

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

February 19, 2008

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 February 19, 2008.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:           Emelie Eaton           Doug Poehls  
  Kate Hart               Mark Mace  
  Gay Easton             Chuck Dickerson  
  Alex Wilkins           Norm Stamper

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:           None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:               Mary Embleton         Kurt Markegard  
  Sam Painter             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 Dickerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2008, as presented, seconded by Council Member Stamper. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Lila Wuertz, Laurel Senior Center: Thank you note for donation.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of January 24, 2008; Agenda of February 14, 2008.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Resolution No. R08-15: A resolution of intent to adopt an official Schedule of Fees and Charges for the City of Laurel, repealing all previous resolutions that set fees or charges that conflict with the schedule attached hereto upon its effective date.

Mayor Olson asked Mary Embleton to present the issue to the council.

Mary stated that a list of the schedule of fees was previously distributed with the initial changes or additions highlighted in yellow. Upon further discussion and review, another change has been added regarding the court supplying copies of videotapes to defense attorneys. The charge for video tape or DVD copies has been added under Administrative, City Attorney and Court Fees and Charges. The recommended charges match with the Police Department charges.

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.

- Ordinance No. O08-02: Ordinance adopting annexation regulations for the City of Laurel for incorporation in Chapter 16 of the Laurel Municipal Code. (First reading – 02/05/2008)

Mayor Olson asked City Planner James Caniglia to present the matter to the council.

James stated that the ordinance for the annexation regulations would be adopted directly from Montana Code Annotated. The ordinance has nothing to do with an annexation policy, which will be reviewed and approved by resolution soon. The resolution will allow flexibility to make changes to the annexation policy without requiring an ordinance.

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**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of January 2008.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 02/10/2008 totaling \$139,648.25.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of February 5, 2008 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of February 7, 2008 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of February 7, 2008 were presented.

--Insurance Committee minutes of February 12, 2008 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of February 12, 2008 were presented.

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

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

Library Board:

Mayor Olson appointed Christy Smith to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2011.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Christy Smith to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2011, seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Laurel Police Reserves:

Mayor Olson appointed Gabe Zeiler, Palmer Henrickson, Michael Lyles, Tammy Harpster, Kenneth Bickford, Kenny DeLoach to the Laurel Police Reserves.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointments of Gabe Zeiler, Palmer Henrickson, Michael Lyles, Tammy Harpster, Kenneth Bickford, and Kenny DeLoach to the

Laurel Police Reserves, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Ordinance No. O08-01: Ordinance amending Section 2.68.100 of the Laurel Municipal Code, amending the Judge's salary. Second reading.

Motion by Council Member Hart to adopt Ordinance No. O08-01, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Ordinance No. O08-03: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Laurel, Montana, extending the boundaries of the Central Business District. First reading.

Motion by Council Member Easton to adopt Ordinance No. O08-03, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment.

Council Member Eaton asked if new zoning maps would be available after the ordinance is adopted. Mayor Olson stated that the question would be posed to the Public Works Department.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

The public hearing of Ordinance No. O08-03 will be on the March 4<sup>th</sup> council agenda.

- Resolution No. R08-18: Resolution authorizing participation in the Board of Investments of the State of Montana Annual Adjustable Rate Tender Option Municipal Finance Consolidation Act Bonds (INTERCAP Revolving Program), approving the form and terms of the loan agreement and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents related thereto.

Motion by Council Member Wilkins to approve Resolution No. R08-18, seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Resolution No. R08-19: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a construction agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for the Federal Aid Project No. UPP 6904(2).

Motion by Council Member Stamper to approve Resolution No. R08-19, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Resolution No. R08-20: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a buy/sell agreement on the City's behalf offering Yellowstone County the opportunity to purchase certain city-owned property for use as part of the County's currently proposed Veterans' Cemetery.

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve Resolution No. R08-20, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council Member Eaton asked that, at the next council workshop, the council discuss a letter received from Ron Elkin of NAI Business Properties regarding the city possibly purchasing the former Western Security Bank building. Last she heard there was no money in the budget and no money set aside for this.

Council Member Eaton attended the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board meeting this morning. She stated that Laurel has again been under the attention of this group. In May, there will be two

presentations of historical significance at The Crossings. She will share that information with the *Outlook* for a general announcement. The Western Heritage Center has offered to do a presentation. The generalized title is "How the Railroad Shaped Your Town" and it is tailored to each individual community. Council Member Eaton plans to present this to the Centennial Committee to see if they want to incorporate it. The Historic Roundtable is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, and she will give that information to the *Outlook*. She will do that as the new chair of the Board, and she is very excited about it. The Board has had interesting discussions about the agenda that it wants to follow this year. Basically, the Board decided to adopt a whole new way of doing things.

Mayor Olson applauded Council Member Eaton's efforts and recognized her opportunity to lead the group. He stated that the Board made a fine choice.

Council Member Easton stated that he and Council Member Eaton found some of the pictures in Sedley Barsness' establishment. He asked Mayor Olson if he has heard from the school.

Mayor Olson will contact the school again tomorrow. He stated that he was interested in Council Member Eaton's observations from the Heritage Center and offered his assistance.

Council Member Wilkins attended his first EDA/EDC meeting last Thursday morning. Steve Zeier and Council Member Wilkins plan to have several lunch meetings over the next couple weeks to brainstorm the TIF District.

Council Member Stamper stated that the approval of the resolution on the land for the cemetery closes a chapter on this process that has been a long time coming. It is a big step for the City of Laurel and Yellowstone County. He stated that it feels good to have been involved in this, but he would be remiss if he did not mention Dick Fritzler. Dick started this process and was very instrumental in it. He wanted to make sure that Dick was congratulated, too.

Mayor Olson thanked Dick for his efforts and stated that he also serves on the City-County Planning Board and is a valued asset. Mayor Olson applauded Council Member Stamper's efforts on the Veterans' Cemetery project.

Council Member Dickerson Chuck stated that it amazes him how the knowledge that Council Member Easton has maintained over the years has been so interesting. He looks forward to everything that Council Member Easton will provide for the 100-year celebration. Time may slip away, but he does not think it has for Council Member Easton.

Council Member Mace updated the council on the Centennial happenings. He previously talked about the council getting involved in getting the Odyssey West program of Jack Gladstone and Rob Quist to Laurel. Council Member Poehls will present a check from the council to the Centennial Committee for the required \$1,000 deposit on Thursday night. There is a lot of work to do, but he thinks it will be great.

Mayor Olson thanked Council Member Mace for bringing that forward. He cannot imagine any more active group than the council to take on a project like that, and he stated that the city is certainly well served by this group.

Council Member Poehls requested that the Public Works Department explain the saw horses located at Woodland and 4<sup>th</sup> at the next council workshop.

Council Member Poehls stated that the city is negotiating contract for fire protection with Cenex. Pat Kimmert received a copy of the contract a month ago, but he has not contacted Council Member Poehls yet. He anticipates that the Emergency Services Committee will not meet on Monday, unless the members receive notice from the council secretary.

Mayor Olson stated that the Centennial Committee will meet on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. This is a real opportunity to help bring Laurel's 100-year birthday to focus. Mayor Olson acknowledged that Council Member Dickerson has participated on this from the inception and stated that his work on the committee has been invaluable.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

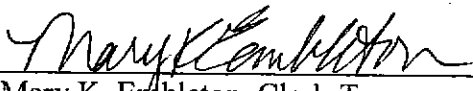
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Cindy Allen, Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

  
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Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

  
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Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer