

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

November 6, 2012

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 6, 2012.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Doug Poehls
 Bruce McGee Chuck Dickerson
 Tom Nelson Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Scot Stokes Mark Mace

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: None

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 Dickerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2012, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

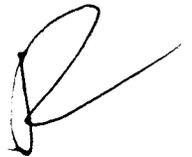
- **Claims for the month of October 2012 in the amount of \$782,101.20.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/14/2012 totaling \$165,294.36.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/28/2012 totaling \$169,027.36.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of October 16, 2012 were presented.
 - Special Council Workshop minutes of October 23, 2012 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of October 30, 2012 were presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of October 22, 2012 were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of September 17, 2012 were presented.
 - Tree Board minutes of September 20, 2012 were presented.

The mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Nelson. 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:

- Veterans' Day Observance Statement



Mayor Olson made the following statement:

Veterans Day is the time to remember those who have sacrificed so much to protect our country and our freedoms. Veterans' Day is a yearly American holiday venerating military veterans. Veterans' Day is celebrated on November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that finished World War I. The main hostilities of World War I were properly finished at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with German signing of the Armistice.

The American Legion's observance of Veterans' Day will be held at the Laurel Cemetery on Sunday, November 11th, at 10:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
- **Ordinance No. O12-06: An ordinance amending the requirements for home occupations as provided in the Laurel Municipal Code at Chapter 17.52 of the Laurel Municipal Code. Second reading.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adopt Ordinance No. O12-06, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R12-90: Resolution to annex a parcel of city owned park land that is contiguous to the city limits, such annexation to include all the adjacent and adjoining rights-of-way to the annexed property, in Yellowstone County, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R12-90, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

- **Resolution No. R12-91: A resolution of the City Council accepting a grant from the Montana Department of Transportation for monies to be spent on the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and authorizing the Mayor to sign said grant.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R12-91, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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.

- **Resolution No. R12-92: A resolution accepting the findings of the Environmental Assessment and determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary for the Wastewater System Improvements Project.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R12-92, 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.

- **Resolution No. R12-93: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Compliance Certificate and Request with the Montana DNRC Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program for Water System Revenue Bonds.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R12-93, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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.

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 encouraged everyone to vote today.

Council Member Nelson stated that the task force met last night on the issue of leases for the gun clubs. The minutes will be available for the November 13th council workshop. Meetings will be held every other week and the minutes will be available for the council workshops in order to keep the council informed in a timely manner.

Council Member Nelson stated that the task force is waiting for information from the Friends of the NRA regarding recommendations for berm heights, fencing and signage. The task force also brought forward the possibility of the sunset clause that the council seemed to want. Without having the information from the Friends of the NRA, the club was unable to amortize costs over a certain period of time to determine a time period for the sunset clause on the lease. The information should be available at the next scheduled meeting on Monday, November 19th.

Mayor Olson stated that the task force has taken the council's direction and is working with the applicants on the lease issues.

Council Member McGee mentioned an event on Thanksgiving Day in which a number of community churches provide a free meal to the public. The event will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. He wanted the council to be aware of the great thing the community puts on for people so they have a wonderful meal and are not alone on Thanksgiving Day.

Mayor Olson thanked Council Member McGee and stated that is one reason why it is great to live in a small community.

Council Member Eaton stated that she would bring up something at the next meeting, after she has time to check her notes.

Mayor Olson explained a recent discussion with FEMA and the Army Corps. The Army Corps has separated the city's permitting into three distinct areas, including the emergency project, the modified bank project and the violation project. Mayor Olson believes that funding has been received for the first two projects. The modified bank project includes the removal of the gravel under the bridge. In order to receive funding, the city needs to notify FEMA and the Army Corps where it will put the 516,000 cubic yards of material from underneath the bridge. The city is considering putting the material at the container site. The modification permit is to armor the first 300 feet of bank from the bridge to the power pole, with a slope going towards the river and a gradual slope going back away. From the power pole going the next 415 feet, it would be a gradual slope going into the park and a transition piece which would include the boat ramp that Fish, Wildlife and Parks will have built. The two issues are being addressed and should be accomplished in an expedited manner. Mayor Olson has been in contact with an Army Corps representative who will send the city a letter to further outline the steps needed to resolve the violation issue. Since FEMA would not fund any of the projects until they were permitted, FEMA can now be informed that the Army Corps has permitted the projects. Another conference call is scheduled on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

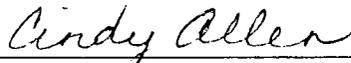
Mayor Olson, Council Member Eaton, Heidi Jensen, Kurt Markegard and Monica Plecker will attend a training session by the Local Government Center in Big Timber on November 15th.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



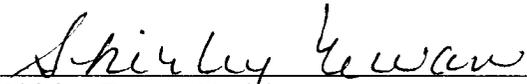
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 20th day of November, 2012.



Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer