

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

AUGUST 21, 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 August 21, 2018.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Klose

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Forrest Sanderson, Interim Planner

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 August 7, 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 July 12, 2018; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda of August 9, 2018.**

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Ordinance No. O18-01: An ordinance amending chapter 15.70 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Floodplain Regulations.**

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Ordinance No. O18-01, an ordinance amending chapter 15.70 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Floodplain Regulations.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and asked Staff to present the item prior to hearing the public comments.

Forrest Sanderson, the Interim Planner, stated this is the second reading for the floodplain regulations. This matter has been discussed at two Workshop sessions. These regulations meet the Montana minimum standard. They have been sent to DNRC, and the City has not received any comments back. These regulations will put the City in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. This allows for businesses and homeowners to buy and sell their properties. In the future, the City can look into adopting more than the minimum standard.

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.

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Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of August 2018 in the amount of \$116,304.83.**
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 July 2018.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 8/12/2018 totaling \$175,847.47.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of August 7, 2018, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of July 31, 2018, were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of July 18, 2018, were presented.
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 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of August 2, 2018, were presented.
 - Library Board minutes of June 12, 2018, were presented.
 - Library Board minutes of July 10, 2018, were presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of July 23, 2018.
 - City-County Planning Board minutes of May 3, 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 McGee. 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.**
 - Temporary Appointment of Council Member Sparks to the Budget/Finance Committee from August 21st to October 31st, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the temporary appointment of Council Member Sparks to the Budget/Finance Committee from August 21st to October 31st, 2018, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O18-01: An ordinance amending chapter 15.70 of the Laurel Municipal Code to update the City's Floodplain Regulations.** Second reading.

Motion by Council Member Stokes to adopt Ordinance No. O18-01, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Forrest Sanderson, the Interim Planner, addressed Council. He stated that he initially quote the cost to bring the City into compliance with their Floodplain Regulations to be approximately \$5,000. He was happy to report that he came in significantly under that budget.

- **Resolution No. R18-44:** A resolution of the City Council authorizing the award of grants from the Tax Increment Financing District funds pursuant to the LURA Large Grant request program for eligible applicants and improvements.

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-44, 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. R18-45:** A resolution of the City Council authorizing the release of funds from the Tax Increment Financing District fund from the City's TIFD grant programs to improve the Montana State Fireman's Memorial which is located entirely within the Tax Increment Improvement District.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-45, 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.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Former Mayor Olsen announced that the State Firemen's Memorial will be dedicated on September 8th. There will be a street dance, silent and live actions, and a keynote speaker. Events start at 3: p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

There will be a ground-breaking ceremony for the SED Basin project on Wednesday, September 12th at 5:30 p.m. All Council Members are invited to attend.

A resolution to move forward with the West Railroad project is in the works. The Public Works Director is hoping to have it on the next agenda.

The next "Meet with a Council Member" is scheduled for August 30th at High Plains Brewery with Council Member Sparks.

Emergency Services Committee is scheduled for August 27th at 5:30 p.m. There was no quorum at the last meeting, so business was conducted.

Council President Eaton thanked Council Member Mountsier for running the Public Works Committee meeting; it was ran efficiently.

Council President Eaton is excited to have Council Member Sparks on the Budget/Finance Committee over the next few weeks.

It was questioned if Council can get an update on the progress to place vault toilets in Riverside Park and for an update on where the City is on hiring a new Planner. Mayor Nelson added both items to the next Workshop agenda.

MAYOR UPDATES:

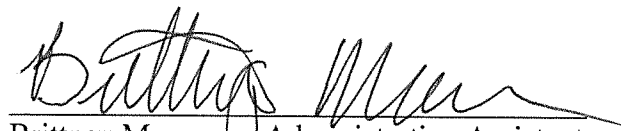
Mayor Nelson reminded Council of the Montana Leagues of Cities and Town annual conference at the end of September. There is still time to register if you are interested.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

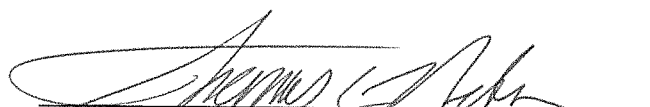
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member McGee. 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 6:59 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 4th day of September 2018.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langye, Clerk/Treasurer