

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

October 12, 2010

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 6:00 p.m. on October 12, 2010.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kate Hart	Doug Poehls
Chuck Rodgers	Mark Mace
Vacant	Chuck Dickerson
	Norm Stamper

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Sheridan	Kurt Markegard
Sam Painter	Terry Ruff

Mayor Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Olson asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

Mayor Olson stated that Resolution No. R10-114 was approved at a special council meeting on October 8th, so it was removed from the Scheduled Matters.

Mayor Olson stated that the Letter of Support was sent and it was removed from the Scheduled Matters.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Stamper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2010, as presented, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 28, 2010, as presented, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Newsline: September 2010 Newsletter of the Montana Department of Transportation, Rail, Transit & Planning Division.

Montana Department of Environmental Quality: Letter of September 21, 2010 to Potential Drinking Water SRF Loan Recipients:

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Letter of September 21, 2010 regarding selection to receive a 2010 Urban Forestry Excellence Award.

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Letter of September 2, 2010 regarding approval of SRF loan to the City of Laurel.

Letter dated September 22, 2010 Bypass Truck Repair & Welding sent to Davis Ditch Board of Directors.

Laurel Jaycees: Letter of September 27, 2010 regarding concerns for the levee at Riverside Park.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:



- **Claims for the month of September 2010 in the amount of \$364,341.14.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 09/19/2010 totaling \$162,200.63.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of September 21, 2010 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of September 28, 2010 were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of August 16, 2010 were presented.
 - Park Board minutes of August 19, 2010 were presented.
 - Laurel Library Board minutes of June 28, 2010 were presented.
 - Laurel Library Board minutes of July 13, 2010 were presented.
 - Laurel Library Board minutes of August 10, 2010 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 Rodgers. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Park Board:

Mayor Olson appointed Hazel Storck to the Park Board to fill a term ending December 31, 2010.

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve the Mayor's appointment of Hazel Storck to the Park Board to fill a term ending December 31, 2010, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Laurel Fire Department:

Mayor Olson appointed Ali Guenther, Don Ebright, Cole Perrigo, and Zack Winchell to the Laurel Fire Department.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointments of Ali Guenther, Don Ebright, Cole Perrigo and Zack Winchell to the Laurel Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no public comment.

Mayor Olson asked Assistant Fire Chief Terry Ruff to introduce the candidates.

Terry introduced Ali Guenther, Cole Perrigo, Don Ebright and Zack Winchell. He stated that these four were selected from fifteen applications for the positions.

Mayor Olson stated that it is great that the volunteer spirit is still alive, and he expressed appreciation for the time they will give.



Council Member Mace asked if this marked a little bit of history for Laurel.

Terry stated that Ali Guentner is the first female to be appointed to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Olson stated that all of the candidates will serve the Laurel Volunteer Firefighters' Association and the department with pride.

Council Member Dickerson spoke regarding the Fire Prevention Week Open House that was held at the FAP Complex last Saturday. Some of these appointees have already dedicated time to the department. Last Saturday, the fire, ambulance, and police departments put on a fantastic exhibition. Ali Guentner was one of the victims in a car that needed the Jaws of Life to extricate the victims. The demonstration showed how the jaws of life were used, how they cut the top off the car, and ambulances arrived with sirens on to the full-fledged accident. Council Member Dickerson commended everyone for the event.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointments of Ali Guentner, Don Ebright, Cole Perrigo and Zack Winchell to the Laurel Fire Department. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Olson echoed Council Member Dickerson's sentiments and stated his appreciation for the time and effort of the volunteers.

- **Ward 4 Council Vacancy.**

Mayor Olson stated that Thomas C. Nelson submitted a letter of interest for the vacant council seat in Ward 4.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the appointment of Tom Nelson to the Ward 4 council vacancy, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment.

Mayor Olson asked Tom Nelson to give a brief history of himself to the council.

Tom Nelson stated that he lives at 524 Elm Avenue in Ward 4. Tom and his wife bought the house and moved to Laurel from Billings a little over two years ago. When he discovered there was a vacancy on the council, which was previously held by the occupant of the house he currently owns, he decided to seek the position on the council. Tom works as a territory manager or sales rep for a national roofing company. He travels around Montana and Wyoming, which still lends him to be able to attend council meetings on Tuesday evenings and possibly work on committees, depending on the day. Tom stated that he treats his business as a small business and would like to be able to serve his community by serving on the council. He stated that he understands the importance and responsibility of the position and he would like that opportunity.

Mayor Olson asked if there were any questions or comments from the council.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve the appointment of Tom Nelson to the Ward 4 council vacancy. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Olson administered the Oath of Office for Tom Nelson. Mayor Olson asked Council Member Nelson to be seated at this time.

- **Resolution No. R10-112: A resolution of the City Council approving a Technical Assistance Grant Program proposed by the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency.**

Motion by Council Member Rodgers to approve Resolution No. R10-112, 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. R10-115: A resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Rain Proof Roofing for roof repairs at the City's Water Plant and Sewer Plant.**



Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R10-115, 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.

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: None.

Mayor Olson stated that the regular Laurel City Council meeting will be held on November 2nd, which is Election Day.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

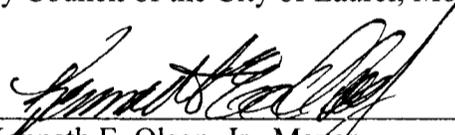
Motion by Council Member Mace to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



 Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 19th day of October, 2010.



 Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



 Cathy Gabriel, Deputy Clerk