



**AGENDA  
CITY OF LAUREL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025  
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 June 10, 2025.

**Correspondence**

2. Fire Monthly Reports - May 2025
3. Beartooth RC&D Correspondence

**Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications**

**Public Hearing**

4. Public Hearing: Water/Wastewater Rate Increase

**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.*

5. Claims entered through June 20, 2025.
6. Approval of Payroll Register of PPE 6/8/2025 totaling \$279,250.12.
7. Council Workshop Minutes of June 3, 2025.
8. Council Workshop Minutes of June 17, 2025.

**Ceremonial Calendar**

**Reports of Boards and Commissions**

9. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 10, 2025.
10. Library Board Minutes of January 14, 2025.
11. Library Board Minutes of February 11, 2025.

12. Library Board Minutes of March 11, 2025.
13. Emergency Services Committee Minutes of May 19, 2025.
14. Public Works Committee Minutes of May 19, 2025.

#### **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**

15. Appointment of Jason Gonzales as the Building Official.
16. Motion to allow Council Member Sparks to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days. (LMC 2.12.060)
17. Appointment of Gary Blaine to the Laurel Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2030.
18. Appointment of Richard Klose to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027.
19. Appointment of Ken Olson to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027.
20. Appointment of Tom Canape to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027.
21. Appointment of Richard Herr to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027.
22. Resolution No. R25-40: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement By And Between The City Of Laurel And Yellowstone City-County Health Department, D/B/A Riverstone Health.
23. Resolution No. R25-41: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With True North Contracting.
24. Resolution No. R25-42: A Resolution Approving An Increase To The City Of Laurel's Water And Wastewater Rates And Charges To Become Effective On July 10, 2025.
25. Ordinance No. R25-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.28 (Park Rules And Regulations) And Repealing Chapter 12.32 (Trees And Boulevards) Of The Laurel Municipal Code.

#### **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.*