

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

September 1, 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 September 1, 2009.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton
 Kate Hart Mark Mace
 Chuck Rodgers Chuck Dickerson
 Alex Wilkins Norm Stamper

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Poehls

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Mary Embleton
 Sam Painter
 Bill Sheridan

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 August 18, 2009, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mace. 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:

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Minutes of August 13, 2009; Agenda of September 10, 2009.

Montana Department of Revenue: Memorandum of August 20, 2009 regarding Property Reappraisal Update.

Montana Department of Environmental Quality: Letter of August 25, 2009, regarding review requirements and design standards.

Yellowstone County Election Administrator: Letter of August 26, 2009 regarding mail ballot election.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of August 2009 in the amount of \$580,822.93.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 08/23/2009 totaling \$161,682.13.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of August 18, 2009 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of August 25, 2009 were presented.
 - Laurel Airport Authority minutes of July 28, 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. O09-10: 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.** First reading.

Motion by Council Member Stamper to adopt Ordinance No. O09-10, seconded by Council Member Wilkins. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

The public hearing for Ordinance No. O09-10 will be on the October 6th council agenda.

- **Resolution No. R09-93: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an amendment to the Montana Department of Commerce Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Grant for the City of Laurel Wastewater Improvement Project.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R09-93, 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.

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

Council Member Mace thanked the council for allowing him to be gone recently.

Council Member Dickerson added discussion regarding the council visiting the Rockvale Cemetery to the September 8th council workshop agenda.

Council Member Stamper commented regarding the first football game in the new stadium last weekend. He stated that, although the timing may not have been the best for the city as far as a new fire hall, the stadium is a feather in Laurel's cap and will bring great things to the city. There was further discussion regarding the new stadium, the school's recognition of the City of Laurel's help with the project, the handicapped parking lot, future use of the stadium, and the city's continued efforts for a fire mill levy, funding sources and sites for a future fire hall.

Council Member Eaton stated that the Tree Board will meet on September 29th at 1:30 p.m. to prepare for the Eastern Montana Community Forestry Conference in Laurel on October 1st through 3rd. Mayor Olson offered to welcome the participants to the convention.

Mayor Olson stated that a joint meeting of the County Commissioners and the City of Laurel is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Dickerson asked that discussion about the speed limit signs on Buffalo Trail, north and south of the Veterans' Cemetery, be added to the agenda.

Mayor Olson stated that the discussion at the joint meeting would include the Veterans' Cemetery. He explained the cooperative effort regarding the use of millings on Alder and Fir Avenues. He

previously informed the council that the cooperative effort would result in the annexation of both sides of Fir and Alder Avenues once the project is completed. County Public Works Director Tim Miller feels that the temperature would not be conducive for the milling project this fall, so he recently suggested grading the roads this fall and doing the milling project next June or July. There has also been discussion regarding 12th Street, which has some city and some county residents. If the road work is completed on 12th Street, the intent would be to annex the county properties into the city. Three of the four residents are currently willing to be annexed.

Mayor Olson spoke regarding the board training on Wednesday, October 28th, or Thursday, October 29th. Only one response has been received so far. He asked if the council had a preference for the dates.

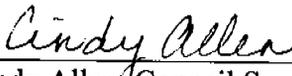
Mary stated that Dan Clark would like Laurel to firm up the date because Roundup will schedule training on the other date. The Laurel Airport Authority requested the training opportunity, but there has not been any response from them yet. The council indicated that Wednesday, October 28th, would be the preferred date.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wilkins 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 6:50 p.m.


Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 15th day of September, 2009.


Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer