

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

July 5, 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 July 5, 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

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 Dickerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2017, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Montana Department of Transportation: 2016 Economic Impact Study for Montana Airports and 2016 Economic Impact Study.

Yellowstone County Election Administrator: Letter of June 26, 2017 regarding Municipal Primary Election.

Montana Department of Transportation: Letter of June 23, 2017, regarding 2017-2021 Final Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of June 2017 in the amount of \$207,188.06.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 06/18/2017 totaling \$186,564.19.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of June 20, 2017 were presented.
 - Tree Board minutes of June 15, 2017 were presented.
 - Council Tour of Riverside Park minutes of June 27, 2017.
 - Council Workshop minutes of June 27, 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 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
- **Resolution No. R17-32: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the award of grants from the Tax Increment Financing District funds pursuant to the LURA Large Grant Request Program for eligible applicants and improvements.**

Motion by Council Member Poehls to approve Resolution No. R17-32, 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.

- **Resolution No. R17-33: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the Montana Department of Transportation for the TransAde Program.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R17-33, 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. R17-34: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum Agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for the TransAde Program.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R17-34, 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. R17-35: A resolution approving an encroachment permit for South Montana Avenue for C-Store Properties LLC and Innovative Properties LLC and authorizing the Mayor to executed the permit on behalf of the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R17-35, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment.

Council Member Eaton asked if anything had changed from the map that was distributed at the council workshop.

Mayor Mace stated that nothing changed.

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 stated that the 4th of July was a terrific time in Laurel and the firemen did an excellent job with the fireworks display.

Council Member Stokes stated that the Park Board will meet on Thursday, July 13th, at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Mountsier asked how many people were in Laurel over the 4th of July.



Mayor Mace stated that he had not heard, but there were a lot of people here.

Council Member Nelson suggested that a third of the City of Billings was in Laurel for the 4th of July. He stated that the Laurel Volunteer Fire Association did an awesome job in putting on the fireworks display and should be commended for doing so.

Council Member Dickerson said that it is great to see a city the size of Laurel pull this event off every year.

Council Member Dickerson received an email from Heidi Jensen regarding his comments about garage sale signs. He thinks his comments were misinterpreted and he would like the item on the next workshop agenda to explain his issue and to clarify any misunderstandings.

Council Member McGee assumes the council will get a report from the Chief of Police on things surrounding the 4th of July. He would like to share some observations with the council when the chief does a presentation.

Council Member Eaton mentioned that the committee for the Riverside Park Master Plan will meet in the council chambers on Monday, July 10th, at 5:30 p.m., so the Public Works Committee will meet in the council conference room on Monday, July 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Eaton received an email from Heidi Jensen regarding the weed issue she brought up recently. Council Member Eaton stated that, according to the minutes, the weeds and tall grass are on Southeast 4th Street, but that is not the correct location. She was referring to the weeds on Bernhardt Road. She would like the issue on the next council workshop agenda and will provide pictures for the council to see.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Herr 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.

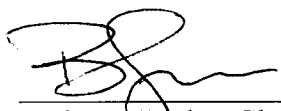
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


Cindy Allen, Council Secretary

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 18th day of July, 2017.


Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer