

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

August 18, 2009

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 August 18, 2009.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:           Emelie Eaton                   Doug Poehls  
  Kate Hart                       Chuck Dickerson  
  Chuck Rodgers               Norm Stamper  
  Alex Wilkins

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:           Mark Mace

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:               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 Eaton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2009, as presented, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 11, 2009, as presented, seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Montana Department of Revenue: Letter of August 4, 2009, regarding property reappraisal assessment notices.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Minutes of July 9, 2009; Agenda of August 13, 2009.

Montana Nonprofit Association: Letter of August 1, 2009, regarding first Annual Report.

Montana Department of Transportation: Letter of August 10, 2009, regarding Urban Pavement Preservation 2011.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Final Financial Statements for the month of June 2009.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2009.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 08/09/2009 totaling \$160,914.23.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of August 4, 2009 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of August 6, 2009 were presented.

--Cemetery Commission minutes of August 6, 2009 were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of August 10, 2009 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of August 11, 2009 were presented.

--Laurel Airport Authority minutes of June 23, 2009 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of July 27, 2009 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of August 10, 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 Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

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

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

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments:** None.
- **Ordinance No. O09-09: Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Laurel, Montana, to change the zoning designation of a parcel of property located in Yellowstone County from residential Manufactured Home to Light Industrial Zoning.** Second reading.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to adopt Ordinance No. O09-09, seconded by Council Member Stamper. There was no public comment.

Council Member Poehls stated that he is not opposed to the zone change to Light Industrial, but he thinks the city has an obligation to look into its future growth. Some of the easiest growth would be on the southwest side of Laurel because utility lines would not have to go underneath the interstate or the railroad tracks. He stated that is predicated on the ability to get water and sewer to the southwest side of Laurel, and the Cenex Refinery is the big blockage. Because Cenex people were present at the meeting, he stated that he is not opposed to the Light Industrial zoning, which he thinks is probably a good application for the area. However, he would like the city and the refinery to discuss some sort of easement so the city can get water and sewer lines through Cenex property to service people in the southwest corner of Laurel. The interchange will be off Golf Course Road with access off the south side. This is a prime location for subdivisions. Unless there is a way get water and sewer lines out there, there would not be growth or it would be really expensive growth. Council Member Poehls again stated that he is not opposed to the zone change, but the city needs access in some way, shape, or form.

Mayor Olson stated that staff has to draft a letter to the applicant in regard to the extension of water services. There will be discussions after this particular action is done, and the information will be reported to the council.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. O09-09. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R09-89: A resolution of the City Council accepting a Hiring Recovery Program Grant award from the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).**

Motion by Council Member Wilkins to approve Resolution No. R09-89, seconded by Council Member Rodgers. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R09-90: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the disposal of City records.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R09-90, seconded by Council Member Stamper. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R09-91: A resolution approving the attached Task Order No. 2 of the Owner-Engineer Agreement with Morrison-Maierle, Inc., to perform the tasks and duties related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade final engineering and bidding services.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R09-91, seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R09-92: A resolution transferring cash between various funds of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the purposes of year-end closing.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R09-92, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**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.

Council Member Eaton explained the activities scheduled during this weekend's Heritage Days. Activities will begin at the Town Square on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Several businesses along Main Street will have Crazy Days activities. Horse drawn tours will be available from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., and Rock the Block activities will be held in the evening at Town Square. A horseshoe contest is scheduled in Riverside Park at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Council members that are available to serve hamburgers and hot dogs should meet at 3:30 p.m. There will be a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Fire Department, the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Band will perform, and the Jaycees will provide liquid refreshment.

Mayor Olson stated that the horseshoe tournament might not happen, as the organizer had a family illness and will be out of town.

Council Member Dickerson suggested that council members wear their 100-year centennial t-shirts to the event. Mayor Olson stated that the fire department might have 100-year t-shirts.

Council Member Rodgers stated that the individual will deliver the big rock, but he does not have a way to get it off the trailer. Arrangements will be made with Kurt to have the rock delivered to the city shop on a Saturday morning.

Council Member Rodgers and Bill Sheridan recently visited the Rockvale Cemetery. Council Member Rodgers suggested that the council and staff schedule an evening field trip to the Rockvale Cemetery to see their process and get some ideas for Laurel's cemetery.

Mayor Olson stated that the committee selected Matt Wheeler as the Shop Maintenance Superintendent.

Council Member Dickerson suggested scheduling the trip to the Rockvale Cemetery on the fourth of five Tuesday nights in September. Council Member Rodgers will check with the individual.

James Caniglia explained that the fourth and final installment of the Transit Development Plan will be presented at the August 25<sup>th</sup> council workshop. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation will be

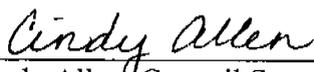
distributed. As the printed report is lengthy, James asked if the council would prefer to have copies or a disk of the report. It was agreed that disks would be acceptable.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

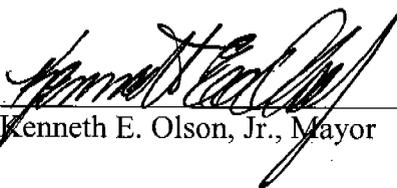
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Hart to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members 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 6:53 p.m.

  
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Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
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Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

  
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Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer