

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

May 16, 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 Mayor Mark Mace at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2017.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Dickerson Doug Poehls

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director

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 Nelson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2017, as presented, seconded by Council Member Bruce 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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of April 13, 2017; Agenda for May 11, 2017.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of May 2017 in the amount of \$170,508.34.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk Treasurer's Office.
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of April 2017.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 05/07/2017 totaling \$187,771.89.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of April 18, 2017 were presented.
 - Cemetery Commission minutes of April 11, 2017 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of May 9, 2017 were presented.
 - Laurel Airport Authority minutes of March 28, 2017 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 Nelson. 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.**
 - Tree Board: Walter Widdis to fill a term ending June 30, 2018.

Mayor Mace appointed Walter Widdis to the Tree Board to fill a term ending June 30, 2018.

— Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's appointment of Walter Widdis to the Tree Board to fill a term ending June 30, 2018, 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. R17-16: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with CIP Construction Technologies, Inc. for manhole rehabilitation services within the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R17-16, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Eaton, McGee, Nelson, Stokes and Mountsier voted aye. Council Member Herr voted nay. Motion carried 5-1.

- **Resolution No. R17-17: A resolution authorizing the purchase of an air compressor and related equipment for the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R17-17, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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. R17-18: A resolution approving the attached Task Order No. 39 authorizing Great West Engineering to prepare an update of the 2011 Water and Sewer Rate Study and to make necessary recommendations for the City's existing water rate structure.**

— Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R17-18, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Nelson discussed the Cemetery Commission's decision to spend money on 500 brochures with maps of the City of Laurel Cemetery. The brochures will be available in the Water Office and at the cemetery to help people locate gravesites. The Cemetery Commission would like to place a sign on Buffalo Trail to identify the City of Laurel Cemetery.

— Council Member Mountsier asked why the map is labeled with letters A through O without an index.

Council Member Nelson explained that people trying to locate gravesites are directed by water office staff to the section they are looking for by these letters.

Council Member McGee asked if there will be an Emergency Services meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017. It was not known at the time, but the Council Secretary will let all committee members know as soon as possible.

Council Member Eaton announced that the Public Works Committee did not meet this month.

Mayor Mace asked Kurt Markegard to discuss a meeting they attended.

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Kurt reported that the May 15th meeting was the first meeting with the Department of Justice Natural Resource Damages Program personnel. They will set up an application process for groups to apply for funds totaling \$2.3 million from ExxonMobil damages to be distributed to recreation projects along the Yellowstone River. The committee will include two members appointed by the Governor, three appointed by Yellowstone County, one appointed by the City of Billings and one appointed by the City of Laurel. The committee will make recommendations to the Governor, and the Governor will authorize the grants. Mayor Mace appointed Ken Olson to this committee to represent the City of Laurel.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton 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 6:45 p.m.



Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 6th day of June, 2017.



Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:



Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer