

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

MAY 15 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 May 15, 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:              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 May 1, 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.

- CHS Letter – Road Closure
- Laurel Chamber of Commerce minutes of April 12, 2018; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda of May 10, 2018.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of May 2018 in the amount of \$96,873.22.**  
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 April 2018.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 5/6/2018 totaling \$181,323.85.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
  - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of May 1, 2018, were presented.
  - Tree Board minutes of April 26, 2018, were presented.
  - Park Board minutes of May 3, 2018, were presented.
  - Library Board minutes of March 13, 2018, were presented.
  - Library Board minutes of April 10, 2018, were presented.
  - Library Board minutes of May 8, 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:**

- Poppy Day Proclamation

Mayor Nelson read the Poppy Day Proclamation and proclaimed May 25, 2018, as Poppy Day in the City of Laurel.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

Karl Dan Koch, 320 Colorado Avenue, spoke regarding the handicap parking lot near the sports complex. He gave an update on what has been done and what he still would like done with this parking lot.

Pastor Jason, lives at 320 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is the Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, spoke regarding starting a community garden for the City of Laurel. Currently Our Savior Lutheran Church as approximately half an acre of undeveloped land they would like to turn into a community garden.

Vi Hill, 2707 N. Ramshorn Drive, spoke in favor of the community garden. She requested Council discuss this topic at their next Workshop.

Mayor Nelson stated that Council would discuss at the next Workshop.

Vi Hill, 2707 N. Ramshorn Drive, also gave an update on the Bright and Beautiful Clean-up Day. Do not have official tonnage reports yet, but did take in more loads than previous years.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Confirmation of Appointments.**
- **Resolution No. R18-19: A resolution of intent to adopt an official Schedule of Fees and Charges for the City of Laurel repealing all previous resolutions that set fees or charges that conflict with the schedule attached hereto upon its effective date.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R18-19, 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. R18-20: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign an addendum to the existing Mutual Aid Agreement for firefighting agencies throughout Yellowstone County.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-20, 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. R18-21: A resolution of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign a Mutual Aid Agreement for fire protection between the City of Laurel and the Park City Fire District.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-21, 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.

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

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

It was noticed by a Council Member who attended the Bootcamp/Workshop last week that some Cities and Towns have purchased tablets for their Council Members. The tablets could offer a solution to the issues that many have found with accessing their emails.

Mayor Nelson stated that the City would investigate the feasibility of this option and report back to Council.

Mayor Nelson was thanked for reading and signing the Poppy Day Proclamation.

The Reserve Officers graduate this Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. all Council Members have been invited to attend.

Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> has been canceled.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

Mayor Nelson has followed up with the School District Superintendent regarding the volume of the loudspeakers at the Sports Complex. When there is an update, the Mayor will report back to Council.

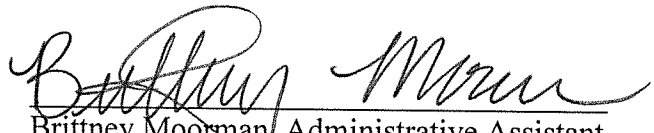
Mayor Nelson has also been working with the School District to resolve the parking issues around the Sports Complex. The discussion was in regards to parking as a whole and did include the lot that Mr. Koch has brought before the Council.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

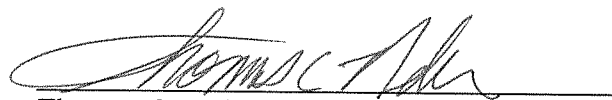
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Stokes 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.

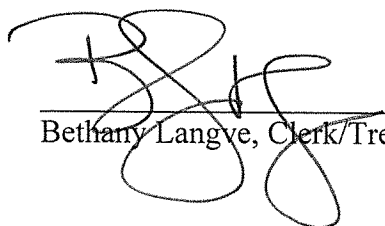
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer