

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

March 15, 2011

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 March 15, 2011.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Doug Poehls
 Kate Hart Mark Mace
 Chuck Rodgers Chuck Dickerson
 Tom Nelson Norm Stamper

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Sam Painter

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 March 1, 2011, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative: Letter of February 21, 2011, regarding Annual Business Person's Breakfast on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Max Baucus: Letter of March 2, 2011, regarding Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Ordinance No. O11-03: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, adopting a technical amendment to Ordinance No. O11-01 to resolve a typographical error in the previously adopted ordinance. (First reading – 03/01/2011)

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing and read the rules governing the public hearing.

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

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

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Olson stated that the council has the option to suspend the rule to wait two weeks for the second reading of the ordinance and to place the item on tonight's agenda as item 10. g. under Scheduled Matters.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to suspend the rule to wait two weeks and to place the ordinance on tonight's agenda as item 10.g., seconded by Council Member Mace. 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.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of February 2011.



- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 03/06/2011 totaling \$169,083.05.**

- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of March 1, 2011 were presented.

--Emergency Services Committee minutes of February 28, 2011 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of March 3, 2011 were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of March 8, 2011 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of March 8, 2011 were presented.

--Laurel Airport Authority minutes of January 25, 2011 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 Poehls. 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.**

City Planner:

Mayor Olson appointed Heidi Jensen as the City Planner for the City of Laurel.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointment of Heidi Jensen as the City Planner for the City of Laurel, 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.

CTEP Administrator:

Mayor Olson appointed Heidi Jensen as the CTEP Administrator for the City of Laurel.

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve the Mayor's appointment of Heidi Jensen as the CTEP Administrator for the City of Laurel, 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.

Floodplain Administrator:

Mayor Olson appointed Heidi Jensen as the Floodplain Administrator for the City of Laurel.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Heidi Jensen as the Floodplain Administrator for the City of Laurel, 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.

- **Resolution No. R11-21: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement to provide health services with St. Vincent Healthcare of Billings, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R11-21, 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. R11-22: An intent to approve budget amendment resolution to increase appropriations in the General Fund for equipment for the Library and Fire Departments for fiscal year 2011.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R11-22, seconded by Council Member Rodgers. There was no public comment.

Council Member Eaton asked regarding the public hearing for the budget amendment, since the changes will increase the general budget.

Mayor Olson stated that the public hearing would be on the April 5th council agenda.

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

- **Resolution No. R11-23: An intent to approve budget amendment resolution amending appropriation distribution for various funds for fiscal year 2011.**

Motion by Council Member Stamper to approve Resolution No. R11-23, 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.

The public hearing will be on the April 5th council agenda.

- **Ordinance No. O11-04: An ordinance amending Section 12.32.050 titled "Creation and establishment of a City Tree Board" and Section 12.32.060 of the Laurel Municipal Code titled "Term of office" located at Title 12 of the Laurel Municipal Code. First reading.**

Motion by Council Member Rodgers to adopt Ordinance No. O11-04, seconded by Council Member Nelson. 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.

The public hearing of Ordinance No. O11-04 will be on the council agenda of April 5, 2011.

- **Ordinance No. O11-05: An ordinance amending Section 5.44.030 titled "Exceptions to provisions" located at Title 5 of the Laurel Municipal Code. First reading.**

Motion by Council Member Hart to adopt Ordinance No. O11-05, seconded by Council Member Rodgers. There was no public comment.

Council Member Eaton stated that she has gone over the minutes of this and asked if this ordinance change is trying to comply with present procedures.

Mayor Olson stated that this was a request through the Laurel Chamber of Commerce to allow transient vendors to come in and sell their wares for events such as the Farmers' Market or the 4th of July. Those vendors would not have to buy a business license for one or two-day events.

Council Member Eaton rephrased her question and asked who would be the people who would pay for a business license.

Mayor Olson stated that if someone with an established location within the community would fall under the ordinance of being required to purchase a business license.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. O11-05. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

The public hearing of Ordinance No. O11-05 will be on the council agenda of April 5, 2011.



- **Ordinance No. O11-03: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, adopting a technical amendment to Ordinance No. O11-01 to resolve a typographical error in the previously adopted ordinance.** Second reading.

Motion by Council Member Nelson to adopt Ordinance No. O11-03, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Poehls stated that the Emergency Services Committee would not meet on Monday, March 21st.

Council Member Mace spoke regarding his opportunity to present a project to the Billings' City Council last night. His project was approved after a lot of discussion.

Council Member Stamper announced that, after a long winter, baseball officially started in Laurel tonight with tryouts for the team he will be coaching. He stated that hearing the crack of the bat tonight means that spring is here.

Mayor Olson spoke regarding the proposed meetings with Jerry Grebenc from the Department of Commerce to discuss water and extension of services and bulk water sales. Mr. Grebenc was unable to schedule the meeting on March 19th or 26th, as originally proposed, but should be available to meet with the council in April. Mayor Olson will solidify the proposed dates with him and inform the council via e-mail.

Mayor Olson stated that about forty-five mayors attended the Mayor's Conference in Helena last week. There was good discussion and exchange of ideas. The Clerk's Institute is scheduled for May 4th and 5th.

Mayor Olson mentioned that the next council workshop is on March 29th, as there are five Tuesdays this month. On March 29th, there will be discussion regarding the Bus Transit Grant. Mayor Olson and Heidi Jensen spent several hours last Friday working on the bus transit grant with the Department of Transportation. They will present an informed report on March 29th.

Mayor Olson asked how the new council e-mail accounts are working. The accounts are working for Council Members Poehls, Mace, Stamper, Nelson, Rodgers and Hart. Council Members Dickerson and Eaton have not yet logged into their accounts. Mayor Olson asked them to inform the city if they have problems so a technician could assist them. He stated that it is to the council person's advantage to have this account to maintain the privacy of personal accounts.

At the council's direction, Mayor Olson contacted Tina Volek regarding the possibility to schedule a Friday afternoon meeting with Tom Hanel, Dave Mumford, and Laurel representatives. As soon as Mayor Olson receives a response, he will inform the council.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

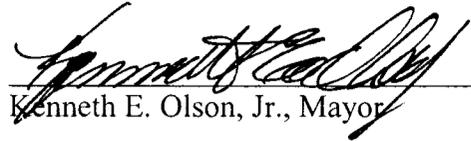
Motion by Council Member Poehls to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

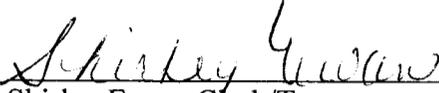
Cindy Allen
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary



Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 5th day of April, 2011.


Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer