

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

July 8, 2025

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 July 8, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize	Jessica Banks
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Kurt Markegard, CAO
Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Jessica McCartney, 303 Union President

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2025, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Police Monthly Report - June 2025

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Annexation Of City Owned Park Land That Is Contiguous To The City Limits, Such Annexation To Include All Of The Adjacent And Adjoining Rights-Of-Way Of The Annexed Property.**

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

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.

The Chief Administrative Officer, this annexation was brought before the Council in 2012; however, it had the incorrect legal description. It was also not filed with the County. This resolution is to fix those issues and annex the parkland into the City.

Mayor Waggoner asked if there were any proponents.

Shawn Mullaney, unaddressed property off E. 11th Street, spoke in favor of this annexation. She stated he would like to see a walking path in the area.

Mayor Waggoner asked two (2) additional times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through June 20, 2025.**



A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

- **Claims entered through July 3, 2025.**

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- **Approval of Payroll Register of PPE 6/8/2025 totaling \$279,250.12.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/22/2025 totaling \$255,028.12.**

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 Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 24, 2025.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of June 23, 2025.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R25-44: Resolution Of Annexation Of City-Owned Park Land That Is Contiguous To The City Limits, Such Annexation To Include All Of The Adjacent And Adjoining Rights-Of-Way Of The Annexed Property, In Yellowstone County, Montana, And Amending Previous Resolutions Nos. R12-79 And R12-90.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R25-44, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R25-45: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement By And Between The City Of Laurel And The Joliet Emergency Services Department, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R25-45, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R25-46: A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding By And Between The City Of Laurel And Local Union Local 303, American Federation Of State, County, And Municipal Employees, AFSCME.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R25-46, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R25-47: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And The Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter, For The Provision Of Animal Shelter Services.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R25-47, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R25-48: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Variance From Requirement To Install Curb And Gutter Improvements At Property Located In The City Of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R25-48, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R25-49: Resolution Of City Council Approving Final Annexation For A Portion Of Lot 7a-1, Of The Amended Plat Of Tracts 6A And 7A, Of The Amended Plat Of Tracts 6 And 7, Of Westbrook Subdivision, Yellowstone County, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R25-49, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Ordinance No. O25-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.28 (Park Rules And Regulations) And Repealing Chapter 12.32 (Trees And Boulevards) Of The Laurel Municipal Code. (First Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Canape to adopt Ordinance No. O25-01, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Banks, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Canape present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The next Cemetery Commission meeting is on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday is the Municipal Summit in Red Lodge.

Council noted that this is the last year for the fireworks. There have been rumors blaming the City for the fireworks ending. The City has not had any part in the change in venue.

MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Banks to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 22nd day of July 2025.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Strocker, Clerk/Treasurer

