

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

May 19, 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 May 19, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce McGee (6:38 p.m.)	Doug Poehls
Chuck Dickerson	Richard Herr
	Scot Stokes
	Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton
Tom Nelson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Monica Plecker, Planning Director

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

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2015, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Resolution No. R15-25: Resolution of intent to approve SID No. 117.**

Mayor Mace stated that this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Resolution No. R15-25: Resolution of intent to approve SID No. 117.

Mayor Mace opened the public hearing and asked staff to present the item prior to hearing the public comments.

Planning Director Monica Plecker stated that this is the public hearing for the creation of Special Improvement District No. 117. The council approved the resolution of intent to create the district for a sidewalk improvement district along East 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, with a portion extending further east beyond Pennsylvania. Passage of the resolution of intent triggered a protest period. With special improvement districts, protests have to be submitted in writing in order to count toward the 50 percent threshold to fail a district. The city received one written protest, which Monica will read into the record. The protest was from one property owner that has two properties, which equates to 5.12 percent of the district. Based on the required written protest, the district does not have grounds to fail.

This project is a part of a larger construction project that is currently out to bid. Bids are due tomorrow. The project includes a street overlay, waterline replacement, as well as curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacement. The project has multiple funding sources, including CTEP, the SID, and other city funds. At this time, Monica read the written protest into the record. A copy of the letter is attached to these council minutes.

Monica read the following portion of the notice of the passage to create the district that was mailed out to the property owners:

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“Written protest against the creation of the District and the making of the Improvements may be filed by an agent, person, firm or corporation owning real property within the proposed District whose property is liable to be assessed for the Improvements. Such protests must be delivered to the City Clerk/Treasurer’s office at 115 West First Street, in Laurel, Montana, not later than 5:00 p.m., M.T., on May 8, 2015. As proved by law, such protest must be in writing, identify the property in the District owned by the protestor and be signed by all owners of the property. The protest must be delivered to the City Clerk/Treasurer or the Deputy Clerk, who shall endorse thereon the date of its receipt by him or her.”

Monica explained the assessment method used for the SID. Property owners are being assessed just for sidewalk improvements. The street costs, the waterline costs, and the curb and gutter are not included. Two different types of sidewalk will be assessed: Four-inch concrete, which is the standard sidewalk that goes in the boulevard, and six-inch concrete, which is required anywhere that there is a driveway approach. The assessment is done by square feet. Great West Engineering surveyed the properties to identify with the property lines what needed to be replaced.

In SID No. 115 and SID No. 116 on Fifth and Cottonwood Avenues, portions of the sidewalk were cut out of the SID. There might be 10 lineal foot stretches that were not replaced and then a panel that was replaced. Once the engineers looked at this site, it was determined the sidewalks would be out of ADA compliance with the 2 percent cross slope. In this district, some sidewalks look to be in good condition, but they do not meet ADA. All of the sidewalks for these property owners are being replaced because the sidewalks are either not ADA compliant or are actually in disrepair.

Monica explained that there are assessment methods for unaccounted for corners or unaccounted for properties. A stretch of sidewalk is being placed over right-of-way and that square feet gets assessed to the property owner based on their percentage of the project. As an example, if someone is responsible for 10 percent of the District, they are also responsible for 10 percent of the unaccounted for square footage. With that, Monica concluded her staff report.

Mayor Mace stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing have been posted in the council chambers.

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

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Connie Cole, 806 Pennsylvania, is here for her mother who lives at 810 Pennsylvania. She stated that Exhibit A listed both properties as 810 Pennsylvania.

There was a brief question regarding answering questions and whether the property owners should attend the next council workshop for further discussion.

Mayor Mace stated that the resolution for SID No. 117 is on tonight’s agenda for the council’s consideration.

Monica agreed to listen to the public’s testimony, write down the questions, and answer the questions at the end of the public hearing.

Connie stated her questions and concerns. She asked why they are doing the project. She stated that there seems to be a wide discrepancy and asked where the unaccounted property is located. Additional questions included: Is there a schedule when this is going to start and when it is going to end? What are they going to do about underground sprinklers that are there? What about trees in the boulevard? Are they going to knock them all down? There seems to be something in this whole paperwork that talks about related improvements. What are those going to be, are they just things that are going to come up? Is there a number, when this is all going on, that residents can call and report problems? The residents went through the football field construction and there were numerous problems.

Russell Kolpin and his wife, Terry Stokes, live at 803 Pennsylvania. He stated that this whole thing has been really shady. They got a sheet that said a number total and that was it. They live on a corner lot. They have scheduled two driveways, but their garage is in the alley. His questions included: Where are these two mysterious driveways going to go? Do I need a driveway to go into my house? Who are the three contractors? Did we do three bids to approve this or are we just going with whomever? He has done concrete work his whole life and knows that \$9,000 just to run around



their corner lot is pretty high. Are they paying the whole \$9,000 or if the bid comes in under that, do they just pay what is actually done or does it just go as a wash? They are definitely opposed to it. He knows that the neighborhood has covenants for boulevards, so he assumes that they are getting boulevards. If so, he will be pushing for the stadium to have matching boulevard as well. He does not see why they need it and they don't if it is in the neighborhood covenants. He stated that it is pretty hard for them to choke down having \$9,000 thrown at them with no information on this.

Terry Stokes is Russell's wife and also lives at 803 Pennsylvania. She inherited the house from her dad, Larry Erb, who told her a couple things that he wanted brought up. He said that there was a time that the ditch went through there and he and her grandfather paid to put the culvert in because the City of Laurel could not afford it. That was done under the assumption and the agreement that the City of Laurel would backfill it. That never happened, so her dad and grandfather backfilled it. Her dad could not remember who the agreement was with and she has not found all of his papers yet. He also told Terry that the agreement stated that, because they paid for it all, the street would remain as it is versus any extra improvements upon it because of the actual money that had been put in there. Her question was, if her family paid for all of this to be done already, why are they having to pay to take away more of their property to put in more sidewalks. She understands the need for sidewalks, and is not totally against the idea of sidewalks, but that is a lot of money to choke down when they have three boys. That is where she rests on that.

Crista Couture, 809 Pennsylvania, is protesting and agreeing with what everybody said. They understand that it will help with flow of traffic for the 4th of July, which brings in a lot of revenue for the city, and for football games, which the town loves. It is the nicest field in this area, so she knows that they rent it out. Living so close to the football field, they have to deal with the noise, the unbelievable amount of trash they have to pick up in their yard, and constant parking issues. They have to work around school and events and plan their day in hopes that they have a space to park on the street. Or they have figure out how to not block the alley and be a ninja for parking because the streets are so packed. That is a main frustration for them. Crista stated that the city gets money from the stadium being rented out or however that works. She asked how that helps their neighborhood deal with all of these things. Parking is just outrageous and that is a main factor in why they protest it. She stated that the paperwork does not show each homeowner what percentage is allotted to their property or the undisclosed percentage that they have to pay. They have no idea how the assessment amount has been calculated, because the square footage in front of their house is 240 and the square footage on the paperwork is 314. It makes no sense, so a little more detail and maybe even a chance for the homeowner to take care of it themselves would help. Her dad has owned a concrete company her entire life and \$12.00/square foot is highway robbery, according to him. She does not know about union prices, but \$6.00 a square foot is high, according to her father, who has poured concrete in many cities.

Mayor Mace asked if there were any other opponents.

Denise Brady, 814 Pennsylvania Avenue, had one question. She stated that Laurel has so many horrible streets and so many horrible sidewalks. She has one break in her sidewalk. Maybe it is not ADA compliant at this point, but she questioned how many other sidewalks are there in Laurel that are in such bad shape that they need to be repaired first. Their streets are not that bad, but the school street is horrible and needs to be improved. She questioned why Pennsylvania Avenue was picked to have the streets and sidewalks redone when there are so many other places in Laurel that desperately need work.

Mayor Mace asked if there were any other opponents.

Mayor Mace asked Monica to answer the questions from the public.

Monica spoke regarding the questions asked by the property owners.

The first question was that Exhibit A shows 810 Pennsylvania as being listed twice. That is correct. On the resolution of intent the council passed, 810 Pennsylvania has two separate tax codes. One is B01650, which is for Block 8, Lots 7-8, and the second is B01649, which is for Block 8, Lots 5-6. They are two separate properties but the mailing address is 810 Pennsylvania.

Why are we doing this project? Monica explained that this is part of a comprehensive project. The city is doing a project on East 8th Street, where CTEP funds will be used to do a sidewalk on the south side of East 8th Street to replace failing sidewalk or install sidewalk in parts where there is no existing sidewalk. The school will be replacing all of their sidewalk on the north side. The project

also includes replacement of a waterline and a new street. Regarding Pennsylvania Avenue, a lot of streets are in major disrepair, mostly because there is no base to the streets. The city is trying to do construction projects holistically, as opposed to doing one improvement and then having to tear up the new improvement to fix something else. This project is being grouped with a bigger construction project. Monica explained that sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. Sidewalks are located in the right-of-way, but city ordinance clearly states that sidewalks and sidewalk replacement, including maintaining and cleaning sidewalks, is all the property owner's responsibility.

Monica spoke regarding some options moving forward. The city has now inventoried the sidewalks and knows that they are in disrepair, unsafe, or not up to ADA standards. City ordinance says that property owners must be notified that they have to replace the sidewalk within 30 days, as it is the property owner's responsibility. Since the city recognized it, the sidewalk has to be replaced. The SID is part of a comprehensive project and allows people to finance the improvement over the course of 15 years. An individual who has a \$10,000 bill would pay about \$631 a year for the next 15 years. The SID is an attempt to make it more affordable for the property owner by spreading the cost over 15 years. The city is using an Intercap loan at a very low interest rate.

There seems to be a wide discrepancy is another question. Why is this? Monica offered to explain the survey data and the assessment method to anyone. She mentioned that there are some unaccounted areas. If a property owner is responsible for 10 percent of the district, then they are responsible for 10 percent of the unaccounted area. As an example, the school is responsible for 44.5 percent of the entire district, so they are responsible for 44.5 percent of the unaccounted areas.

What about trees in the boulevard? What about related improvements or sprinkler systems? Obviously, the city tries to save the trees. The city sometimes cuts roots if they are causing upheaval, but they are the city's trees in the city's right-of-way. If they are causing the sidewalks to be in disrepair and are dying or would die as a result of the root cutting, then it is the city's option to remove the tree and perhaps replace it with a smaller tree that would be more suitable in a boulevard. All of the work is being done in the right-of-way. All of the sidewalks are in the right-of-way. It is not the city's goal to deface or damage a sprinkler system in the area. The project is strictly in the right-of-way, so going onto people's lawns and making improvements or doing driveway approaches into someone's property beyond where the right-of-way ends is not covered in this project.

What are related improvements? The SID clearly stated that property owners are only responsible for the sidewalk for which they are being assessed and for which they are receiving the direct improvement. If a property owner has 100 square feet of 4-inch sidewalk, that is what they will pay for plus the 2 or 3 percent of the unaccounted for. No property owner will be responsible for anything else. Issues with the street overly or curb and gutter or the waterline are not related costs. Property owners can only be assessed for their direct improvement and the statutory language in Montana Code Annotated is extra clear about that.

Is there a number to call to report problems during construction? The Public Works Department is open every day and can be reached at 628-4796. The Public Works Department oversees the projects and the Public Works Director is available. An inspector from Great West Engineering is always onsite. Monica encouraged the property owners to call at any time to report problems, ask questions, and even tell the city what a great job they are doing and how nice it is going to look.

Monica stated that additional information can be provided to the property owners, as the mailer just showed the total principal amount. The survey data and the maps from Great West show exactly where improvements are located, how much square feet it is, and how the numbers were determined. Monica will stay after this meeting to provide some of this information and answer questions.

Will the property owners pay for their actual costs? Right now, the District is assessed at \$196,000. Bids are due tomorrow. If the bids come at \$185,000, the costs will be adjusted. If the bids come in at \$196,000.01, there is no financing for the District. Property owners will be assessed for the amount of the bid, but the engineer's estimate had to be used to create a base to secure the Intercap loan and create the District on a foundation.

Is there going to be boulevard? Any existing sidewalk that is being replaced is being replaced exactly how it is. Existing boulevard will not be turned into curb walk. In some places where there is not existing sidewalk, it will remain boulevard. The city's standards allow for curb walk and boulevard, as they are both in Montana Public Works Standards and are options. However, boulevard will be replaced with boulevard and no sidewalks will be relocated.

Monica referred to the comment about previous improvements being paid for by family. Why are individuals now responsible for new improvements? Monica explained that sidewalk replacement and sidewalk repair is a cost of the property owner, as clearly identified in Laurel Municipal Code. The SID is a way to finance the cost and allow property owners to spread it over 15 years.

Regarding the question about the city receiving money from renting out the stadium, Monica stated that the stadium is owned by the school and it is totally unrelated to this district. The stadium is not a city facility. While there may be impacts to the community by the stadium being in that area, that is not directly related to the sidewalk improvements.

Some individuals feel that \$12.00 per square foot is a high rate. Monica agreed that it is a high rate. The SID is being financed ahead of time by loans or bonds. Advertising for bids and other costs would not be incurred for one person to replace 15 lineal feet of sidewalk, as is the case when a city goes out to do a project like this. Based on the size of the district, Davis-Bacon wages and prevailing wages for this area are required. The city cannot contract with someone who is paying a laborer \$8.00 an hour. When using government funds, once the contract exceeds a certain amount, Bacon-Davis wages must be paid, so the costs are higher. Monica stated the need to look at the benefits of doing an improvement to the area with a larger project.

Laurel has horrible streets and sidewalks, so why was our street chosen now? The last two construction projects the city has done on Fifth Avenue and Cottonwood Avenue included waterlines, sewer lines, a new street and a special improvement district just like this one. The entire project can be rolled into one bid, even though it is presented in different schedules. The major project that triggered this is the project on East 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue. The area was not singled out or identified as the worst in town, but it is an area where the city identified a greater project and the sidewalk replacement is a good accompanying project.

Monica stated that she tried to answer all of the questions she heard, and that she would answer more questions when the resolution is presented under scheduled matters.

Mayor Mace closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of April 2015.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 05/10/2015 totaling \$169,071.33.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--Special City-County Planning Board minutes of April 30, 2015.

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of May 5, 2015 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of May 7, 2015 were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of May 11, 2015 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of May 12, 2015 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of May 4, 2015 were presented.

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

Motion by Council Member Poehls 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 six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Connie Cole, 806 Pennsylvania, stated a broad complaint about the general area up there. People block the driveways, so residents cannot leave their house or come home. They block the dumpsters so the trash cannot be emptied. Three dumpsters up there are full right now. The garbage trucks drive through and they have the cops come in and write tickets, but people tear up the tickets and throw them on the ground. She asked what they can do. She has seen Bill Mountsier outside talking to people all the time. She asked if the alley could be closed. People do not realize how hard it is to have complete strangers in your front and back yard about 500 percent of the time. The football field is wonderful. She works nights and is supposed to be at work right now. When she laid down to take her afternoon nap, she heard loud music from the stadium at 1:00 in the afternoon. She asked why that is appropriate and if someone could talk to the powers at the stadium and tell them they need to be more considerate of the people that live there. Connie stated that the residents are tired of it all, but the SID notice was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Russ Kolpin stated that he has come home to find people parked with all four tires in their yard. He called the local police and was told that they did not have time to handle his call right away. When Russ asked if he could have the vehicle towed, he was told that he could at his own expense. He went to the stadium and asked them to announce it over the intercom and out came an elderly lady. She was parked in his yard and started yelling at him that she was missing her daughter's game. The 4th of July is a nightmare. They park campers in front of their house to keep cars out of their yard and they have to rope off their property. He asked if there a city towing number he could call that the city pays to tow them out of their yard and owner would be liable for the charge.

Vicki Phillips, lives at 806 Pennsylvania Avenue but parks in the garage at 810 Pennsylvania. Half of the time, she cannot even get out of her garage to go to work because people park behind and beside her garage. When she called an ambulance for her mother last year, the ambulance had a terrible time trying to figure out how to even get to our house because of the football game that was going on. She asked if signs could be installed in the alley so people do not park there. The property owners maintain the alley. They mow it, use a weed eater through the ditch, and try to keep it looking nice, but people throw down their beer cans, cigarette butts, pizza boxes, and all kinds of garbage. People run over their fences and their bushes and do not care, and it costs them money to replant the grass and fix the fence and bushes. She asked if "no through traffic" signs could be posted. Kids drive up and down the alley going 100 mph. She cannot ever get out of her garage and she would like to use her garage, and there is no need for the loudspeakers to be going like they were today.

Several members of the audience were speaking. Mayor Mace asked for order from the audience.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Cemetery Commission:

Mayor Mace appointed Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., to the Cemetery Commission to fill a term ending June 30, 2015 and to a two-year term ending June 30, 2017.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kenneth E. Olson, Jr., to the Cemetery Commission, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

Laurel Library Board:

Mayor Mace appointed Bill Hanson to the Laurel Library Board to a fill a term ending June 30, 2016.

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bill Hanson to the Laurel Library Board, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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. R15-35: Resolution relating to Special Improvement District No. 117; Creating 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 Poehls to approve Resolution No. R15-35, seconded by Council Member McGee.

Mayor Mace asked for public comment.

Crista Couture, 809 Pennsylvania Avenue, asked if, with approval of the SID, the homeowner could remove and replace the sidewalk at ADA specifications before the assessment was charged to them. She knows that could be done without spending \$4,000.

Monica answered that she did not know. The proposed district includes all of the properties. At this point, it is too late to take a property out of the District and passage would still include them in the District. If they were to do a project on their own, would they then be excluded from the assessment because it would no longer be an actual improvement related to the District? Monica will consult with the city's bond counsel, Dorsey & Whitney, to find out as soon as possible. At this point, the way the wording stands, this property is in the District and will continue to be in the District. Prior to the creation of SID No. 115 on Fifth Avenue, several properties had improvements made and those properties were excluded from the district. Because SID No. 117 is in the process, she thinks they would still be included in the district, but she will confirm with Dorsey and Whitney.

Connie Cole made a motion to continue this for two weeks to get all these issues resolved. She asked someone in the audience to second the motion.

Mayor Mace informed Connie that she could not make a motion.

Russ Kolpin stated that there is no sidewalk by the ditch. The agreement was that there was not to be any further improvements on it, yet his question got muller over and it was very blank on that. He asked if the boulevard sidewalks are going to be into their property or on the property line.

Monica stated that she did not mean to mull over his question. She explained that the city has a right to maintain its right-of-ways and to expect them to be built to Montana Public Works Standards. To say that, through previous development, now there is no reason to do any improvements in the future is not how the city works. The city has to maintain its right-of-ways and to make improvements, which is done all over town. While that may have been a word of mouth agreement, there is nothing that she is aware of in this area that legally binds the city to neglect future improvements in that area. Will the sidewalks be constructed on private property or in the right-of-way? They will be built on the right-of-way. Even with the boulevard sidewalks, they will be built in the right-of-way. No sidewalks of any kind will be constructed on private property.

Joe Couture, 809 Pennsylvania Avenue, asked why the property owners did not get a letter beforehand if their sidewalks are that bad and need to be fixed. He has done concrete for a long time and \$12.50/square foot is just ridiculous. His union dues when he worked for Knife River were nothing like this. He does not know who else to talk to and would like to get this resolved.

Mayor Mace asked for council discussion.

Council Member Dickerson stated that during the earlier discussion by the audience, someone stated that it seemed like some shady things were going on. Council Member Dickerson pointed out that everything the council does is of public record. The council does not try to do anything that is shady and could take the consideration of the voters. It is kind of discouraging to try to do the best thing and have folks think that the council is trying to do something shady, as that is not the intent of this council.

Council Member Dickerson stated that, concerning the request to check to see if property owners could replace their own sidewalk, he is sure that others are wondering the same thing. At this time, he made a motion to table Resolution No. R15-35 until the next council meeting.

Mayor Mace stated that there was a motion on the floor.

Council Member McGee stated that a council member cannot amend another Council Member's motion.

Chuck asked how the issue could be tabled until the next council meeting to give the Planning Director time to find whether or not people could do the project on their own.

Monica stated that, if the council wishes to proceed with the District, the council could still allow her to research with bond counsel as to whether the city can allow construction of these improvements after the District has been made. Because the bottom line is, the improvements now have to be made. Now that the city has inventoried the sidewalks, the question is just which method. If bond counsel says that the property owners are able to make those improvements prior to construction, which will happen the second week in June, then the city will let that happen. If bond counsel does not allow for it, the improvements still have to go forward. Monica sees it as a win-win situation if it is allowable for them to do those improvements outside of the District.

Mayor Mace stated that certain design standards and criteria need to be met if the property owners can do that.

Council Member Dickerson stated that his question was answered very well, he understood what the Planning Director said, and he was satisfied with the response.

A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Poehls, Herr, Stokes, Dickerson and McGee voted aye. Council Member Mountsier voted nay. Motion carried 5-1.

- **Resolution No. R15-36: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 6 with Williams Brothers Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project constituting an increase of \$37,829.39 for additional work.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R15-36, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-37: A resolution of the City Council approving a change order to the City's contract with Wharton Asphalt for additional work and compensation required for the 2014 Street Maintenance Project.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R15-37, 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. R15-38: Resolution selecting Hardrives Construction for the 2015 Street Maintenance Project and to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for completion of such contract.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R15-38, 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. R15-39: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Beartooth RC&D Economic Development District.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R15-39, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-40: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Warren Electric, Inc. DBA Becker Electric for the Cemetery Irrigation Project.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R15-40, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Curt Lord, 418 West 12th Street, gave a brief update on the membership party the Laurel Rod and Gun Club held last week. He thanked the council for allowing them to shoot trap again. About 80 people showed up, and 30 shooters shot about 8 rounds of trap at 125 shots per round.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Stokes mentioned that the Sheriff's Department presented their work program to the council several months ago. He asked for an update at the next council workshop.

Council Member McGee stated that four new Police Reserve recruits will graduate at noon on Saturday, May 30th.

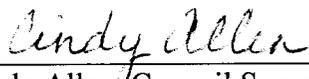
Mayor Mace mentioned that Friday, May 22nd, is Poppy Day in the City of Laurel.

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 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 7:35 p.m.

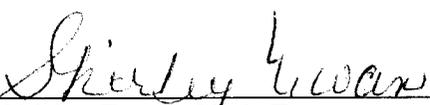


Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2nd day of June, 2015.

