

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 4, 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 December 4, 2012.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelic 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 Eaton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 2012, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Mayor Olson spoke regarding a sewer line project on East 11th Street and Montana Avenue. Staff has secured a contract with Castlerock Excavating for the project and asked that the council consider placing the resolution for the contract under scheduled matters in order to complete the work before winter weather.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to place Resolution No. R12-99 on the council agenda under Scheduled Matters as item 10. d., 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.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of November 2012 in the amount of \$251,650.77.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 11/25/2012 totaling \$140,140.61.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of November 20, 2012 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of November 27, 2012 were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of October 15, 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 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.



CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: 2013 Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Olson read the 2013 Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed May 1, 2013 as Arbor Day in the City of Laurel.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments: None.**
- **Resolution No. R12-97: Resolution approving Tax Compliance Procedures relating to Tax-Exempt Bonds.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R12-97, 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. R12-98: A resolution of the City Council accepting a donation of a steel water tank from the Pat Hart family.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R12-98, 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. R12-99: A resolution accepting the bid from Castlerock Excavating for the 11th Street sewer line extension in the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R12-99, 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.

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 Nelson mentioned that the lease task force did not meet on December 3rd, so no minutes will be available. There was no new information available for the task force. Chairman Nelson instructed the members of the task force to prepare a draft lease for the shooting clubs and the grounds on which they shoot, but not for the building itself, for the next meeting on December 17th.

Council Member McGee asked for an update on the police union negotiations.

Mayor Olson stated that the police union negotiations will be continued with another mediator on January 3rd. Negotiations will include the negotiation team from Local 303, the City of Laurel, the mediator from the previous negotiations, and an additional mediator. Mayor Olson will update the council regarding progress with the negotiations.

Council Member Eaton stated that the Public Works Committee meeting on Monday, December 10th, has been cancelled.

Council Member Eaton mentioned that a new cosmetology business is coming into the area, and the business plans to hold an evening meeting in Billings soon.

Mayor Olson informed the council that next week's council workshop agenda would include the consideration to change the council meetings of December 25th and January 1st.

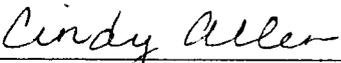
Council Member McGee asked regarding the Park Board meeting on Thursday, December 6th. The Park Board meeting has been cancelled and members were notified via email.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

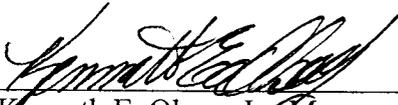
Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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



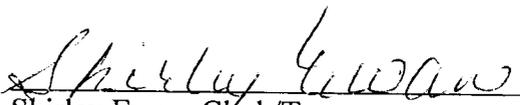
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 18th day of December, 2012.



Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer