

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Mayor Tom Nelson at 6:31 p.m. on September 18, 2018.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:      Scot Stokes

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:      Police Chief Musson  
   Officer Stanley Langve  
   Officer Joel Sauter  
   Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to observe a moment of silence.

## MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2018, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Laurel Chamber of Commerce minutes of August 9, 2018; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda of September 13, 2018.

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of September 2018 in the amount of \$236,914.40.**  
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 2018.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 9/9/2018 totaling \$216,505.69.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
  - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of September 4, 2018 were presented.
  - Council Workshop minutes of September 11, 2018 were presented.
  - Tree Board minutes of September 6, 2018 were presented.
  - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of August 20, 2018 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 Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.



**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
  - Appoint Officer Langve as Police Captain/Assistant Chief.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Officer Langve as Police Captain/Assistant Chief, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Police Chief Musson spoke regarding the newly appointed Captain Langve, his statement is attached to these minutes. A brief badge pinning and collar brass ceremony followed.

- **Resolution No. R18-66: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to issue a formal written request to the Montana Department of Transportation requesting use of Urban Funds for the identified priority project located within the City of Laurel and Yellowstone County.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-66, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R18-67: A resolution of the City Council to repeal resolution R18-63, and requesting the distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds**

Motion by Council Member Wilks to approve Resolution No. R18-67, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R18-68: A resolution of the City Council resetting its September 25th Council meeting to September 24th**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-68, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Member McGee, who is the chair of Emergency Services Committee, stated that the Emergency Services Committee is scheduled during the same time as the Council Workshop next week. The Emergency Services Committee's September meeting has been canceled.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

A Council Member attended the State Firefighter Memorial dedication ceremony. They felt it was an honor for that memorial to be located in our community. They are excited for all the new faces in all three branches of our emergency services.

A Council Member attended the new runway dedication ceremony at the Airport along with Doc Smith's retirement. They stated that the City needs to be proud of what the Airport Authority has done over the past few years. There are many opportunities in their future.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

Mayor Nelson spoke about attending the Airport's runway dedication.

The Mayor would like the new Planner to focus on where the City should grow and how to grow responsibly.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

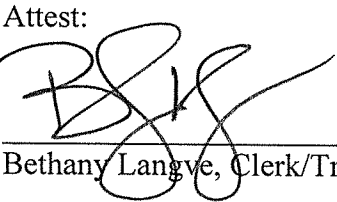
Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Herr. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

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

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018.

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

September 18, 2018

Captain Promotion

Stan Langve

Last Tuesday September 11, 2018 Officer Langve stood in front of you and spoke regarding his qualifications.

He told you that his qualifications included 19 years as a Laurel Police Officer, evidence tech, police reserve coordinator, school resource officer (10) years. Multi-jurisdictional task force (Yellowstone County DUI Task Force), over 700 hours of P.O.S.T. training which included 3 phases of leadership training.

In the last 6 months or better Stan took the initiative to spend time with Captain Mark Guy to learn the job of the captain. Stan was not able to hold his calls in order to learn the position, he had to handle the calls that were assigned to him and learn the job.

I would like to go back a few years to 1999. This is when Stan applied for a police officer position for the city of laurel. I remember Stan's interview, but I can't tell you exactly how he answered each question. But at the end of each interview I ask the candidate if he or she have any questions for us (police commission). Stan said YES I DO. Here is his question directed to me (WHEN DO I START). Over my 24 years in a command position Stan was the only person willing to be that bold and ask that question. I have told that story many time since 1999, but I always say that asking that question will not work for just anyone.

I knew Stan's family and knew that they had a strong work ethic. What impressed me about Stan is that he had a strong desire to work in this profession. While married with two young sons, Stan put himself through night school in order to receive his associates degree in



Criminal Justice while working a full time manual labor job, and raising a family.

I have had the pleasure of being the Chief of Police throughout his career. I watched him start and grow into a fine police officer and now to recommend Stan to be my second in command.

Congratulations Captain Stan Langve

\*\*\* who will be pinning your captain's badge on you tonight?

\*\*\* I now have the privilege to pin on your captain bars

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick M. Langve". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chief of Police

A small, handwritten mark or signature in the bottom right corner of the page, possibly initials "TR" or a stylized "J".