

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

JUNE 19 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 6:47 p.m. on June 19, 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

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 5, 2018, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Laurel Chamber of Commerce minutes of May 10, 2018; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda of June 14, 2018.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of June 2018 in the amount of \$130,449.70.**
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 May 2018.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/3/2018 totaling \$188,106.13.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of June 5, 2018, were presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of June 12, 2018, were presented.
 - Laurel Airport Authority minutes of May 22, 2018, were presented.
 - Park Board minutes of June 7, 2018, were presented.
 - Laurel Urban Renewal Agency minutes of May 21, 2018, were presented.
 - Insurance Committee minutes of June 7, 2018, were presented.
 - Insurance Committee minutes of June 12, 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.**
 - **Re-appointment of Walter Widdis to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2021.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the re-appointment of Walter Widdis to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2021, 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.

- **Re-appointment of Aaron Christensen to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2021.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the re-appointment of Aaron Christensen to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2021, 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.

- **Re-appointment of Council Member Herr to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending 6/30/2020.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the re-appointment of Council Member Herr to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending 6/30/2020, 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.

- **Re-appointment of Dixie Feller to the Library Board for a five-year term ending 6/30/2023.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve the re-appointment of Dixie Feller to the Library Board for a five-year term ending 6/30/2023, 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.

- **Appointments of Ray Ezell, Karen Courtney, and Bethany Langve to their respective positions.**

Mayor Nelson clarified that these appointments are a formality and should have been done upon their hire.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the appointments of Ray Ezell, Karen Courtney, and Bethany Langve to their respective positions, 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. R18-29: A resolution of the City Council resetting its July 3 regular Council meeting to July 2 in order to avoid conflicts with events and festivities planned for the July 4th Celebration.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-29, 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. R18-30: Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to utilize available revenue in the City's water fund to prepay and retire DNRC loan WRF-10-188.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-30, 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. R18-31: A resolution of the City Council adopting a Management Budget to assist the City's Department Heads with projecting and managing their respective budgets for the Fiscal Year.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-31, 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.

- **Resolution No. R18-32: A resolution approving agreements between the City of Laurel and Laurel Fire District No. 5, said agreements relating to fire protection.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R18-32, 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.

- **Resolution No. R18-33: A resolution approving agreements between the City of Laurel and the Laurel Urban Fire Service Area ("LUFSA") said agreements relating to fire protection.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R18-33, 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. R18-34: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for the Chief Administrative Officer position between the City of Laurel and Matthew R. Lurker, Sr.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R18-34, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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:

It was requested that Council discuss the cost of redoing the City's streets. It was questioned if something can be placed in the paper explaining what costs are associated with redoing a street and where those funds would come from.

Mayor Nelson stated that this item would be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

Council Member Mountsier stated he had some concerns with parking near the High School and that he would bring the issue to Emergency Services to further discuss.

The Emergency Services Committee meeting agenda has been set, but the concern Council Member Mountsier had over parking near the High School will be added to the agenda.

It was requested that Council send a thank you letter to Grace Bible Church, who painted nearly every fire hydrant in town.

Mayor Nelson stated that this would be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

It was stated that E. 6th Street will not be redone this summer, but will move forward next summer. The full update as to why will be presented next week at Workshop. This is regards to some time constraints.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Nelson has not rescinded the state of emergency that was issued last month. He will be evaluating the need over the next few weeks.

Mayor Nelson thanked all Staff who have taken on extra duties while in the absence CAO.

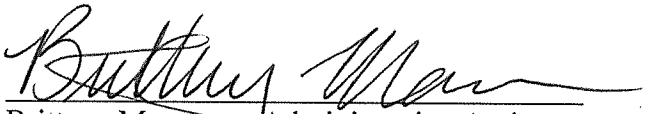
UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

The newly appointed CAO, Matthew Lurker, took a moment to recognize staff for their years of service. These employees had been listed on last week's agenda, and it was overlooked due to the length of the meeting.

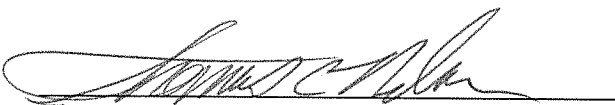
ADJOURNMENT:

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 eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

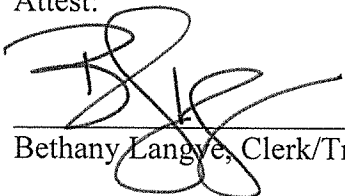
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 2nd day of July 2018.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langye, Clerk/Treasurer