

b. Ordinance No. O16-01: An ordinance amending Chapter 17.42 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Sign Code. (First reading - 01/19/2016).

Mayor Mace stated that this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Ordinance No. O16-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 17.42 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Sign Code.

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

City Planner Noel Eaton stated that the Planning Board started rewriting the sign code in June 2015. The table on page 6 of the ordinance shows the zoning districts in which signs are allowed, not allowed, or allowed only by special review. Digital signs are addressed on pages 3 and 4 of the ordinance. The table on pages 10-12 breaks down the sign requirements for permits, illumination, etc.

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.

c. Ordinance No. O16-02: An ordinance amending Section 17.26.052 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Entryway Zoning District Code. (First reading - 01/19/2016)

Mayor Mace stated that this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Ordinance No. O16-02, an ordinance amending Section 17.26.052 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Entryway Zoning District Code.

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

Noel Eaton stated that, with the rewrite of the sign code, the entryway zoning district code was revised to include on premise signs in the sign 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.

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

Mayor Mace closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of January 2016 in the amount of \$447,782.20.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 01/17/2016 totaling \$167,583.42.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of January 19, 2016 were presented.
 - Insurance Committee minutes of January 11, 2016 were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of January 11, 2016 were presented.

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--Tree Board minutes of January 21, 2016 were presented.

--Emergency Services Committee minutes of January 25, 2016 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of January 26, 2016 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of November 23, 2015 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of December 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 six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Ambulance Service

Mayor Mace appointed Amber Achten to the Laurel Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Amber Achten to the Laurel Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R16-10: A resolution of the City Council approving Change Order No. 1 to the City's contract with Western Municipal Construction, Inc. for additional work and compensation required for the South Washington Avenue Storm Sewer Project.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R16-10, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R16-11: A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Yellowstone Electric Co. to replace the generator at the Elm Lift Station.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R16-11, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R16-12: A resolution to adopt an official Schedule of Fees and Charges for the City of Laurel, repealing all previous resolutions that set fees or charges that conflict with the schedule attached hereto upon its effective date.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R16-12, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O16-01: An ordinance amending Chapter 17.42 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Sign Code. Second reading.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adopt Ordinance No. O16-01, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Ordinance No. O16-02: An ordinance amending Section 17.26.052 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Entryway Zoning District Code.** Second reading.

Motion by Council Member McGee to adopt Ordinance No. O16-02, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call 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):

Noel Eaton stated that the volleyball club in Laurel has a new director. She asked the council to encourage any interested 12 to 18 year olds to contact Tammy McFate through the club's Facebook page.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Stokes stated that a Park Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 4th, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

Council Member Nelson stated that the Cemetery Commission will not meet on Tuesday, February 9th, but will meet on Tuesday, March 8th. There is one vacancy on the Cemetery Commission.

Council Member Eaton stated that the Public Works Committee will meet on Monday, February 8th. There is one vacancy on the Public Works Committee.

Mayor Mace informed Council Member McGee that the civil city attorney was contacted regarding his suggestion to set fees for landlords to have background checks on potential renters. The attorney determined that right to privacy issues would not allow the council to do that.

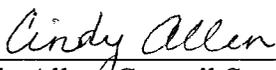
Council Member McGee stated that he is not an attorney, but he does not agree with the determination.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Dickerson 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 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 6:54 p.m.



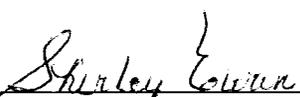
 Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 16th day of February, 2016.



 Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:



 Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer