010, as presented, seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company: Letter of December 18, 2009, regarding pipeline system.

Montana Liquid and Gas Pipeline Association (MLGPA): Letter regarding Pipeline Awareness meetings.

Bright n' Beautiful: Minutes of April 15, 2009; May 20, 2009; June 17, 2009; September 16, 2009; October 21, 2009; November 18, 2009; December 16, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of December 2010.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 01/10/2010 totaling \$165,200.10.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Health Insurance Committee minutes of December 29, 2009 were presented.

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of January 5, 2010 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of January 7, 2010 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of January 7, 2010 were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of January 11, 2010 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of January 12, 2010 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of November 2, 2009 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of December 7, 2009 were presented.

The mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Hart to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Rodgers. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members 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.**

Laurel Ambulance Service:

Mayor Olson appointed Jesse Kloberdanz and Josh Gibbs to the Laurel Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's appointments of Jesse Kloberdanz and Josh Gibbs to the Laurel Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Elect Council President**

Council Member Hart nominated Council Member Poehls for Council President, seconded by Council Member Dickerson.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to close nominations.

Mayor Olson stated that it had been moved and seconded to close nominations. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Olson stated that nominations closed with only one nomination. A vote was taken on the nomination for Council Member Poehls to be the Council President. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Olson thanked Council Member Poehls for stepping forward.

- **Elect Council Vice-President**

Council Member Poehls nominated Council Member Mace for Council Vice-President, seconded by Council Member Dickerson.

Mayor Olson asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Motion by Council Member Hart to close the nominations, seconded by Council Member Rodgers. Motion carried 5-1, with Council Member Mace voting nay.

Mayor Olson stated that the question before the council is the election of the Council Vice-President. A vote was taken on the nomination for Council Member Mace to be the Council Vice-President. Motion carried 5-1, with Council Member Mace voting nay.

Mayor Olson thanked Council Member Mace and stated that he has done and will continue to do a great job.

Mayor Olson stated that, since he has received no requests for changes, the committees will remain as they currently stand.

- **Letter of Support for the Energy Efficiency Block Grant**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Letter of Support for the Energy Efficiency Block Grant, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R10-11: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a proposal from CHS Refinery to extend utility services to and from the new CHS Maintenance Complex.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R10-11 with the addition of the attachment of the letter received tonight. Council Member Poehls read the letter:

“Dear Mayor Olson:

This letter is a follow-up to recent conversations with you and your staff. In response to a request by the City of Laurel, when CHS extends the approved services to the new CHS facility, CHS will participate up to \$15,000 in a 50/50 cost share of the installation by the City of a single sewer manhole and will also install a 6” water meter and a 4” bypass water meter on the existing 6” water line to the refinery.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for extension of services.”

Patrick B. Kimmet
CHS Refinery Manager

The motion was seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment.

Council Member Dickerson asked if the letter would become an attachment of Resolution No. R10-11, which is correct.

Council Member Poehls stated that, as a point of public record, the council would like staff to enter into discussions with CHS about right-of-way easements for public utilities through the CHS Refinery property. Council Member Poehls stated that he was not making this a requirement of tonight’s vote.

Mayor Olson stated that it has always been the intent of CHS to be a good partner. We have always looked forward to continue the opportunities that come before the two entities to help the City of Laurel and CHS in the endeavors to meet the challenges throughout the coming years. Mayor Olson thanked Council Member Poehls for putting the request into the public record.

A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R10-12: Resolution authorizing the collection of the annual service fee for all water users pursuant to the Public Water Supply Program.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R10-12, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R10-13: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with NorthWestern Energy to install, operate and maintain facilities and to provide services for the Elm Avenue Lift Station.**

Motion by Council Member Hart to approve Resolution No. R10-13, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.



COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

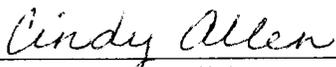
Mayor Olson proposed scheduling a Saturday retreat for discussion of the council's input on the city's direction on various issues. He originally intended the retreat to be held on January 30th, but Saturday, February 6th, might be a better date. Breakfast would be served at 8:00 a.m. and sessions would run from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with a lunch break, and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. or so. He stated that it would be a great opportunity to get the council's valued input. There will be more discussion regarding the date and agenda topics at the council workshop on January 26th.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wilkins to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2nd day of February, 2010.



Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer