

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 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 President Doug Poehls at 6:30 p.m. on December 15, 2009.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Mary Embleton Rick Musson
 Christina Kracher Kurt Markegard
 Bill Sheridan Derek Yeager

President Poehls led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

President Poehls asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2009, as presented, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Montana Department of Commerce: Letter of November 25, 2009, regarding Full Notice to Proceed for the City of Laurel's Wastewater Project.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation: Letter of November 21, 2009, regarding 2010 RRGL Grant Applications.

Cable Montana: Letter of November 30, 2009 regarding changes in cable television rates.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Minutes of November 12, 2009; Agenda of December 10, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of November 2009.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 11/29/2009 totaling \$165,135.29.**
- **Approval of Comp Time Payout Register for PPE 11/29/2009 totaling \$24,384.32.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of December 1, 2009 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of December 3, 2009 were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of December 7, 2009 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of December 8, 2009 were presented.

--Laurel Airport Authority minutes of September 22, 2009 were presented.

President Poehls 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 eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Police Officer:

President Poehls stated the Mayor's appointment of Anthony Contreras as a Police Officer for the City of Laurel.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Anthony Contreras as a Police Officer for the City of Laurel, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Police Chief Musson and Anthony Contreras read the Criminal Justice Code of Ethics out loud together.

Judge Jean Kerr administered the oath of office for Anthony Contreras.

Laurel Urban Renewal Agency:

President Poehls stated Mayor Olson's reappointment of Bruce McGee to a four-year term ending December 31, 2013 on the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency

Motion by Council Member Stamper to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Bruce McGee to a four-year term ending December 31, 2013 on the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Police Commission:

President Poehls stated Mayor Olson's reappointment of Mike Michunovich to a three-year term ending December 31, 2012 on the Police Commission.

Motion by Council Member Wilkins to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Mike Michunovich to a three-year term ending December 31, 2012 on the Police Commission, seconded by Council Member Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Ordinance No. O09-11: Ordinance amending Section 2.68.100 of the Laurel Municipal Code, amending the procedure to modify the City Judge's salary.** Second reading.

Motion by Council Member Rodgers to adopt Ordinance No. O09-11, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R09-135: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with American Medical Response to establish protocol and procedures for interception and transportation of ambulance patients.**

Motion by Council Member Hart to approve Resolution No. R09-135, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R09-136: A resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the previously adopted Task Order No. 10, approving an increase in the construction administration portion of the 2009 street maintenance project.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R09-136, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R09-137: Budget amendment resolution amending revenues, appropriations and reserves for various funds for fiscal year 2010.**

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve Resolution No. R09-137, seconded by Council Member Stamper. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Eaton mentioned the posters that advertise the Christmas tree recycling program. A bin will be available by the grain elevators on West Main Street to receive live trees after Christmas. She stated that this event makes life easier for those who collect garbage and clean up the alleyways. At the Public Works Director's request, the City of Laurel will receive a portion of the chips.

Council Member Eaton has been working on behalf of the Laurel Historic Preservation Society to consider whether or not the group should become its own CLG. She asked that the matter be on the December 29th council workshop agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Mace spoke regarding the "seven-way stop". It looks like the contractor is going to start work on it again, but he would like to know why the work was not done during the three weeks it was 70 degrees.

President Poehls stated that a telephone conversation with Stefan Streeter is scheduled for tomorrow.

Council Member Mace stated that the intersection is confusing for a lot of people and it is difficult to figure out whose turn it is. He does not think it has been handled very well. An update will be provided at the December 29th council workshop.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

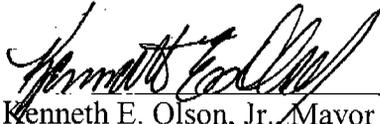
Motion by Council Member Dickerson to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Cindy Allen
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Council Minutes of December 15, 2009

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 5th day of January, 2010.



Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Mary K. Embleton, Clerk-Treasurer