

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

March 3, 2015

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 Mark Mace at 7:04 p.m. on March 3, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Doug Poehls
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Scot Stokes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Dickerson Bill Mountsier
 Tom Nelson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Markegard

Mayor Mace led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Mace asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

MINUTES:

- **Council Minutes of February 17, 2015**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2015, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

- **Special Council Minutes of February 24, 2015**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 24, 2015, as presented, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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:

Department of Administration: Letter of February 11, 2015, regarding Response to FY 2014 Audit Report.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of February 2015 in the amount of \$168,386.96.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 02/15/2015 totaling \$165,517.39.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of February 17, 2015 were presented.
 - Park Board minutes of February 5, 2015 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of February 24, 2015 were presented.
 - Tree Board minutes of October 16, 2014 were presented.

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

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the consent items as presented, 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Urban Renewal Agency:

Mayor Mace appointed Linda Frickel to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency as an Advisory Member for a term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Linda Frickel to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency as an Advisory Member for a term ending December 31, 2015, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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.

- **Ordinance No. O15-01: An ordinance amending Title 17 of the Laurel Municipal Code to add Chapter 17.25 entitled Downtown Overlay District to the City's Zoning Regulations.** First reading.

Motion by Council Member Stokes to adopt Ordinance No. O15-01, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The public hearing and second reading for Ordinance No. O15-01 will be on the council agenda on March 17, 2015.

- **Resolution No. R15-11: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the City's Local 316 Union.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R15-11, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Poehls thanked the council for allowing him to be gone last week.

Council Member Stokes apologized for being late to the meeting.

Council Member Eaton stated that the Public Works Committee will meeting on Monday, March 9th, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Some special speakers are scheduled and the agenda has been posted.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, 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.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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 17th day of March, 2015.

Mark A. Mace
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Ewan
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer