

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

September 15, 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 15, 2009.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Dickerson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Mary Embleton Kurt Markegard
 Sam Painter James Caniglia
 Bill Sheridan Jan Faught

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 Stamper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 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:

Montana Department of Transportation: Letter of September 4, 2009 regarding 2009-2013 Final Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of August 2009.**
 - **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 09/06/2009 totaling \$153,140.60.**
 - **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
- Budget/Finance Committee minutes of September 1, 2009 were presented.
- Health Insurance Committee minutes of September 2, 2009 were presented.
- Park Board minutes of September 3, 2009 were presented.
- Council Workshop minutes of September 8, 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.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service:

Ambulance Director Jan Faught stated that earlier this year she introduced a mother and son to the council for appointment, and they have been working for the Ambulance Service ever since. The father and daughter of the same family are now seeking appointment to the Ambulance Service. Jan introduced Nick Obritschkewitsch and Jessica Obritschkewitsch, who have both taken the EMT course, passed the National Registry and the State exams, and are ready to volunteer for the Ambulance Service.

Mayor Olson appointed Jessica Obritschkewitsch and Nick Obritschkewitsch to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointments of Jessica Obritschkewitsch and Nick Obritschkewitsch to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, 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.

- **Resolution No. R09-94: Resolution of annexation of .84 acres of property located at 1701 East Main Street, Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R09-94, 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. R09-95: A resolution of the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce Local Government Infrastructure Grant Program for the Seventh Street Ditch Mitigation Project.**

Motion by Council Member Rodgers to approve Resolution No. R09-95, seconded by Council Member Wilkins. 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. R09-96: A resolution approving the attached Task Order No. 3 authorizing Morrison Maierle, Inc. for Construction Administration and Observation Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Phase 2A1.**

Motion by Council Member Wilkins to approve Resolution No. R09-96, 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.

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 meet on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers to discuss the fire hall.

Council Member Rodgers stated that a meeting with the Williams Brothers at the Rockvale Cemetery has been scheduled on Friday, September 18th, at 9:00 a.m. Vehicles will leave city hall at 8:30 a.m.

Council Member Eaton recently distributed copies of the schedule for the tree convention and a rough copy of the brochure that will be available at the convention. She asked the council to consider attending.

Mayor Olson stated his appreciation for Council Member Eaton's efforts to bring the convention to Laurel. He hopes that the construction projects will allow for movement within the city.

Mayor Olson asked Scout Master Jeff Laszloffy to introduce his members. Assistant Scout Master Laszloffy introduced his sons, Josiah and Caleb. Josiah just completed his Life Scout rank and Caleb is finishing his Eagle Scout rank. Josiah stated that they are working on a Communications Merit Badge and attended the city council meeting to complete one of the requirements in the Merit Badge.

Mayor Olson explained that tonight's council meeting was a culmination of work done throughout the last two weeks. The council meeting is the decision part of the process. The actual introduction of the subject matter was presented at a council workshop the previous Tuesday and tonight's agenda was set at that time. Council workshops include presentation by an applicant, should it be a land use or variance issue. Staff can bring an issue forward, report to the council, and present the issue. At that point, the council has an opportunity to question and get more information on the issue before making a decision. Although brief in appearance, tonight's council meeting was a culmination of many hours of work and study, and the city's business is not just a happenstance. A lot of work goes forward, and the council meeting is a culmination of efforts by staff and council members. Mayor Olson stated it is always an honor to have young future leaders in the council's presence.

Mayor Olson explained one other issue for the council's consideration. The city has been working on a project to get water to the south side of Main Street. The bids received were unacceptable, as recommended by staff and the engineer. Mayor Olson asked the council to have a special council meeting on September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. to address the issue of allowing the mayor to sign a contract with the successful bidder. The project is the installation of a water line for a fire hydrant underneath Main Street across from the Owl to the railroad side of the property. Mayor Olson anticipates that the amount will be under the \$50,000 requirement for going out to formal bid, but council consent is still required for the Mayor to sign the contract.

Council Member Mace stated that it is time sensitive matter with the work being done on East Main Street.

Mayor Olson agreed that it is very time sensitive. If it becomes apparent that the project will be in the way of the milling and filling on East Main Street, the special council meeting may need to be scheduled sooner than next Tuesday. The council will be notified as soon as the exact date has been determined.

Mayor Olson announced that he is pleased with the progress done on South First Avenue. Although it is inconvenient, it will be great once the project is complete. Riverside is doing a quick job there. Comments have been received from some business owners who thought they would be interrupted longer than they have been. Mayor Olson stated that the project on West Main from First to Eighth Avenues will be let in December.

Mayor Olson stated that Chief Administrative Officer Bill Sheridan had personal reasons for not attending tonight's council meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Mace to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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

Cindy Allen, Council Secretary



Council Minutes of September 15, 2009

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 6th day of October, 2009.



Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer