

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JUNE 20, 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 June 20, 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: Noel Eaton, City Planner
 Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer

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 June 6, 2017**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2017, as presented, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Special Council Minutes of June 13, 2017**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 13, 2017, as presented, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

Council Member Poehls disclosed that he went to the Laurel Airport and met with John Smith on Saturday, June 18th, and took a tour of the airport. Council Member Poehls owns a hangar at the Laurel Airport. Discussion was kept to how the airport is currently operating and Dr. Smith's vision for the future, including the new runway. The appointment of the Laurel Airport Authority Board member was not discussed.

Council Member Eaton disclosed that she had a conversation with Bob Western at the post office. Mr. Western served on the Laurel Airport Authority Board for twenty-five years, and he expressed his support for Doug Myers' appointment. Mr. Western stated that the Laurel Airport is the largest of its classification in the state, and the area's medical community uses the Laurel Airport to transport isotopes to and from Salt Lake City. Mr. Western also expressed that, if the Army were to have a contract with the Laurel Airport, he would not want any divisiveness on the board. The Laurel Airport has accepted almost \$1 million in grants to build itself up, and he would not want to see conflict at such a crucial time.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of June 2017 in the amount of \$787,676.20.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

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- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of June 2017.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 06/04/2017 totaling \$201,810.57.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of June 6, 2017 were presented.

--City-County Planning Board minutes of June 1, 2017 were presented.

--Council Workshop minutes of June 13, 2017 were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of April 10, 2017 were presented.

--Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of June 5, 2017 were presented.

--Laurel Library Board minutes of March 14, 2017 were presented.

--Laurel Library Board minutes of April 11, 2017 were presented.

--Laurel Library Board minutes of May 16, 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 McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

- Laurel City-County Planning Board: Roger Giese to a term ending June 30, 2019.

Mayor Mace stated the Council's reappointment of Roger Giese to the Laurel City-County Planning Board to a term ending June 30, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the Council's reappointment of Roger Giese to the Laurel City-County Planning Board to a term ending June 30, 2019, seconded by Council Member Poehls. There was no public comment.

Council Member Dickerson asked if the council should be approving the Mayor's appointment.

Heidi Kelsey clarified that this position is a council appointment.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Laurel Airport Authority: Randy Hand to a term ending June 30, 2022.

Mayor Mace reappointed Randy Hand to the Laurel Airport Authority to a term ending June 30, 2022.

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Randy Hand to the Laurel Airport Authority to a term ending June 30, 2022, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Cemetery Commission: Tom Nelson, David Gauslow and Kenneth E. Olson, Jr. to terms ending June 30, 2019.

Mayor Mace reappointed Tom Nelson, David Gauslow and Kenneth E. Olson, Jr. to the Cemetery Commission to terms ending June 30, 2019.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Tom Nelson, David Gauslow and Kenneth E. Olson, Jr. to the Cemetery Commission to terms ending June 30, 2019, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Tree Board: LuAnne Engh to a term ending June 30, 2020.

Mayor Mace reappointed LuAnne Engh to the Tree Board to a term ending June 30, 2020.

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve the Mayor's reappointment of LuAnne Engh to the Tree Board to a term ending June 30, 2020, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Laurel Airport Authority: Douglas Myers to fill a term ending June 30, 2018.

Mayor Mace appointed Douglas Myers to the Laurel Airport Authority to fill a term ending June 30, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Douglas Myers to the Laurel Airport Authority 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. Council Members Poehls, Stokes, Mountsier, Eaton, McGee, Dickerson, and Nelson voted aye. Council Member Herr voted nay. Motion carried 7-1.

- Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service: Morgan Ecklund, Patricia Kunkel, Elliott Grayson and Kelsey Manger.

Mayor Mace appointed Morgan Ecklund, Patricia Kunkel, Elliott Grayson and Kelsey Manger to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve the Mayor's appointments of Morgan Ecklund, Patricia Kunkel, Elliott Grayson and Kelsey Manger to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R17-25: A resolution of the City Council resetting its July 4th regular council meeting to July 5th in order to avoid conflicts with events and festivities planned for the July 4th celebration.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R17-25, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R17-26: Resolution relating to Special Improvement District No. 118; Declaring it to be the intention of the City Council to create the district for the purpose of undertaking the costs thereof and incidental thereto through the issuance of Special Improvement District bonds secured by a district reserve account and the City's Special Improvement District Revolving Fund; and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R17-26, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.



- **Resolution No. R17-27: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the release of funds from the Tax Increment Financing District Fund from the LURA Façade Improvement Grant Program for façade improvements for the Eagles Bar located at 313 West Main Street.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R17-27, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment.

Council Member Nelson asked how much money was actually being authorized to be released.

City Planner, Noel Eaton, explained that it was a 1:1 match up to \$13,450 from the LURA Façade Improvement Grant Program.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R17-28: A resolution of the City Council adopting a Management Budget to assist the City's department heads with projecting and managing their respective budgets for the fiscal year.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R17-28, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment.

Council Member Poehls complimented Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer, on how well the Management Budget was put together.

Council Member Eaton commented that this document will be changing until the Final Budget is approved in September and there will be opportunities to discuss particular items if necessary before that approval.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R17-29: A resolution approving an agreement between the City of Laurel and Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, said agreement relating to fire protection.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R17-29, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R17-30: A resolution approving an agreement between the City of Laurel and the Laurel Airport Authority, relating to fire protection.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R17-30, seconded by Council Member Nelson. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R17-31: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for the City Prosecutor position between the City of Laurel and Elk River Law Office.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R17-31, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Poehls announced that the Emergency Services Committee will not meet on June 24th but will meet in July.

Council Member Nelson attended the Area 2 Agency on Aging meeting at the Laurel Senior Center at the Mayor's request. This Agency, which serves eleven counties and two Indian reservations in

central Montana, assists senior citizens who do not wish to move to nursing homes to remain at home or in assisted living. The Agency thanked the City for sending a representative.

Council Member Dickerson announced that the Rotary Club has put up a sign in a small park off of East Main Street welcoming people to Laurel. The sign looks awesome, and the Rotary Club intends to put up four additional signs around the city.

Council Member Dickerson requested that the issue of garage sale signs staying up too long be addressed at the next council workshop.

Council Member Eaton believes the tall grass and weed area she discussed at the council workshop on June 13th might be under LURA's jurisdiction. She asked that this issue be added to the June 27th council workshop agenda.

Council Member Stokes announced that the Park Board meeting will be held on July 13th rather than July 6th, as previously scheduled.

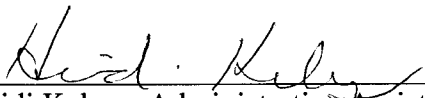
Mayor Mace invited the council to tour Riverside Park at 5:30 p.m. prior to the June 27th council workshop at 6:30 p.m.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Poehls 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 eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Heidi Kelsey, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 5th day of July, 2017.



Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:



Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer