

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

MARCH 20, 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 Tomas Nelson at 6:30 p.m. on March 20, 2018.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Scot Stokes

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:

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 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 February 8, 2018; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda of March 8, 2018.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims for the month of March 2018 in the amount of \$107,421.18.**
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 February 2018.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 3/11/2018 totaling \$173,338.75.**
- **Receiving the Committee/Board/Commission Reports into the Record.**
 - Budget/Finance Committee minutes of March 6, 2018, was presented.
 - Council Workshop minutes of March 13, 2018, was presented.
 - Revised Council Workshop minutes of February 27, 2018, was presented.
 - City-County Planning Board minutes of February 1, 2018, was presented.
 - Park Board minutes of March 1, 2018, was presented.
 - Emergency Services Committee minutes of February 26, 2018, was presented.
 - Public Works Committee minutes of February 26, 2018, was presented.

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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.**
 - **Appointment of Heidi Sparks to the Human Relations Committee.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve appointment of Heidi Sparks to the Human Relations Committee, 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. R18-10: A Resolution of the City Council Adopting the Laurel Transportation System Coordination Plan.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R18-10, 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.

- **Resolution No. R18-11: A Resolution Approving a Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Laurel and the Montana Department of Transportation ("MDT") that Provides the City's Responsibilities for the Manhole Rehabilitation Project Along Old Highway 10 (N-4).**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R18-11, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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. R18-12: A Resolution Approving a Task Order that Provides for Planning Services for the City issues Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement Between the City of Laurel and KLJ Engineering.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R18-12, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment.

Council Member Sparks asked for clarification on the hourly rate the City would be charged for these services.

Mayor Nelson clarified the hourly rate.

A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Nelson appointed Forrest Sanderson, with KLJ, as the Interim City Planner.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Wilke shared the results of the most recent Laurel Rod and Gun Club Turkey Shoot.

Council Member Mountsier stated that some manholes were redone last year that made them even with the road surface, however, the two by the Post Office were not done. He questioned if those particular manholes are scheduled to be redone.

Council Member Mountsier questioned when the no parking sign would be placed at the High School.

Council Member McGee gave a reminder for Emergency Services Committee. They will be meeting Monday, March 26th in Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Eaton gave reminders for both Public Works Committee and Budget/Finance Committee. Public Works Committee will be meeting on April 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The next Budget/Finance meeting will be April 3, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

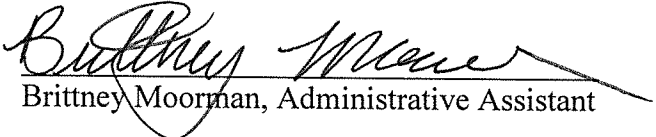
Mayor Nelson followed up on Council Member Sparks' request for an update on signage for Turnaround. He met with the Police Chief to follow up on when Southside residents can expect to see those signs go up. The Police Chief has been working closely with CHS. They expect to have signage out very shortly and have a contract signed to pay for the Police Officer's Overtime to patrol the area during peak times.

Mayor Nelson followed up on the concerns regarding the Ambulance Service. He has met with both the City Attorney and the Fire Chief to discuss the options available. He reminded those present that the Ambulance Service is a volunteer department.

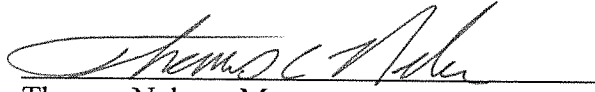
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Sparks 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

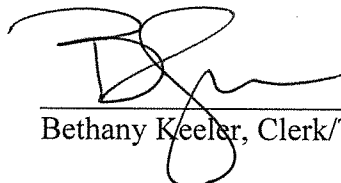
There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 3rd day of April 2018.


Thomas Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer