

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

October 20, 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 October 20, 2009.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:           Chuck Dickerson

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

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

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

Mayor Olson removed item 10. f., Resolution No. R09-119, from Scheduled Matters on the council agenda.

## MINUTES:

- **Minutes of Council Meeting of October 6, 2009.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2009, 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.

- **Minutes of Special Council Meeting of October 13, 2009.**

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 13, 2009, as presented, 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.

- **Minutes of Special Council Meeting of October 15, 2009.**

Motion by Council Member Stamper to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 15, 2009, as presented, 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.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Minutes of September 10, 2009; Agenda of October 8, 2009.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Revised Cash Report for the month of June 2009.**

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2009.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of August 2009.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of September 2009.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/24/2009 totaling \$158,489.14.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of October 6, 2009 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of October 1, 2009 were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of October 6, 2009 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of October 13, 2009 were presented.

--Laurel Airport Authority minutes of August 25, 2009 were presented.

--Laurel Library Board of Trustees minutes of August 11, 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.** Second reading.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adopt Ordinance No. O09-10, seconded by Council Member Hart. 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.

- **Resolution No. R09-116: A resolution of the City Council to accept the Transit Coordination Plan prepared by LSC Transportation Consultants for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Stamper to approve Resolution No. R09-116, 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. R09-117: Resolution of the City Council granting a variance from the City's zoning regulations to allow the owner to replace the existing four-foot fence with a six-foot privacy fence at 602 West Maryland Lane, exceeding the fence height limitations for properties zoned R-7500 under the Laurel Municipal Code.**

Motion by Council Member Wilkins to approve Resolution No. R09-117, 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. R09-118: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement to provide health services with St. Vincent Healthcare of Billings, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Rodgers to approve Resolution No. R09-118, 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.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council Member Poehls stated that the Emergency Services Committee meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Mace stated that the daily road report includes as much information about Laurel as Billings.

Council Member Stamper stated that the County will receive an award from Bright n' Beautiful for the Yellowstone County Veterans' Cemetery at a banquet on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Stamper plans to attend the event. Vi Hills and the New Life Foursquare Church will also receive awards for their participation in Laurel's cleanup days last spring. Mayor Olson stated that both services resulted after the city council approved and provided funding for the citywide cleanup event.

Council Member Eaton attended the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board meeting at the Western Heritage Center today, where there were advertisements for the Halloween activities happening in Billings. She announced that none of those activities could trump the activities that three non-profit groups have planned in Laurel.

Council Member Eaton attended the Tree Board meeting this afternoon. The Tree Board agreed to submit an application for a grant for some 2010 activities. Council Member Eaton will ask Mayor Olson to sign the grant application after this meeting.

Mayor Olson stated that this path is important to travel, as being a Tree City is a choice. The city has a choice to maintain or a choice to make a difference. The City of Laurel's council members have decided to make the choice of making difference, and he thinks being designated as a Tree City is making that choice. He applauded Council Member Eaton's efforts and stated that he would be more than willing to sign anything in that regard.

Kurt Markegard stated that the State of Montana Transportation Project Manager contacted him today regarding the NE Laurel Project. He informed Kurt that the underpass will be closed tomorrow from 4:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. while an irrigation siphon pipe is installed on the south side of the underpass. The contractor requested six days closure, which was not acceptable to the city or the State.

Mayor Olson stated that there were some traffic concerns yesterday. The traffic issues went out to the interstate, and city staff contacted the proper people at MDT. Instead of having the four-way stop, MDT ended up manning the intersection to allow traffic to move at a more reasonable rate than just the four-way stop. Mayor Olson stated that this is another example of city departments going the extra mile for the citizens of Laurel. He expressed appreciation for the staff's activities in that regard.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

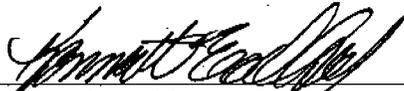
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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.

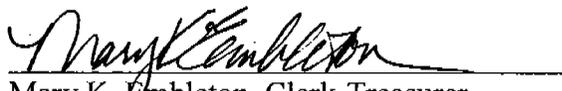
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009.

  
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Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

  
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Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer