

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 19, 2016

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 19, 2016.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Dickerson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Markegard

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 McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 5, 2016, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of March 2016.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 04/10/2016 totaling \$163,715.38.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of April 5, 2016 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of April 12, 2016 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: Poppy Day Proclamation on May 27th, 2016.
The Mayor read the proclamation.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): Mark Morris, P.O. Box 370 Huntley MT introduced himself as a candidate for District 28 Senate and asked the Council if they had any questions for him. There were no questions asked.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

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- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
- **Resolution No. R16-29: Resolution to adopt the Water System Preliminary Engineering Report for the City of Laurel, Montana, as prepared and presented by Great West Engineering, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R16-29, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

- **Resolution No. R16-30: Resolution to adopt the funding strategy for Phase 4 Water System Improvements for the City of Laurel, Montana, as presented by Great West Engineering, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R16-30, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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.

- **Resolution No. R16-31: Resolution to authorize submission of DNRC-RRGL Grant Application for the City of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R16-31, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

- **Resolution No. R16-32: Resolution to authorize submission of TSEP Grant Application for the City of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R16-32, seconded by Council Member Poehls. 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.

- **Resolution No. R16-33: A resolution accepting the findings of the Environmental Assessment and determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary for the Phase 4 Water System Improvements Project.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R16-33, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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.

- **Resolution No. R16-34: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer to execute a Small Service Contract that provides for the removal of the previously installed temporary rock weir in the Yellowstone River pursuant to the permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.**

This resolution is an additional resolution that was not available at the workshop. The Mayor asked Mr. Markegard to explain the purpose of the resolution. Kurt explained that the water was going over the weir and per the Army Corps of Engineers permitting it needs to be removed to eliminate hazards in the river for boating and public waterway safety. Two quotes were submitted, one by Wilson Bros for \$47,500 and the other quote is from Donnes, Inc. for \$19,400. Mr. Markegard is recommending the contract go to Donnes, Inc. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. Council Member Poehls asked how many times this has to be put in and taken out. He realizes that FEMA will cover 75%, but the City has to come up with the remaining 25%. Kurt explained that it is all part of the permitting process and he doesn't want to see the Corps fine or refuse permitting while the intake is being placed in the river. He'd rather do what they request to prevent further hassles from the Corp while working in the river.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R16-34, seconded by Council Member Stokes. 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Poehls stated the EMS Committee will meet Monday, April 25th at 5:30 p.m.

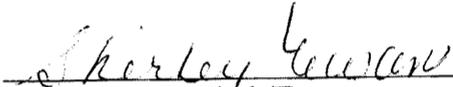
Council Member Herr mentioned that there will be an after-hours reception at Master Lube on Thursday night and a thank you to Shirley for taking on additional duties while Cindy is gone.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Poehls 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



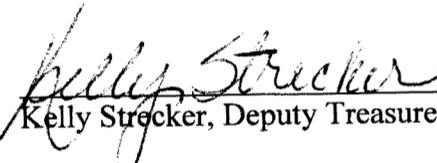
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 3rd day of May, 2016.



Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:



Kelly Strecker, Deputy Treasurer