

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

February 24, 2015

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Mark Mace at 6:15 p.m. on February 24, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Richard Herr
 Bruce McGee (6:22 p.m.) Scot Stokes
 Tom Nelson Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Dickerson Doug Poehls

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Monica Plecker, Planning Director
 Heidi Jensen, CAO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL.

SCHEDULED MATTER:

- **Resolution No. R15-10: A resolution of the City Council approving and issuing a Group 2 Temporary Use Permit for Rimrock Subaru Kia authorizing the temporary use of a portion of the Laurel Walmart parking lot within the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R15-10, seconded by Council Member Eaton.

Monica Plecker explained the resolution to approve a Group 2 Temporary Use, which is required for an event that exceeds 48 hours but is less than 30 days. The event is the Rimrock Subaru Kia sale that is happening in a portion of the Walmart parking lot. A site plan attached to the resolution showed the location of the event in the southeast corner of the Walmart parking lot. Temporary uses typically go through the Planning Board before going to the city council. Rimrock Subaru Kia first contacted the city on January 30th, but due to some misinformation, they were led to believe that they would not have to go through this process. This is the Planning Department's way of fixing the misinformation they were given. When Monica learned of the event, she knew it required a Group 2 Temporary Use, so she worked with legal counsel to push this through. Ultimately, the city council is the final decision maker, and this did not go to the Planning Board. Monica prepared some findings that stated that the Planning, Building and Public Works Departments have reviewed the application and site plan and have no concerns with the proposed activity, which is a standard requirement of temporary use applications. A fire inspection for the tent was scheduled to occur on Monday, February 23rd. Keith went to the site yesterday, but they were not quite ready. He went out again today and issued their business license and fire inspection at 11:36 a.m. Rimrock Subaru Kia submitted a \$3,000 cashier's check to the city to ensure timely cleanup, which is also a requirement of temporary use. Fire, ambulance and police have all received a copy of the site plan in the event that something occurs in the area. Rimrock Subaru Kia has purchased a business license, as required. Monica stated that everything has been done with its due diligence, as far as requirements of a temporary use, as if it were going to go to the Planning Board. No steps were left out other than the Planning Board's review.

Council Member Nelson stated that he read the information Monica provided and thought it was very detailed. He would like to see businesses working together in Laurel and he is excited about this.

There was no public input or further council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Nelson 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 6:23 p.m.

Cindy Allen
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 3rd day of March, 2015.

Mark A. Mace
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Ewan
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer