

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 7, 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 7, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Herr	
Chuck Dickerson	Scot Stokes
Tom Nelson	Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Doug Poehls
Emelie Eaton
Bruce McGee

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

None

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 Dickerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2015, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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:

Montana Department of Transportation: Letter of March 20, 2015, regarding 2015-2019 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Arbor Day Foundation: Letter to congratulate the City of Laurel for earning recognition as a 2014 Tree City USA.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of March 2015 in the amount of \$715,896.90.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 03/15/2015 totaling \$170,378.94.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 03/29/2015 totaling \$180,817.89.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Library Board minutes of February 10, 2015 were presented.
 - Tree Board minutes of February 19, 2015 were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of March 9, 2015 were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of March 16, 2015 were presented.
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of March 17, 2015 were presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of March 23, 2015 were presented.

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--Council Workshop minutes of March 31, 2015 were presented.

--Laurel Airport Authority minutes of October 28, 2014 were presented. .

The mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items.

Council Member Nelson separated the Emergency Services Committee minutes of March 23, 2015, from the consent items.

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve the remaining 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 five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Council Member Dickerson spoke regarding two recommendations from the Park Board, per the Park Board minutes of April 2, 2015. The first recommendation (made by Council Member Dickerson) to the city council was “to continue the Jaycees expired lease of \$100 or more per year for 5 years with similar conditions/terms that were in the expired lease. Jaycees should negotiate lease price with the CAO and city attorney, but the Park Board would like to see the pricing stay minimal given that the group is very committed to this community.” The second recommendation (made by Council Member McGee) to the city council was “for a workshop to discuss the desire of the park board to transfer ownership or lease to the Laurel Rod and Gun Club the entire log building located at Riverside Park.”

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Fire Department

Mayor Mace appointed Mike Hernandez to the Laurel Fire Department.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Mike Hernandez to the Laurel Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

Laurel Ambulance Service

Mayor Mace appointed Travarious Thompkins to the Laurel Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Travarious Thompkins to the Laurel Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

- **Request for Laurel Rod and Gun Club to hold a trap shoot event in Riverside Park during the annual membership party on May 16, 2015.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Laurel Rod and Gun Club’s request to hold a trap shoot event in Riverside Park during the annual membership party on May 16, 2015, as per the lease protocol, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

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- **Resolution No. R15-19: A resolution of the City Council to adopt a right-of-way charge for fiscal years 2013-2021 and to approve a fixed rental charge for subsequent fiscal years.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R15-19, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-20: Resolution selecting Wilson Brothers Construction for the completion of the 8th Street Culvert Installation Project and to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for completion of such project.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R15-20, 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-21: A resolution approving Amendment No. 4 to the previously adopted Task Order No. 26, authorizing Great West Engineering to provide additional services relating to the new Water Treatment Plant intake for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R15-21, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-22: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the Billings YMCA for the operation and management of the City of Laurel Municipal Pool.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R15-22, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

- **Resolution No. R15-23: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the release of funds from the Tax Increment Financing District Fund for façade improvements for Reese and Ray's IGA.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R15-23, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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. O15-02: 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.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to adopt Ordinance No. O15-01, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Emergency Services Committee minutes of March 23, 2015**

Council Member Nelson stated that, since the secretary could not attend the Emergency Services Committee meeting, he volunteered to take the minutes while participating in the meeting. He mistakenly wrote in the minutes that Bill Mountsier made the motion to forward to the city council the request to place the original safety mill levy in the amount of \$926,000 on the ballot in November 2015, but the motion was actually made by Richard Dawes. A correction is needed in the minutes.

Motion by Council Member Nelson to accept the Emergency Services Committee minutes of March 23, 2015, into the record with the change that Richard Dawes made the motion, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Mace stated that representatives from BNSF and MRL will attend the council workshop on April 14th to discuss the railroad issues that affect the City of Laurel.

Mayor Mace mentioned that the Elected Officials Workshop is scheduled on May 6th, 7th and 8th in Billings. Registration forms need to be submitted.

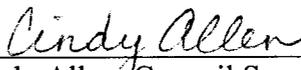
Council Member Dickerson will not attend the council workshop on April 14th.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

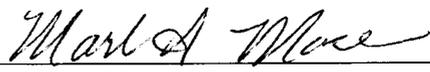
Motion by Council Member Nelson to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



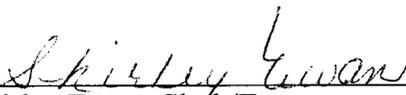
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 21st day of April, 2015.



Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer