

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 20, 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 December 20, 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Chuck Dickerson Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Nelson Doug Poehls
 Scot Stokes

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:

- **Council Minutes of December 6, 2016.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2016, as presented, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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.

- **Special Council Minutes of December 13, 2016.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 13, 2016, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of November 10, 2016; Agenda for December 8, 2016.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of November 2016.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/04/2016 totaling \$205,300.16.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--Park Board minutes of December 1, 2016 were presented.

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of December 6, 2016 were presented.

--Tree Board minutes of December 8, 2016 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of December 13, 2016 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of November 21, 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 five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:

- **Arbor Day Proclamation - May 2, 2017**

Mayor Mace read the Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed May 2, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Laurel.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Leif Welhaven, 4637 Neibauer Road, represented the Exchange Clubs of Billings, Montana. He is the Past President of the Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings and the current District President Elect of the Yellowstone District of Exchange, which includes twelve clubs and 600 members across Montana and Idaho. They are proposing expanding a club into Laurel. They have been termed "America's Service Club", have been around since 1911 and have been a non-profit since 1917. There are 600 clubs with 20,000 members, with three clubs in Billings.

Leif explained that the Club's mission and values serves four areas: Americanism and honoring Veterans; prevention of child abuse; community service; and youth programs. The Exchange Club has contacted the Laurel Lions Club, Rotary Club, Laurel Jaycees, and the American Legion.

Leif would like to attend a council workshop to educate the council regarding the Exchange Club's proposed expansion into Laurel.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel Fire-EMS

Mayor Mace appointed Brandy Miller to the Laurel Fire-EMS.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brandy Miller to the Laurel Fire-EMS, 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.

Police Commission

Mayor Mace reappointed Mike Kirschenmann to the Police Commission for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Mike Kirschenmann to the Police Commission, 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 Urban Renewal Agency

Mayor Mace reappointed Daniel Klein and Dean Rankin to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for 4-year terms ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Daniel Klein and Dean Rankin to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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 Urban Renewal Agency

Mayor Mace appointed Katy Easton (BSEDA) as an Advisory Member on the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Katy Easton as an Advisory Member on the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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.

Park Board

Mayor Mace reappointed Scot Stokes to the Park Board for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Scot Stokes to the Park Board, 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 Airport Authority

Mayor Mace appointed Brock Williams to the Laurel Airport Authority to fill a term ending June 30, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brock Williams to the Laurel Airport Authority, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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. R16-120: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Beartooth RC&D Economic Development District.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R16-120, 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. R16-121: A resolution awarding a three-year contract with Olness & Associates for auditing services through fiscal year ending 2019 and authorizing the Mayor to sign said contract for the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R16-121, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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. R16-122: Resolution of the Laurel City Council expressing their support for the Laurel Aquatic Recreation Complex, Inc. organization for its efforts to construct a number of community oriented facilities within the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R16-122, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Herr, Mountsier, Dickerson and McGee voted aye. Council Member Eaton voted nay. Motion failed 4-1.

- **Laurel Rod and Gun Club's request to hold turkey shoot events on January 8, 2017, February 12, 2017 and March 12, 2017.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Laurel Rod and Gun Club's request to hold turkey shoot events on January 8, 2017, February 12, 2017 and March 12, 2017, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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.

N/A

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Eaton asked for a reminder of when the Laurel Rod and Gun Club's lease sunsets at the next council workshop.

Council Member Mountsier requested discussion at the next council workshop regarding a problem on East 8th Street at the stop sign by the stadium. The way people are parking on First Avenue, a driver has to pull across the crosswalk to be able to see if traffic is coming. Council Member Mountsier suggested that eliminating one or two of the parking spots would take care of the problem. He stated that the problem is not evident when there is no traffic or when school is out, but it is evident when the students are crossing there, as it creates a hazard for the kids.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member McGee to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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 6:52 p.m.



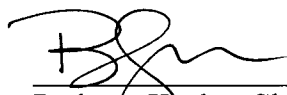
Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 3rd day of January, 2017.



Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:



Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer