

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

August 1, 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 August 1, 2017.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Poehls
 Richard Herr

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:

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2017, as presented, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. 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.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of July 2017 in the amount of \$136,070.01.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 7/16/2017 totaling \$189,737.45.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of July 18, 2017 were presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of July 13, 2017 were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of July 25, 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 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:

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- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

- **Resolution No. R17-37: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel Middle School.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R17-37, 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. R17-38: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Laurel Public Schools, District 7 and 7-70, continuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the Laurel High School.**

Motion by Council Member Dickerson to approve Resolution No. R17-38, 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. R17-39: A resolution of the City Council approving a change order to the City's contract with Cayton Excavating reducing the compensation required for the City's First Avenue Water Main Replacement Project.**

Motion by Council Member Nelson to approve Resolution No. R17-39, 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.

- **Resolution No. R17-40: Resolution relating to Special Improvement District No. 114; Preliminary levy of special assessments within the District for the purpose of paying the costs of maintaining certain local improvements.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R17-40, seconded by Council Member Dickerson. 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. R17-41: Resolution relating to up to \$195,000 Special Improvement District No. 118 Bonds; Preliminarily authorizing the issuance and private negotiated sale thereof and authorizing the process for selecting a purchaser thereof; and authorizing the pledge of the Revolving Fund to the security thereof and related matters.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R17-41, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment.

Council Member Nelson stated that he was unable to read the document and to comment before the council proceeded to the next agenda item at last week's council workshop. He questioned if city officials had negotiated bonds for previous SID projects and if the City Mayor, CAO, and Clerk/Treasurer should negotiate the terms and rates of bonds. He stated that city officials did not negotiate bonds for SID No. 113. The terms for the bond agreement were final when the Council voted on SID No. 113. He stated that, if the City does not have time to complete the proper process, the City should not move forward. He finds it difficult to vote for this resolution.

Council Member Dickerson questioned Mayor Mace on what happens if the City Council does not vote to approve Resolution No. R17-41.

Mayor Mace stated that the resolution dies.

A vote was taken on the motion. Council Member McGee voted aye. Council Members Eaton, Dickerson, Nelson, Stokes and Mountsier voted nay. Motion failed 1-5.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.



COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Nelson stated that the Cemetery Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

Council Member Dickerson stated that he counted twelve garage sale signs still posted on First Avenue more than 48 hours after the sales ended.

Mayor Mace stated there will be discussion regarding the garage sale signs at the next council workshop.

Council Member Eaton stated that the Public Works Committee will meet on Monday August 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. In the event of a change the members will be notified.

Council Member Stokes stated that the Park Board will meet on Thursday August 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Mountsier requested to be notified on Sunday if there is a change to the scheduled Public Works Committee meeting.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, 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.


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 15th day of August, 2017.


Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer