

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

SEPTEMBER 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 Mayor Tom Nelson at 6:30 p.m. on September 4, 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emelie Eaton
Heidi Sparks
Richard Herr
Irv Wilke
Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scot Stokes
Bruce McGee

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer
Officer Stanley J. Langve
Police Chief Rick Musson
Jean Kerr, City Judge

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 Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2018, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget and Tax Resolutions

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget and Tax Resolutions.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and stated that Staff was present to answer any questions.

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer, was present to answer any constituent questions. There were none.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Nelson asked three times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Nelson asked three times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Claims for the month of August 2018 in the amount of \$95,537.65.
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 8/31/2018 totaling \$154,179.60.

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- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**

--Budget/Finance Committee minutes of August 21, 2018, were presented.

--Public Works Committee minutes of August 20, 2018, were presented.

--Laurel Airport Authority minutes of July 24, 2018, were presented.

--Park Board minutes of August 2, 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 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**

- Mayor Nelson appointed Hunter Heusner and Steven Baumgartner to the Laurel Police Department.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Hunter Heusner and Steven Baumgartner to the Laurel Police Department, 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.

Chief Musson introduced Hunter Heusner and Steven Baumgartner to the Council.

City Judge Jean Kerr performed the swearing-in ceremony for Hunter Heusner and Steven Baumgartner.

Chief Musson and Officer Stan Langve read the Criminal Justice Code of Ethics with Mr. Heusner and Mr. Baumgartner.

Chief Musson presented Mr. Heusner with Badge No. 116 and Mr. Baumgartner with Badge No. 105.

Chief Musson presented the LPD color brass.

- Mayor Nelson appointed Justin Romero, Matt Whilloughby, Darin Warver, and Levi Jones to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Justin Romero, Matt Whilloughby, Darin Warver, and Levi Jones to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, 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.

- Mayor Nelson appointed Mandi Crable, Keoni Momohara, and Philip Hackman to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Mandi Crable, Keoni Momohara, and Philip Hackman to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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.

- Mayor Nelson appointed Devin Johnson to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service as an Ambulance Driver.

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Devin Johnson to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance Service as an Ambulance Driver, seconded by Council Member Herr. 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. R18-46: A resolution approving and adopting the Final Budget for the City of Laurel for the fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R18-46, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R18-47: A resolution levying taxes for general and specific purposes for the City of Laurel, Montana, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-47, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R18-48: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 2 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the entire cost of maintenance and electrical current for the fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-48, 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. R18-49: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 3 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the entire cost of maintenance and electrical current for the fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-49, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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. R18-50: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Street Sweeping District No. 1 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the purpose of the sweeping of streets in the downtown or Business District for the fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R18-50, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R18-51: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of street maintenance and/or improvements for Street Maintenance District No. 1 that constitutes all streets and alleys embraced within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R18-51, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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. R18-52: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of street improvements for Special Improvement District No. 113 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R18-52, 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. R18-53: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of park improvements for Special Improvement District No. 114 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-53, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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. R18-54: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 115 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-54, 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. R18-55: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 116 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-55, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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. R18-56: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 117 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R18-56, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R18-57: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 118 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R18-57, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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. R18-58: A resolution levying and assessing the annual cost of sidewalk improvements for residential properties pursuant to the City's Residential Sidewalk Replacement Program within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2018-2019.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R18-58, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R18-59: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property in the City of Laurel for delinquent water charges.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-59, 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. R18-60: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property in the City of Laurel for delinquent sewer charges.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-60, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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. R18-61: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property designated as garbage districts in the City of Laurel, Montana, for the removal of garbage and refuse.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-61, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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. R18-62: Resolution awarding CMG Construction, LLC the contract for the City of Laurel's 2018 Pavement Maintenance Project and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on the City's behalf.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R18-62, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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. R18-63: A resolution of the City Council requesting a reservation of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program funds as required by Montana law.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R18-63, 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. R18-64: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the release of funds from the Tax Increment Financing District Fund for Façade Improvements for the properties located at 208 1st Avenue and 301 West Main Street, Laurel Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R18-64, seconded by Council Member Herr. 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. R18-65: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the release of funds from the Tax Increment Financing District Fund from the Technical Assistance Grant Program to improve properties located within the City of Laurel's Tax Increment Improvement District.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-65, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

At the last Meet with a Council Person event, a constituent asked if anything could be done regarding the drainage issues near High Plains Brewery. It was requested this item be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

At the same event, a School Board member was present. It was requested if this board member could come and explain how the taxes for our school's work.

Mayor Nelson stated both items would be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

Cemetery Commission's September meeting has been canceled.

Emergency Services may be moving their start time to 6:00 p.m. There was confusion on the Committee exactly how this would be accomplished. It was clarified that the Committee would need to vote to approve the new start time and notify the Administrative Assistant.

There were eight people at the last Meet with a Council Person event. It was a success.

MAYOR UPDATES: None.

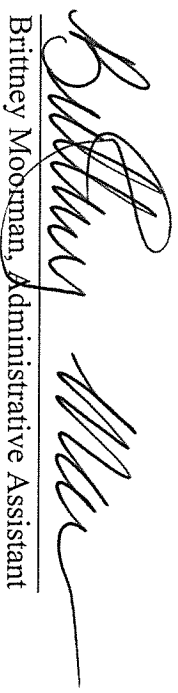
UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

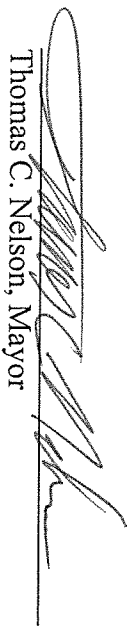
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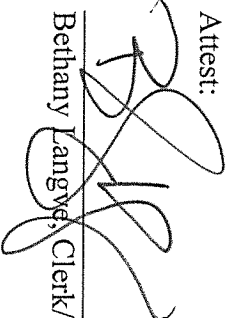
Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.


Britney Mookman, Administrative Assistant

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


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Bethany Langva, Clerk/Treasurer