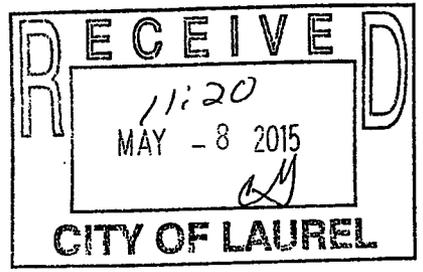


Mark A. Mace, Mayor for

Attest:


Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer

May 8-2015



To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby protest, in writing,

the making of the improvements & the creation of the DISTRICT AS it pertains to myself AS SPECIFIED IN "EXHIBIT A" ATTACHED HEREIN -

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT I WILL BE PRESENT IN PERSON OR BY MY AGENT AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 19, 2015.

Mary Jo Kellison
MARY JO KELLISON

Original delivered by hand to Council chambers May 8-2015

@ _____ By Constance Jo Cole

Constance Jo Cole
Constance Jo Cole Agent

EXHIBIT A

SID 117 - Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue

Full Name	Address	Total Sq. Ft. Responsibility	Cost per Sq. Ft. (\$12.27)	Sq. Ft. Responsibility (Includes Approaches)	Cost per Square Foot (\$15.11)	Total Principal Amount of Assessment
Terry Stokes	803 Pennsylvania	587.0	\$7,202.11	150	\$2,266.50	\$9,468.61
Wayne E & Marian R Hakverson	805 Pennsylvania	245.0	\$3,006.68	75	\$1,133.25	\$4,139.93
Joseph & Crista Couture	809 Pennsylvania	314.2	\$3,855.37		\$0.00	\$3,855.37
Scott C & Linda M Metcalf	815 Pennsylvania	285.6	\$3,503.77	50	\$755.50	\$4,259.27
Ernest Freund	404 E. 9th Street	293.3	\$3,598.34		\$0.00	\$3,598.34
William G Mountsier	901 Pennsylvania	277.6	\$3,405.57		\$0.00	\$3,405.57
Herbert L & Linda S Lindal	907 Pennsylvania	417.6	\$5,123.74	70	\$1,057.70	\$6,181.44
Rhoda J & Richard G Cook	911 Pennsylvania	280.3	\$3,439.51	50	\$755.50	\$4,195.01
Gary P Mueller	915 Pennsylvania	259.4	\$3,182.49	50	\$755.50	\$3,937.99
Eric J Knopp	406 E. Maryland Ln	303.7	\$3,726.86		\$0.00	\$3,726.86
Kevin L & Amy J Budge	902 Pennsylvania	387.2	\$4,750.42	88	\$1,329.68	\$6,080.10
Judith J. Goodale	908 Pennsylvania	270.5	\$3,319.23	100	\$1,511.00	\$4,830.23
Kristopher L Lorrash	912 Pennsylvania	296.8	\$3,642.09	197	\$2,976.67	\$6,618.76
Damon E. Roach	916 Pennsylvania	254.1	\$3,118.23	50	\$755.50	\$3,873.73
Michael O'Walley	318 E. Maryland	253.9	\$3,115.06	140	\$2,115.40	\$5,230.46
Gary M Olson	804 Pennsylvania	481.0	\$5,901.60	80	\$1,208.80	\$7,110.40
Mary Jo Kellison	810 Pennsylvania	261.6	\$3,209.63	90	\$1,359.90	\$4,569.53
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Denise L Brady	814 Pennsylvania	259.9	\$3,189.27	60	\$906.60	\$4,095.87
Heath & Mariahna Myers	820 Pennsylvania	288.0	\$3,534.09		\$0.00	\$3,534.09
School District # 7	410 Colorado Avenue	6946.3	\$85,230.99	135	\$2,039.85	\$87,270.84
William Staudinger	804 Wyoming Avenue	568.2	\$6,971.32	236	\$3,565.96	\$10,537.28
		13815.8	\$169,520.17	1751	\$26,457.61	\$195,977.78

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