

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

November 2, 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 6:30 p.m. on November 2, 2010.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kate Hart	Doug Poehls
Chuck Rodgers	Mark Mace
Tom Nelson	Chuck Dickerson
	Norm Stamper

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Sam Painter	Jan Faught
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 Mace to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2010, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Charles McMillan: October 19, 2010 e-mail regarding resolutions for return of daily passenger rail service.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Letter of October 7, 2010, regarding 2010 Urban Forestry Excellence Award.

Laurel Senior Celebration 2011: Request for support for the Laurel High School Senior Celebration Party.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of October 2010 in the amount of \$476,496.81.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/17/2010 totaling \$161,309.41.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of October 19, 2010 were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of October 18, 2010 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of October 26, 2010 were presented.
 - Tree Board minutes of September 16, 2010 were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of September 20, 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 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Ambulance Service:

Ambulance Director Jan Faught introduced LaVonne Mothershead to the council and stated that she is willing to volunteer her time on the crew.

Mayor Olson appointed LaVonne Mothershead to the Laurel Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointment of LaVonne Mothershead to the Laurel Ambulance Service, 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.

Big Sky Economic Development Authority:

Mayor Olson appointed Ken Olson as the Ex Officio member on the Big Sky EDA for a term ending December 31, 2013.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ken Olson as the Ex Officio member on the Big Sky EDA for a term ending December 31, 2013, 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. R10-120: A resolution of the City Council accepting a proposal from CHS Inc. to move its existing sanitary sewer main and abandon the existing easement and accepting a perpetual right-of-way easement for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sewer lines across said easement.**

Motion by Council Member Hart to approve Resolution No. R10-120, 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. R10-121: A resolution approving an agreement between the City of Laurel and Qwest Corporation relating to the provision of Enhanced 9-1-1 services for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Stamper to approve Resolution No. R10-121, 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.

- **Resolution No. R10-122: A resolution of the City Council to accept an Urban Forestry Grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and authorizing the City's Tree Board to approve the use of the grant on the City's behalf.**

Motion by Council Member Rodgers to approve Resolution No. R10-122, 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. R10-123: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter with Dorsey & Whitney, LLP as bond counsel for the issuance of Water System Revenue Bonds for the Water Main Replacement Project on Third Avenue and Seventh Street.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R10-123, 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. R10-124: Resolution relating to \$376,000 Water System Revenue Bonds (DNRC Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program), consisting of \$188,000 Subordinate Lien Taxable Series 2010B Bond, and \$188,000 Series 2010C Bond; authorizing the issuance and fixing the terms and conditions thereof.**

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve Resolution No. R10-124, 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.

- **Resolution No. R10-125: A resolution awarding the bid and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Stevens Brothers Mechanical for the City Hall Energy Improvement Retrofit Project.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R10-125, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O10-04: An ordinance amending Section 12.08.070 of the Laurel Municipal Code titled "curb cut lengths" located at Chapter 12 of the Laurel Municipal Code. First reading.**

Motion by Council Member Hart to adopt Ordinance No. O10-04, seconded by Council Member Nelson. 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 of Ordinance No. O10-04 will be on the November 16th council agenda.

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.

Council Member Poehls stated that the Emergency Services Committee discussed the possibility of changing the animal ordinance to allow chickens in the city. The Emergency Services Committee decided not to proceed on that issue and to leave it the way it is. The committee is still working on the fireworks issue and an ordinance change might be presented in the future.

Mayor Olson spoke regarding the recent meeting he attended for Big Sky EDA. The attendees were introduced to the two principals who will go forward with the survey on TIF Districts. Dr. Scott Rickard, MSU-Billings, is an economist and Chuck Tooley, MSU-Billings, will facilitate the program. Dr. Rickard will head the survey to see how TIF Districts affect the area regarding improvements and how it affects the area adjacent to the District. Another informational public meeting is scheduled on November 11th and the location will be published. The survey will identify areas that within the TIF District as a comparison to an area just outside the TIF District. At that meeting, Mayor Olson informed them that most of the downtown area in the City of Laurel is in the TIFD and it would be difficult to find an area right outside that would be compatible, as most of the area outside Laurel's TIF District is residential. They understand the challenge and hope to address that through another method.

Council Member Dickerson asked that the council pick a date for the council retreat at the next council workshop. The proposed dates are January 29th or February 12th.

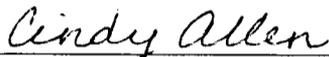
Mayor Olson stated that the Local Government Center in Bozeman would like discussion items for the council retreat in advance so they can research the issues.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

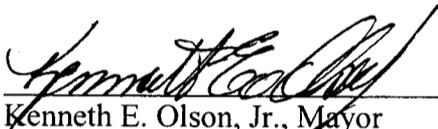
ADJOURNMENT:

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

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 16th day of November, 2010.


Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Cathy Gabrian, Deputy Clerk