

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Council President at 6:30 p.m. on December 4, 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Bruce McGee Richard Herr
 Scot Stokes Irv Wilke
 Richard Klose Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Sam Painter, City Attorney
 Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director
 Karen Courtney, Code Enforcement Officer

Council President Eaton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Council President Eaton asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 2018, 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: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Member Eaton stated she had contacted all Council Members over the weekend regarding Resolution No. R18-84.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of November 2018 in the amount of \$759,384.42.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 11/18/18 totaling \$176,103.90.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of November 20, 2018 were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of November 19, 2018 were presented.

Council President Eaton asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the consent items as presented, 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:

Council President Eaton read the Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed May 7, 2019, as Arbor Day in the City of Laurel.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

- Airport Authority Appointment for a five-year term ending 12/31/2023 [corrected date of 12/31/2021].
 - James Swensgard

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the appointment of James Swensgard to the Airport Authority for the remainder of a five-year term ending 12/31/2021, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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.

- Appointment of Mardie Spalinger to Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending 12/31/2022.

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the re-appointment of Mardie Spalinger to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending 12/31/2022, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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. R18-82: A resolution of the City Council resetting the January 1, 2019, Council Meeting to January 2, 2019.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-82, 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. R18-83: Resolution Relating to \$4,921,000 Water System Revenue Bond (DNRC Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program), Series 2018; Authorizing the Issuance and Fixing the Terms and Conditions Thereof**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-83, 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. R18-84: A resolution of the City Council granting permission for a property owner to utilized decorative gravel and rock along a portion of the boulevard adjacent to the owner's property located in the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to table indefinitely Resolution No. R18-84, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Penny Leatherman, 603 5th Ave, stated she has worked with Mr. Eastman for the past 10 years. She stated that she has seen on many occasions that he has cleaned up just enough to appease the City. She thanked the Council for addressing this issue.

There was no council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion to table indefinitely carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

It was questioned since Council tabled indefinitely Resolution No. R18-84 what will happen with this issue? It was clarified that Code Enforcement will follow-up.

Friday, December 7th is National Pearl Harbor Day. There will be a ceremony at noon at the Yellowstone County National Cemetery.

It was requested a cost comparison of using a cleaning service vs. an individual be discussed at an upcoming Workshop.

It was requested to review parliamentary procedure at next week's Workshop.

The following meetings have been canceled for the month of December: Tree Board, City/County Planning Board, Cemetery Commission, and Emergency Services.

The January 1st Budget/Finance Committee meeting has been moved to January 2nd to coincide with the City Council meeting.

It was questioned if there is a City ordinance or a Chamber of Commerce rule that no candy be thrown during parades. It was further questioned if this also pertains to the use of water, such as water guns or balloons, during the parade.

It was stated that the Outlook used to publish frequently asked questions about the City's codes. This Council Member had not seen an article run in quite some time and questioned why those articles have not been ran.


A Council Member read the following passages from LMC in regard to Parliamentary procedure. LMC 2.08.220, 2.10.010, 2.10.060, and 2.10.110.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

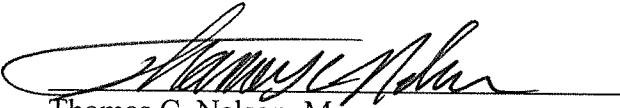
ADJOURNMENT:

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

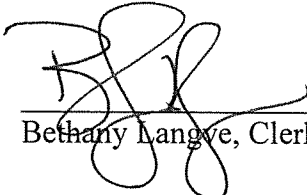
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 18th day of December, 2018.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer