

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 21, 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 6:30 p.m. on April 21, 2015.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: None

Mayor Mace asked Boy Scout Troop 403 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2015, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of March 12, 2015; Agenda for April 9, 2015.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Ordinance No. O15-02: An ordinance moving the City of Laurel's Sign Code from Title 15 – Miscellaneous City Requirements for Homes, Buildings and Construction to Title 17 – Zoning of the Laurel Municipal Code. (First reading – April 7, 2015)

Mayor Mace stated that this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Ordinance No. O15-02.

Mayor Mace opened the public hearing and stated that Ordinance No. O15-02 moves the City of Laurel's Sign Code from Title 15 – Miscellaneous City Requirements for Homes, Buildings and Construction to Title 17 – Zoning.

Mayor Mace opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

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

Mayor Mace asked three times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Mace closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of March 2015.
- Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 04/12/2015 totaling \$196,822.93.
- Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.

MAN

- Park Board minutes of April 2, 2015 were presented.
- City-County Planning Board minutes of April 2, 2015 were presented.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of April 6, 2015 were presented.
- Budget/Finance Committee minutes of April 7, 2015 were presented.
- Public Works Committee minutes of April 13, 2015 were presented.
- Cemetery Commission minutes of April 14, 2015 were presented.
- Health Insurance Committee minutes of April 16, 2015 were presented.
- Council Workshop minutes of April 14, 2015 were presented.
- Tree Board minutes of April 14, 2015 were presented.

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 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. O15-02: An ordinance moving the City of Laurel's Sign Code from Title 15 – Miscellaneous City Requirements for Homes, Buildings and Construction to Title 17 – Zoning of the Laurel Municipal Code. Second reading.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to adopt Ordinance No. O15-02, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. 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.

- **Ordinance No. O15-03: An ordinance amending Chapter 17.26.30 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Zoning Ordinance within the City of Laurel. First reading.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to adopt Ordinance No. O15-03, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O15-04: Ordinance creating the SE 4th Street Overlay District and to codify the ordinance as Chapter 17.27 of the Laurel Municipal Code. First reading.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to adopt Ordinance No. O15-04, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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. R15-24: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter with Dorsey & Whitney, LLP as bond counsel for the issuance of Special Improvement District Bonds for Special Improvement District No. 117.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R15-24, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-25: Resolution relating to Special Improvement District No. 117; Declaring it to be the intention of the City Council to create the District for the purpose of undertaking certain local improvements and financing the costs thereof and incidental thereto through the issuance of Special Improvement District Bonds secured by the City's Special Improvement District Revolving Fund.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R15-25, 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. R15-26: A resolution of the City Council approving an application for Special Review submitted on behalf of Wood's Powr-Grip.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R15-26, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-27: A resolution of the City Council approving an application for Special Review submitted on behalf of High Plains Brewery.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R15-27, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-28: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with R&H Concrete, Inc. for the removal and replacement of sidewalks pursuant to the City's Sidewalk Replacement Plan.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R15-28, 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. R15-29: A resolution approving Amendment No 1 to the previously adopted Task Order No. 34, authorizing Great West Engineering to provide additional services relating to the 2015 "Small Caps" Project for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R15-29, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Mountsier mentioned that the contractors are finishing the culvert project in front of the stadium and it looks a lot better already.

Council Member Dickerson thanked Boy Scout Troop 403 for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that it is encouraging to see the scouts attend the meeting.

Council Member Eaton requested an update regarding the Little League lease at the next council workshop.

Council Member Eaton stated that the Public Works Committee has scheduled a tour of the septic sewage addition during the May meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Stokes to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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 6:47 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 5th day of May, 2015.

Mark A. Mace
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Ewan
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer