

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

September 27, 2022

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 Dave Waggoner at 6:29 p.m. on September 27, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Mize	Heidi Sparks
Casey Wheeler	Richard Herr
Richard Klose	Irv Wilke
	Bill Mountsier

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant
Stan Langve, Police Chief
Steven Baumgartner, Police Officer
Travis Pitts, Police Captain
Jared Anglin, Police Sergeant
Jackson Booth, Police Officer
Josh McFarland, Police Officer
Jean Kerr, Judge

Mayor Waggoner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES:

- Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2022.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2022, as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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.

- Approval of Minutes of Special City Council Meeting of September 6, 2022.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 6, 2022, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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.

- Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2022.

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2022, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Beartooth RC&D September Correspondence

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

- Public Hearing: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.20.010 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The City Court Clerk For The City Of Laurel

Mayor Waggoner opened the public hearing and asked Staff to present the item.

Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney, briefly reviewed the proposed changes.

Mayor Waggoner opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Waggoner asked three (3) times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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Mayor Waggoner stated that he would not have Staff respond to questions as there were none.

- Public Hearing: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.01 (Code Adoption) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The General Provisions

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CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through September 23, 2022.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 9/4/2022 totaling \$216,114.43.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for Retro Pay totaling \$4,632.18.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 9/18/2022 totaling \$210,834.16.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of September 13, 2022.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of August 15, 2022.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes August 22, 2022.
- Library Board Minutes of July 12, 2022.
- Library Board Minutes of August 9, 2022.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Motion to allow Council Member Sparks to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days. (LMC 2.12.060)**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to allow Council Member Sparks to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days, seconded by Council Member Wilke. 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.

- **Appointment of Gabriel Seibert to the Laurel Police Department.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gabriel Seibert to the Laurel Police Department, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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.

Judge Kerr swore in Officer Seibert. Police Chief Langve pinned Officer Seibert with his badge. All law enforcement officers present recited the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

- **Resolution No. R22-64: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Addition Of City Of Laurel Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amber Hatton To All City Accounts.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R22-64, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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.

- **Ordinance No. O22-04: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.20.010 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The City Court Clerk For The City Of Laurel (2nd Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Klose to adopt Ordinance No. O22-04, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Mountsier, Klose, Wheeler, and Mize voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Ordinance No. O22-05: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.01 (Code Adoption) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The General Provisions (2nd Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to adopt Ordinance No. O22-05, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Mountsier, Klose, Wheeler, and Mize voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: None.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Council Member Eaton is in Washington, D.C., this week and will bring back lots of information.

Hello Montana will be running a story on projects within the City.

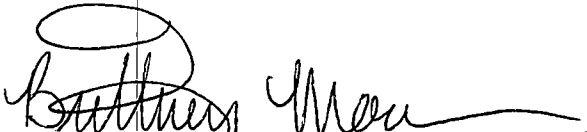
The Mayor spoke about the possibility of the Council exploring an ordinance regarding the use of obscenities.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Mize to adjourn the council meeting, 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.

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, on this 11th day of October 2022.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer