



**AGENDA
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024
6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

WELCOME . . . By your presence in the City Council Chambers, you are participating in the process of representative government. To encourage that participation, the City Council has specified times for citizen comments on its agenda -- once following the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council concerning any brief community announcement not to exceed one minute in duration for any speaker; and again following Items Removed from the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council on any matter of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. Citizens may also comment on any item removed from the consent agenda prior to council action, with each speaker limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. If a citizen would like to comment on an agenda item, we ask that you wait until the agenda item is presented to the Council by the Mayor and the public is asked to comment by the Mayor.

Any person who has any question concerning any agenda item may call the City Clerk-Treasurer's office to make an inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Your City government welcomes your interest and hopes you will attend the Laurel City Council meetings often.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of the Council

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes of January 1, 2024.

Correspondence

2. Beartooth RC&D Correspondance - January 2024

Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Public Hearing

3. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Consent Items

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

*The Consent Calendar adopting the printed Recommended Council Action will be enacted with one vote. **The Mayor will first ask the Council members if any Council member wishes to remove any item from the Consent Calendar for discussion and consideration.** The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually at the end of this Agenda under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar." (See Section 12.) The entire Consent Calendar, with the exception of items removed to be discussed under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar," is then voted upon by roll call under one motion.*

4. Claims entered through January 19, 2024.
5. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements November 2023.
6. Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 1/7/2024 totaling \$242,056.19.
7. Council Workshop Minutes of January 2, 2024.

Ceremonial Calendar

Reports of Boards and Commissions

8. Revised Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of December 26, 2023.
9. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of January 9, 2024.
10. Tree Board Minutes of January 4, 2024.
11. Library Board Minutes of December 12, 2023.

12. Emergency Services Committee Minutes of November 27, 2023.
13. Public Works Committee Minutes of December 18, 2023.

Audience Participation (Three-Minute Limit)

Citizens may address the Council regarding any item of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Comments regarding tonight's agenda items will be accepted under Scheduled Matters. The duration for an individual speaking under Audience Participation is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

Scheduled Matters

14. Appointment of Shaelynn Haman and Jerry Strim to the Laurel Police Reserves.
15. Appointment of Emelie Eaton to the Public Works Committee.
16. Resolution R24-04: A Resolution Of The City Council To Adopt An Official Schedule Of Fees And Charges For The City Of Laurel And Repealing All Previous Resolutions That Set Fees Or Charges That Conflict With The Schedule Attached Hereto Upon Its Effective Date.
17. Resolution R24-05: Resolution Of The City Council Calling For An Election On The Question Of Conducting A Local Government Review And Establishing A Study Commission.

Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

Community Announcements (One-Minute Limit)

This portion of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the Council regarding community announcements. The duration for an individual speaking under Community Announcements is limited to one minute. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

Council Discussion

Council members may give the City Council a brief report regarding committees or groups in which they are involved.

Mayor Updates

Unscheduled Matters

Adjournment

The City makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this meeting. Persons needing accommodation must notify the City Clerk's Office to make needed arrangements. To make your request known, please call 406-628-7431, Ext. 2, or write to City Clerk, PO Box 10, Laurel, MT 59044, or present your request at City Hall, 115 West First Street, Laurel, Montana.