

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 15, 2013

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 January 15, 2013.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 January 2, 2013, as presented, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Ordinance No. O12-07: Ordinance amending the requirements for sidewalk replacement as provided at Chapter 12.04 of the Laurel Municipal Code. (First reading – December 18, 2012)

Mayor Olson stated that the public hearing is regarding an ordinance to amend the Laurel Municipal Code for the formation of a residential sidewalk program and a non special improvement district sidewalk replacement program, as recommended by staff.

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing and read the rules governing the public hearing.

Mayor Olson asked three times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

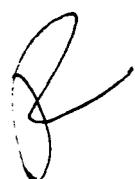
Mayor Olson stated that the second reading of Ordinance No. O12-07 was on tonight's council agenda under scheduled matters.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of January 2013.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 01/06/2013 totaling \$180,060.32.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of January 2, 2013 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of January 8, 2013 were presented.



--Lease Task Force minutes of December 17, 2013 were presented.

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

Motion by Council Member Mace 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.**
- **Ordinance No. O12-07: Ordinance amending the requirements for sidewalk replacement as provided at Chapter 12.04 of the Laurel Municipal Code.** Second reading.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to adopt Ordinance No. O12-07, 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. R13-02: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Dr. Thomas Bennett for the Medical Director position for the Laurel Ambulance Service.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R13-02, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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. R13-03: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to temporarily assign the City's prosecution contract to Elk River Law Office.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R13-03, seconded by Council Member Nelson. 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 Mountsier complimented Public Works Director Kurt Markegard. After he voiced a question about the Neptune water meters, Kurt met with him last week and explained in detail how the water meters work. Council Member Mountsier now has a much better understanding of the meters and suggested that anyone interested should contact Kurt for an explanation.

Mayor Olson stated that he would make sure that information goes forward. He also stated that a representative from Neptune called to contact Heidi Jensen today.

Council Member Nelson stated that the Lease Task Force met with the Rod and Gun Club last night. The Rod and Gun Club presented the city with a draft lease, and Council Member Nelson hopes to present the draft lease at the council workshop on January 29th for further discussion.

Mayor Olson stated that the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency will meet on Tuesday, January 22nd, instead of Monday, January 21st, due to Martin Luther King Day on Monday. The February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19th, instead of Monday, February 18th, due to Presidents' Day.

Mayor Olson spoke regarding the budget workshop that is scheduled for next Tuesday. He planned to present a program that would provide a better understanding of the function of the budget, an understanding of the City of Laurel's budget document, and an understanding of the budget cycle. Since he has received no questions, comments or suggestions for discussion, he asked if the council still wanted to have the meeting or wanted to have a free Tuesday.

Council Member McGee stated that he would be out of town and unable to attend, but it is a good idea and he would attend if he were able.

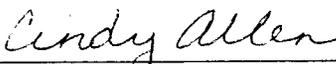
Since the other seven council members plan to attend, the budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Olson again stated that the presentation would include the function of the budget, the Laurel budget document and the budget cycle. Council members should contact him regarding any other discussion items. Mayor Olson stated that the clerk/treasurer and the CAO will attend the meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member McGee 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 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 6:48 p.m.



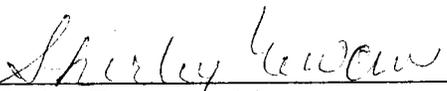
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 5th day of February, 2013.



Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer