

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 18, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Council President Doug Poehls at 6:30 p.m. on April 18, 2017.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:           None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:               None

Council President Poehls led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Council President Poehls asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

## MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2017, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of March 9, 2017; Agenda for April 13, 2017.

## COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

## PUBLIC HEARING.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of March 2017.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 04/09/2017 totaling \$180,738.22.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of April 4, 2017 were presented.

--Park Board minutes of April 6, 2017 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of April 11, 2017 were presented.

Council President Poehls 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

Council President Poehls read the Poppy Day Proclamation, which declared May 25, 2017, as Poppy Day in the City of Laurel.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

Laurel City-County Planning Board:

Council President Poehls appointed Roger Giese to the Laurel City-County Planning Board as the Council Representative to fill a term ending June 30, 2017.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the appointment of Roger Giese to the Laurel City-County Planning Board as the Council Representative to fill a term ending June 30, 2017, 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.

- **Resolution No. R17-09: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Wharton Asphalt LLC for asphalt replacement work within the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R17-09, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R17-10: A resolution accepting the bid submitted by Cotter's Sewer, Septic & Portable Toilet Service for sewer repair and replacement work at City Hall and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R17-10, 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. R17-11: A resolution accepting the bid from Cayton Excavating and authorizing the Mayor to sign all related documents for the First Avenue Water Main Replacement Project.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R17-11, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment.

Council Member Dickerson asked about a letter the Fire Chief submitted requesting that a new fire hydrant be installed on the east side of First Avenue between East 12<sup>th</sup> Street and East 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Council Member Dickerson questioned if this would be the time to take this request into consideration.

Council President Poehls stated that the fire hydrant is already included in the cost of the project. The Fire Chief submitted the letter to actually express the need for the fire hydrant.


A vote was taken on the motion to approve Resolution No. R17-11. 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 Eaton thanked Public Works Director Markegard for going above and beyond once again to make sure that the council was informed and got the opportunity to see the new intake area. Last Thursday, the Public Works Director had made arrangements to take Council Member Mountsier to the intake at 3:00 p.m. Council Member Eaton was unable to go at that time, but Kurt



Markegard took her there at another time. While out there, she realized that a person does not often get to stand in the middle of a river and look upstream. It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to see the intake in a way to actually understand it. Council Member Eaton acknowledged her thankfulness for the opportunity to be out there.

Council Member Nelson asked if the Emergency Services Committee will meet on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Poehls stated that the Emergency Services Committee will not meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> because nothing has progressed with the City-County EMS system. He will contact the County about having a joint meeting with the City of Laurel and Yellowstone County Commissioners.

Council Member Mountsier thanked Heidi Jensen and Kurt Markegard for taking him out to the new water intake. He was able to talk to some of the construction people and get all of his questions answered. He agreed with Council Member Eaton that it is unusual to sit in the middle of a river and see it flow on past.

Council Member Herr asked regarding the term of Roger Giese's appointment to the Planning Board, which ends on June 30, 2017.

Council President Poehls explained that Mr. Giese was appointed to fill a term that ends on June 30, 2017, after which he could be reappointed to a two-year term.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson 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 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 6:44 p.m.

  
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Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

  
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Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Bethany Keeley, Clerk/Treasurer