

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

June 18, 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 June 18, 2013.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce McGee
Scot Stokes

Doug Poehls (6:40 p.m.)
Mark Mace
Chuck Dickerson
Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton
Tom Nelson

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 McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 4, 2013, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of May 16, 2013; Agenda for June 6, 2013.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of May 2013.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 06/09/2013 totaling \$180,312.03.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of June 4, 2013 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of June 6, 2013 were presented.

--Lease Task Force minutes of June 10, 2013 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of June 11, 2013 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of May 20, 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 Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.



AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments:**

Laurel Airport Authority:

Mayor Olson reappointed Kyle Albers to the Laurel Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Kyle Albers to the Laurel Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2018, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Board of Appeals:

Mayor Olson reappointed Ed Thurner to the Board of Appeals for a two-year term ending June 30, 2015.

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Ed Thurner to the Board of Appeals for a two-year term ending June 30, 2015, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Cemetery Commission:

Mayor Olson reappointed Tom Nelson, Lee Barndt, and Dick Fritzler to the Cemetery Commission for two-year terms ending June 30, 2015.

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Tom Nelson, Lee Barndt and Dick Fritzler to the Cemetery Commission for two-year terms ending June 30, 2015, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Laurel Library Board:

Mayor Olson reappointed Dixie Feller to the Laurel Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Dixie Feller to the Laurel Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2018, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Tree Board:

Mayor Olson reappointed Pat Hart to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2016.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Pat Hart to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2016, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

City-County Planning Board:

Mayor Olson reappointed Hazel Klein to the City-County Planning Board as the Mayor's Appointment for a two-year term ending June 30, 2015.

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Hazel Klein to the City-County Planning Board as the Mayor's Appointment for a two-year term ending June 30, 2015, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council

discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Poehls arrived at 6:40 p.m.

- **Resolution No. R13-32: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel Middle School.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R13-32, seconded by Council Member Mace. 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. R13-33: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel High School.**

Motion by Council Member Mace to approve Resolution No. R13-33, 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. R13-34: A resolution approving an agreement between the City of Laurel and Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, said agreement relating to fire protection.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R13-34, 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. R13-35: A resolution approving an agreement between the City of Laurel and the Laurel Airport Authority, relating to fire protection.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R13-35, 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. R13-36: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign an Operating Contract with the Montana Department of Transportation to provide assistance with the City's Public Transportation System.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R13-36, 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. R13-37: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum Agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for matching funds for operating grants for transportation assistance for the disabled and elderly.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R13-37, 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. R13-38: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a Notice of Award Agreement with Williams Brothers Construction LLC for the rehabilitation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R13-38, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion.

Mayor Olson thanked city staff for their work on the funding for the project. The funding issues have been stressful at times, but staff has presented a package that meets all the requirements and is within the boundaries of the current rates.

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:

Council Member Mountsier and Irv Wilke recently looked at the stone building in Riverside Park that is used for the .22 shooting. He stated that there is a serious roof leak and a mold problem, which he wanted to bring to the city's attention.

Mayor Olson asked if it had been brought to anybody's attention prior to this time.

Council Member McGee stated that it came up at the Lease Task Force meeting last night, which was the first he heard about it.

Mayor Olson stated that staff would investigate the issues.

Council Member Dickerson asked regarding the weeds in Elena Subdivision, as he has received some calls regarding tall weeds. He told the callers that the property owners are responsible and the city is just involved in the park.

Mayor Olson explained that the city's newsletter will be sent out with the next water bill, and it includes a statement regarding cutting weeds. He stated that Good Earth Works, which received the bid for the sprinkler system, has or will cut the parkland weeds down. The city has installed the 2-inch waterline so Good Earth Works has a place to start the irrigation layout. Good Earth Works will present a plan for the sprinkler layout to the public works director soon.

Council Member Dickerson stated that he left a voice mail for the public works secretary regarding the weeds.

Council Member Mace requested that the contract with Peaks to Plains for the park master plan be added to the June 25th council workshop agenda.

Council Member Poehls asked about the status of the dog ordinance for the Emergency Services Committee to review.

Mayor Olson stated that the city attorney is reviewing the five issues and should have it completed within the next few days and will send it to him.

Council Member Poehls stated that the Emergency Services would not meet next week.

Mayor Olson, Heidi Jensen and Jeremiah Theys (Great West Engineering) met with Todd Tillinger, the Army Corps Director for the State of Montana, in Helena yesterday. They discussed the proposed long-term solution of putting in a W weir for the city's water issue. There are some environmental questions, but the city considers the solution to have the least environmentally impact and to be the most cost effective solution. Dave LaGrone, from the Army Corps office in Omaha, joined the conference call. Mayor Olson and Heidi will meet with the DEQ and Fish, Wildlife and Parks soon for further face-to-face discussions.

Mayor Olson and city staff met with Great West Engineering's owner and CEO today for discussion regarding the wastewater project and the river project.

Mayor Olson might not be available next week, as a family member will be in town. He asked Council President Poehls to lead the council workshop on Tuesday.

The Park Board will meet on July 11th instead of July 4th.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

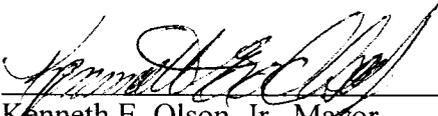
Motion by Council Member Mounstier to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



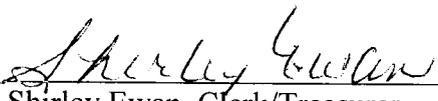
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2nd day of July, 2013.



Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer