

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

MARCH 23, 2021

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 6:31 p.m. on March 23, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks

Scot Stokes Irv Wilke
Richard Klose

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce McGee	Richard Herr
	Don Nelson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Nathan Herman, Utilities Plant Superintendent.

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 Eaton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2021, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Laurel Chamber of Commerce Agenda for March 11, 2021; Laurel Chamber of Commerce Minutes of February 11, 2021.
- Beartooth RC&D Correspondence

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through March 19, 2021.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 3/7/2021 totaling \$196,720.40.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none. Council Member Eaton added the Claims entered through March 19, 2021, the Budget/Finance Committee minutes of February 23, 2021, and the Budget/Finance Committee minutes of March 9, 2021, to the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes 2.23.2021.
- Tree Board Minutes of February 18, 2021.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of February 8, 2021.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes June 22, 2020.
- Emergency Services Committee July 27, 2020.



- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of August 24, 2020.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes September 28, 2020.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes October 26, 2020.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of February 22, 2021.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of February 22, 2021.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R21-18: A Resolution Of The City Council To Amend The Large Grant Request Program Budget Pursuant To The Recommendation Of The Laurel Urban Renewal Agency.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-18, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-19: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Laurel Lions Club And Laurel Community Foundation Accepting Donations For Improvements At The Laurel Lion's Family Park.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-19, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-20: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With Rocky Mountain Doors For The Purchase And Installation Of A Door For The City's Water Plant.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R21-20, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-21: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With CIP Construction Technologies, Inc. For The Rehabilitation And Repair Of Certain Sewer Manholes For The City Of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R21-21, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-22: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With Laurel Power Systems For Purchase And Installation Of A New Aftercooler For The City's Water Treatment Plant.**

Nathan Herman, Utilities Plant Superintendent, stated this is for the generator at the Water Treatment Plant. The generator was put in in 2003. Over time the cooling system has broken down. This part is used to cool the generator system. If the aftercooler fails during a power outage, the City can run about 24 hours before they would need to shut down water service. The refinery would not be able to get river water or settled water and would need treated water. During maintenance, it was found that the aftercooler was leaking more profusely than previously thought.

It was questioned what the estimated cost. It was further questioned if this is a radiator. It was clarified that the aftercooler is before the radiator. It helps cool both the engine and the generator. The cost is just under \$16,000.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to close the item, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R21-22, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Ordinance No. 021-02: An Ordinance Amending Certain Chapters Of Title 14 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The Adoption And Enforcement Of Building Codes For The City Of Laurel As Required By The State Of Montana. (First Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to adopt Ordinance No. 021-02, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Wilke, Klose, Stokes, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

A Council Member clarified at the previous meeting he made mention he thought feeding fowl could be against the law. He spoke with a retired game warden and learned that applied to hooved animals.

It was requested that Council discuss at the next Workshop the replacement of equipment at the Kids Kingdom.

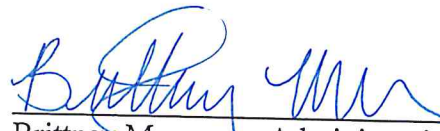
MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

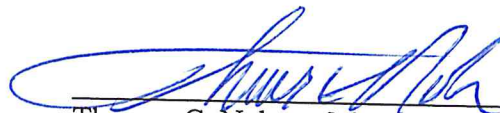
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five council members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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 13th day of April 2021.


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer