

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

September 19, 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 September 19, 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

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 Poehls to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Step In Committee and Sam Meling Memorial Foundation: Letter regarding 2017 Sam's Run event.

Laurel Chamber of Commerce: Minutes of August 10, 2017; Agenda for September 14, 2017.

Animal Welfare League: Letter regarding cats on the south side of Laurel.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$174669.49.**
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 August 2017.**
 - **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 9/10/2017 totaling \$181,908.03.**
 - **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
- Budget/Finance Committee minutes of September 5, 2017 were presented.
- Council Workshop minutes of September 12, 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.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Samantha Ostwald, Josiah Laszloffy, and Ashlee Fritzier to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance, 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.

- **Motion to allow Council Member Stokes to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060)**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to allow Council Member Stokes to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days, 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 Dickerson requested a status update on the garage sale signs at the next Council Workshop.

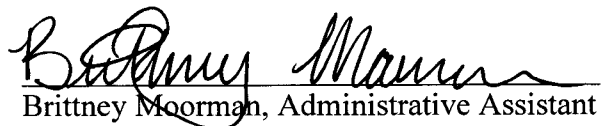
Council Member Eaton handed out a list of Fire Department duties to Council Members not present at Budget/Finance Committee. The list of duties was distributed at the Budget/Finance Committee.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member McGee 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 6:39 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 26th day of September, 2017.


Mark A. Mace, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer

For whatever reason, the image of the fire department is such that many people believe that the only job responsibility of fire fighters is to extinguish fires. The reality is that the organization has evolved so that they provide a wide variety of emergency services that include not only fire suppression, but emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and mitigation, special rescue situations (extrication, rope rescue, and water rescue), fire prevention and education, natural disasters and emergency management. These activities also include inspection and code enforcement (normally), plan review for construction projects, fire and arson investigation, and public fire safety education. These operations provide a perspective as to how busy the fire department can be, which affects the amount of time, resources, and personnel to available to support volunteer groups. The main purpose or duties of firefighters is to help protect the public in emergency situations.

Structure Firefighting

Conduct all levels of Structure Firefighting to include entry and attack, ventilation, salvage, overhaul, and investigation.

A structure fire is a fire involving the structural components of various types of residential, commercial or industrial buildings. Residential buildings range from single-family detached homes and townhouses to apartments and tower blocks, or various commercial buildings ranging from offices to shopping malls. This is in contrast to "room and contents" fires, chimney fires, vehicle fires, wildfires or other outdoor fires.

Wildland Firefighting

Initial attack, extended operations, Incident Command, Air Operations, clear cutting, and prevention

A wildfire or wildland fire is a fire in an area of combustible vegetation that occurs in the countryside or rural area. Depending on the type of vegetation where it occurs, a wildfire can also be classified more specifically as a brush fire, bush fire, desert fire, forest fire, grass fire, hill fire, peat fire, vegetation fire, or veld fire.

Industrial Firefighting

Support and backup CHS Refinery Fire Brigade. Conduct frontal attack, isolation operations, and cooling operations.

Aircraft Fire/ Rescue Operations

Respond to aircraft emergencies at the Laurel Airport.

Car, Railroad and Misc. Firefighting

Extinguish, isolate hazards, and investigate

Rope Rescue

Conduct high and low angle rescue operations from any situation

Confined Space Rescue

Access and rescue personnel in a confined enclosure. Air supported and unsupported (inert).

AMM

Water Rescue

Access waterways to rescue stranded victims or body recovery. This includes the Yellowstone and Clark Fork Rivers, canals and ditches, and ponds. Conduct Search and Rescue operations.

Cold Water/ Ice Rescue

Access freezing water conditions and unstable ice to rescue victims submerged and body recovery.

Extrications

Rescue victims entrapped in automobiles, machinery, farm equipment, buildings, and trenches.

Hazmat

Enter hazmat situation to mitigate and control hazards from railway spill, chemical storage spills, vehicle hazards etc.

Service Calls

Assist the public with alarm activations, gas leaks, Carbon Monoxide problems, etc..

Assist on Medical

Assist medical personnel with CPR, patient movement, ambulance driving, patient care.

Public Safety

Assist with traffic control, escorts, and search of missing persons.

Support other Agencies

Police Department
Public Works
DEA
Government

Public Education and Fire Prevention

Conduct area Fire Prevention activities throughout the year. This includes school tours 5- 6 times a year, tours to groups, Safety Day, Open house and several other public education events.

Investigations

Investigate all fires for cause and origin and determine if arson was committed.
