

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JULY 2, 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 July 2, 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: None

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

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

MINUTES:

- **Special City Council Minutes of June 19, 2018.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 19, 2018, as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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.

- **City Council Minutes of June 19, 2018.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 2018, as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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.

- Thank you letter to Grace Bible Church volunteers from Council and Mayor

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of June 2018 in the amount of \$491,868.12.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/17/2018 totaling \$175,972.23.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of June 19, 2018, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of June 26, 2018, were presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of April 23, 2018, were presented.
 - Tree Board minutes of June 21, 2018, were presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of June 18, 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 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.**
 - **Appoint Melissa Brennan to the Laurel Police Reserves.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Melissa Brennan to the Laurel Police Reserves, 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. R18-35: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for prosecution services between the City of Laurel and Elk River Law Office P.L.L.P.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R18-35, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was questioned what Elk River's track record has been. What rate do they have for convictions, how many times plea out, etc.

Mayor Nelson agreed the data would be useful. From his understanding, Elk River has been doing a good job. Council will review all data before deciding to renew a future contract. Unfortunately, there was not a lot of time to get this contract negotiated before the first of the year.

A vote was taken on the motion. Seven council members present voted Aye. Council Member Stokes voted Nay. Motion carried 7-1.

- **Resolution No. R18-36: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Wharton Asphalt LLC for the City's street repair project located at the intersection of 7th Avenue and West 2nd Street within the City of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-36, 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. R18-37: A resolution approving a task order authorizing Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. for services relating to the City of Laurel's 2018 pavement maintenance project.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R18-37, 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:

Park Board Meeting July 5th at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The first Wednesday of each quarter the American Legion reads off the names of veterans who were interned without military honors. Due to the holiday, the ceremony has been moved to July 11th at 11 a.m. There will be approximately eight names read during this ceremony. There will also be approximately 20 cremains that have been found on shelves at local funeral homes. There will also be a representative from the National Cemetery Administration to announce that the National Cemetery located in Laurel is designated as a shrine, which is the highest honor given to a National Cemetery.

Have a happy Fourth of July. Thank you to all who are volunteering over the Fourth of July.

Emergency Services Committee has made the recommendation to Council to move forward with the Sheriff's Department Labor Detail.

The minutes reflect that Council Member Herr requested an article be placed in the paper explaining costs of street improvements to the citizens. It was requested if an update in regards to Railroad Street could be added to the article. Council Member Eaton has continued to receive questions on this location.

Council Member Mountsier's memo documenting the meeting with a constituent over parking at the handicap lot near the stadium will be added to next week's Workshop Agenda.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Nelson should have a letter rescinding the state of emergency that was declared at the end of May. At that point, the City will not be under a state of emergency anymore.

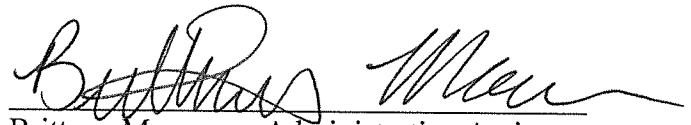
The Mayor will request that the CAO is present at Workshops to give an update on the items he has been assigned.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

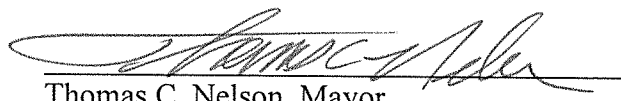
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Mountsier 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.

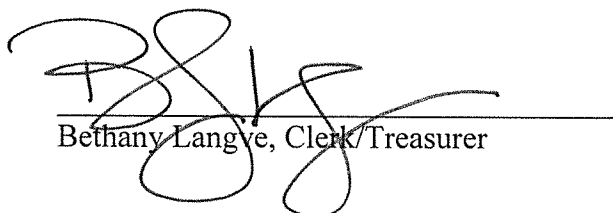
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 17th day of July 2018.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer