

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

July 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 July 21, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Doug Poehls
 Bruce McGee (6:33) Richard Herr
 Chuck Dickerson Scot Stokes
 Tom Nelson Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Gary Colley

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 Nelson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2015, as presented, 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.

Council Member McGee arrived at 6:33 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of June 11, 2015; Agenda for July 9, 2015.

Montana Department of Transportation: 2015-2019 Final Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Ordinance No. O15-05: An ordinance amending Chapter 17.16.020 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Residential Multi Family Zoning Ordinance within the City of Laurel.**

Mayor Mace stated that this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Ordinance No. O15-05.

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

Gary Colley, Building Official, stated that the Residential Multi Family zoning was very unrestrictive in the requirements for square feet and height. A 40-foot height limit and a restriction for the number of units per lot have been added in this ordinance. Residential Multi Family is not as RLMF. The Planning Board and Building Department agreed that the changes fit with the code.

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.

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Mayor Mace closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of June 2015.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 07/05/2015 totaling \$212,956.95.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of July 7, 2015 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of July 9, 2015 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of July 2, 2015 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of July 14, 2015 were presented.

--Emergency Services Committee minutes of June 22, 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 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
- **Ordinance No. O15-05: An ordinance amending Chapter 17.16.020 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Residential Multi Family Zoning Ordinance within the City of Laurel. Second reading.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to adopt Ordinance No. O15-05, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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. R15-66: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel Middle School.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R15-66, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-67: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel High School.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R15-67, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. 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. R15-68: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with ImageTrend, Inc. for software for the Laurel Ambulance.**



Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R15-68, 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. R15-69: A resolution of the City Council approving Change Order No. 1 to the City's contract with Wilson Brothers Construction, Inc. for additional work and compensation required for the 2015 Water and Street Rehabilitation Project.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R15-69, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment.

Council Member Herr asked if the Laurel School District agreed to pay the difference in cost for concrete pavement rather than asphalt pavement.

Resolution No. R15-69 states: "Whereas, School District No. 7 elected to proceed with concrete pavement with the understanding it is responsible for the cost difference of \$13,248.35."

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 Poehls stated that the Emergency Services Committee will meet on Monday, July 27th, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

Council Member Herr stated kudos to the contractor that is working on the underpass project.

Council Member Mountsier commented that he was on Railroad Street about two blocks from Taco John's on Monday morning when a train pulled out and blocked the traffic for fifteen minutes. There were only three train cars left to be pulled in but the train just sat and blocked the intersection and eventually moved up. Traffic was backed up about two miles during that time.

Mayor Mace stated that he has been watching closely and has seen more cooperation than not.

Council Member Poehls stated that there have been some problems, but generally the situation has been pretty good. The first couple days were difficult but the flag people helped direct traffic for a few days. Generally, it has not been as bad as he thought it would be.

Council Member Nelson stated that the Cemetery Commission will not meet on August 11th.

Council Member Eaton mentioned that the Council Workshop is on Tuesday, August 11th, not August 10th as listed under the Dates to Remember.

Council Member Eaton requested a general discussion at the next council workshop about committees and how they need to interact with staff and bring items to the council. She thinks it would be good for the council to discuss this and whether or not to provide training for committee members. Last week, she talked with a committee member that wants to have a better understanding of how things proceed from committee discussion to the council as a whole. If the council became clearer about that, she thinks it would help in the committees.

Council Member Eaton noticed that there are some awnings providing shade at the swimming pool. It looks like it is permanent but it might not be. She has often wondered how people lived without shade at the pool. Council Member Eaton thinks the person who got the shade up there needs to be acknowledged and given credit at the next workshop.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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 4th day of August, 2015.

Mark A. Mace
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

Shirley Ewan
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer