

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

August 20, 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 August 20, 2013.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Nelson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Monica Plecker Jan Faught

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 Poehls to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 6, 2013, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Ordinance No. O13-01: An ordinance amending Chapter 16.6 of the Laurel Municipal Code titled "Subdivision for rent or lease" and to adopt a new Chapter 18 titled "Buildings for lease or rent review process," and to renumber and re-codify Chapter 18 as Chapter 20, all located in the Laurel Municipal Code. (First reading – 08/06/2013)

Mayor Olson asked City Planner Monica Plecker to introduce the item to the council.

Monica stated that the ordinance updates several different parts of the Laurel Municipal Code. Senate Bill 324 basically changed the existing subdivision regulations that deal with buildings for lease or rent. It has been taken out of subdivision regulations and will have its own section in the Laurel Municipal Code. Monica's memo regarding the issue was presented at a prior council workshop. The city does not have any properties that would be affected by this since all properties within city limits are zoned, and in the case of buildings for lease or rent, zoning trumps them. If someone in town wanted to build a four-plex on some property, city zoning regulations determine how many units can be on a parcel. This issue will be dealt with in the County where the Laurel City-County Planning Office helps with those services. The State prepared a model ordinance, and the three entities of the City of Laurel, City of Billings and the County Attorneys worked with to prepare the ordinance for the entities.

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

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

Mayor Olson asked four times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Olson stated that the second reading of Ordinance No. O13-01 is on this agenda under Scheduled Matters 10. f.



CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2013.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 08/04/2013 totaling \$177,694.11.**
- **Receiving the Committee Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of August 6, 2013 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of August 1, 2013 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of August 8, 2013 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of August 13, 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Ambulance Service:

Ambulance Director Jan Faught introduced Joel Anthes and Kevin Stein to the council. She stated that Jim Brown and Chris Emter were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mayor Olson appointed Joel Anthes, Jim Brown, Kevin Stein and Chris Emter to the Laurel Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointments of Joel Anthes, Jim Brown, Kevin Stein and Chris Emter to the Laurel Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Olson thanked the new attendants for their service to the City of Laurel.

- **Resolution No. R13-52: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Industrial Communications and Electronics for support renewal.**

Motion by Council Member Mounstier to approve Resolution No. R13-52, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R13-53: A resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the previously adopted Task Order No. 25, authorizing Great West Engineering to assist the City with the analysis, study and preparation of an Intake Emergency Response Plan for the City's Water Treatment Plant.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R13-53, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R13-54: A resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the previously adopted Task Order No. 22, authorizing Great West Engineering to provide additional services relating to the Riverside Park Bank Stabilization Project for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R13-54, seconded by Council Member Mace. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R13-55: A resolution of the City Council amending the Purchase and Procurement Policy for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R13-55, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Ordinance No. O13-01: An ordinance amending Chapter 16.6 of the Laurel Municipal Code titled "Subdivision for rent or lease" and to adopt a new Chapter 18 titled "Buildings for lease or rent review process," and to renumber and re-codify Chapter 18 as Chapter 20, all located in the Laurel Municipal Code. Second reading.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adopt Ordinance No. O13-01, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

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 stated that the Emergency Services Committee will meet on Monday, August 26th, at 5:30 p.m. to review the dog ordinance.

Council Member Mace stated that the Public Works Committee did not have a meeting this month but will meet again in September. The Park Board will meet on Thursday, September 5th, to review the survey questions regarding a park maintenance district.

Council Member Eaton reported on a recent meeting regarding health care that she and Mayor Olson attended. Five people showed up last Thursday as part of a comprehensive questioning. A group from Nebraska was there upon the request of a health care provider in Billings to meet the national requirement to update their policies and review their procedures and receive public comments for federal funding requirements. The group was divided into different categories of people, and they participated as public representatives. A city council member from Billings, the city manager from Billings and a House of Representative from Billings also attended. The participants were queried on different areas of weaknesses in the health care system and how the communities could be better served. Council Member Eaton thought it was a very open discussion and she was happy to share information and opinions she has received from people in her neighborhood.

Mayor Olson thanked Council Member Eaton for her report. He stated that the meeting rekindled the idea to schedule another joint meeting for discussion between the City of Laurel, the City of Billings and the County Commissioners. He asked the council for their opinions.

Council Member Poehls stated that the meetings have been beneficial in the past, and he suggested that the two school systems should also be invited.

Mayor Olson agreed and stated that he would mention it to Tim Bronk during a meeting next week. He will contact Tina Volek regarding scheduling a joint meeting.

Mayor Olson stated that the Fifth Avenue project has started and the Cottonwood Avenue project will begin as soon as the Fifth Avenue project wraps up. The patching of utility cuts authorized by the city recently has also started.

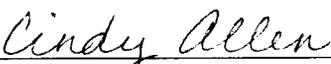
Mayor Olson encouraged the council to go out to Elena Subdivision to look at the progress of the parkland project, as the drilling process has been done for the grass.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

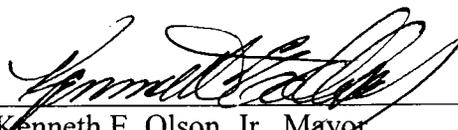
ADJOURNMENT:

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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

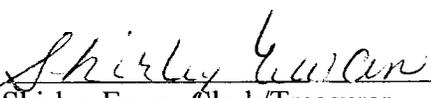
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 3rd day of September, 2013.


Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer