

Kurt Markegard, Public Works & Planning Director, briefly read the attached letter into the record.

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 times if there were any proponents.

Walter Widdis, 609 6th Avenue, stated that this increase affects him personally and commercially, as he is the pastor of the First Baptist Church. He stated he supports this increase.

Mayor Waggoner read two letters of support. One from Brian Roat and one from Ray Feichtner, and both are attached to these minutes.

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 December 9, 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 11/27/2022 totaling \$246,744.73.**
- **Approval of Council Workshop Minutes of July 19, 2022.**
- **Approval of Council Workshop Minutes of August 2, 2022.**
- **Approval of Council Workshop Minutes of August 16, 2022.**
- **Approval of Special Council Workshop Minutes of August 23, 2022.**
- **Approval of Special Council Workshop Minutes of August 30, 2022.**

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 Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:

- Arbor Day 2023 Proclamation.

Mayor Waggoner read the 2023 Arbor Day proclamation.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of November 22, 2022.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of November 28, 2022.
- Tree Board Minutes of November 17, 2022.
- Library Board Minutes of August 9, 2022.
- Library Board Minutes of September 13, 2022.
- Park Board Minutes of December 1, 2022.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Sara Naylor and Fred Reiutz to the Laurel Fire Department.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the appointment of Sara Naylor and Fred Reiutz to the Laurel Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Mary Nelson to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2027.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve the appointment of Mary Nelson to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2027, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Mike Kirschenmann to the Police Commission for a three-year term ending April 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the appointment of Mike Kirschenmann to the Police Commission for a three-year term ending April 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Paul Kober to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the appointment of Paul Kober to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Jon Rutt to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the appointment of Jon Rutt to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Irv Wilke to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the appointment of Irv Wilke to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Evan Bruce to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve the appointment of Evan Bruce to the Park Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Evan Bruce to the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the appointment of Evan Bruce to the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Appointment of Janice Lehman to the LURA - Advisory for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the appointment of Janice Lehman to the LURA – Advisory for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R22-75: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Memorandum Of Understanding Regarding House Bill 121.**
- **It was questioned what HB121 was.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R22-75, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R22-76: A Resolution Of The City Council Of Intent 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.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R22-76, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R22-77: A Resolution Of The City Council To Approve The Proposed Increase In The Rates And Charges For The Users Of The Municipal Solid Waste Facilities And Equipment To Be Effective January 1, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R22-77, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Ordinance No. O22-07: An Ordinance Amending Section 14.04 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The Construction Board Of Appeals For The City Of Laurel (Second Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Mize to adopt Ordinance No. O22-07, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Wilke, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Pastor Widdis stated The First Baptist Church would be hosting its annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

This Saturday is National Wreaths Across America Day. They will be placing wreaths at the Yellowstone National Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: None.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Waggoner recently received a call from a panicked mother who had locked herself out of her car. Mr. Gauslow dropped everything to be able to assist her in her vehicle.

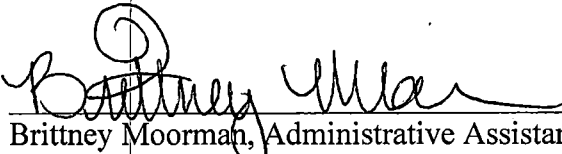
Next week the City will receive its check from the surplus auction.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton 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 six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

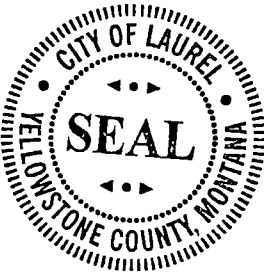

Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 27th day of December 2022.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer



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December 9, 2022

Mayor David Waggoner
City of Laurel
PO Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

Dear Mayor Waggoner,

I am tending my immediate resignation from the Laurel City Council, Ward 4, the Emergency Services Committee, and the Public Works Committee.

Serving on the Laurel City Council for approximately ten years was an honor, rewarding, and a learning experience. I appreciated the opportunity to serve the citizens of Laurel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Mountsier", written over a horizontal line.

William G. Mountsier
901 Pennsylvania Avenue
Laurel, MT 59044

Laurel Chamber of Commerce invites you to

BOOT SCOOTIN' ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, January 13, 2023

**Miller's Horse Palace
(7215 Mossmain Lane)**

5:30PM Social Hour

6:00PM Dinner

**Featuring Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle,
Announcement of this Year's Chamber
Business of the Year Recipient, Live Music
by Exit 53 and Dancing**

Kindly RSVP by January 6th

406-628-8105 laurelchamber@laurelmontana.org

re: EVALENA BANAY

Kelly —

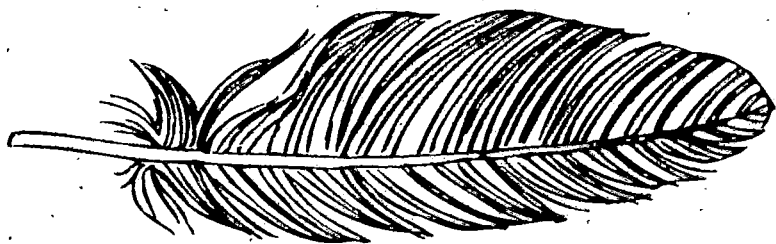
Thank you for all your patience and help with my mother's cemetery work. You really made the process easier in a trying situation,

Jay —

You and your assistant (Aaron?) did a beautiful job with grave and sight preparation at the cemetery. I know how odd the request was and I couldn't have been more pleased with your consideration and effort.

It was all very professional and "top flight".

Thanks again,
Mike Banay



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City Of Laurel

P.O. Box 10
Laurel, Montana 59044



Office of the Mayor

October 27, 2022

Re: Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increases to be Considered by the City Council

Dear City of Laurel Resident:

The City of Laurel operates a Solid Waste Division that collects trash from all residential and commercial properties inside the City limits. The City transports the trash collected to the City of Billings' landfill for disposal and must pay a set fee for each ton for disposal at Billings' landfill. Increases in disposal fees, along with increased costs of wages, fuel, vehicle repair, and replacement, necessitate that the City Council considers increasing rates for all properties served with solid waste collection within the City.

The Solid Waste Division operates based upon the rates and charges it collects, which are included in the monthly water bills and are not supported by tax dollars. The City strives to keep the rates as low as possible, while maintaining its ability to serve the residents and business owners within the City. Unfortunately, the current rates are inadequate to keep up with the City's expenses and the need to replace worn-out refuse trucks. A recent refuse truck on order will have to be paid for with a loan, as the current solid waste reserves would be depleted if the City tried to purchase the truck outright. The refuse truck on order has a price tag of over \$380,000.00 and is needed to continue making daily trips to Billings to dispose of the trash collected within the City.

Please be advised that the decision to consider a rate increase is not made lightly. As Mayor of the City of Laurel, I believe having the funds to operate the Solid Waste Department is in the best interests of the citizens of Laurel.

The attached spreadsheet will give you a detailed explanation of the expenses and the revenues of the Solid Waste Department, along with projected costs that the City could be facing if the trends from the last few years are an indication of what we will expect.

For your information, the current residential rate per month and the proposed increases are as follows:

November	2022	\$14.00 per month	Current charges
December	2022	\$17.00 per month	\$3.00 per month increase

July	2023	\$20.00 per month	\$3.00 per month increase
July	2024	\$23.00 per month	\$3.00 per month increase
July	2025	\$25.50 per month	\$2.50 per month increase
July	2026	\$27.50 per month	\$2.00 per month increase

The Laurel Municipal Code requires that commercial rates will not be less than the annual residential rates, and those rates are determined by the price per gallon that the residents pay yearly. Those rates are determined by the level of service commercial accounts require. The commercial rates are as follows:

November	2022	\$0.0327 per gallon per month	current charges
December	2022	\$0.0392 per gallon per month	\$0.0065 per gallon increase
July	2023	\$0.0461 per gallon per month	\$0.0069 per gallon increase
July	2024	\$0.0531 per gallon per month	\$0.0070 per gallon increase
July	2025	\$0.0588 per gallon per month	\$0.0057 per gallon increase
July	2026	\$0.0634 per gallon per month	\$0.0046 per gallon increase

The rate increases are necessary to provide for the increased costs to dispose of our trash at the Billings landfill, pay for increased fuels costs (last year increased by 46%), ongoing maintenance of current operations, replacement of the refuse trucks, wages of City employees, and to provide enough funds to build-back depleted reserve funds.

The revenue raised over the next five years is anticipated to be \$722,000.00, of which \$180,000.00 will go for a refuse truck loan payment, \$400,000.00 to purchase another refuse truck, \$120,000.00 for the increased cost to dispose of our trash at the Billings' landfill, and some additional to funds to pay for wages and reserve fund building.

The City Council will have a public hearing on December 13, 2022, where the proposed rates will be presented and discussed, and the public will have a chance to comment on the rate increases.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk Treasurer or the Public Works Director at 406-628-7431 or by email at cityclerk@laurel.mt.gov.

Sincerely,

David Waggoner, Mayor

Residential Rate Increase over 4 Years 7 Months

Total Residential Clients = 2918

Fiscal Year	Per Month Cost	Increase	Increased Total	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
21-22	\$ 14.00	Current Cost				\$ 168.00		
22-23	\$ 14.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 17.00	21.4%	\$ 17.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 60,927.84
23-24	\$ 17.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	17.6%	\$ 20.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 105,048.00
24-25	\$ 20.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 23.00	15.0%	\$ 23.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 105,048.00
25-26	\$ 23.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 25.50	10.9%	\$ 25.50	\$ 306.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 87,540.00
26-27	\$ 25.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 27.50	7.8%	\$ 27.50	\$ 330.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 70,032.00
							\$ 162.00	\$ 472,716.00

Residential Customers

Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.

Commercial Rate Increase over 4 years 7 Months

Total Users 68, same as residential customers

Fiscal Year	Per month Cost	Increase	Increased Total	% Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
21-22	\$ 14.00	Current Cost				\$ 168.00		
22-23	\$ 14.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 17.00	21.4%	\$ 17.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 1,419.84
23-24	\$ 17.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	17.6%	\$ 20.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 2,448.00
24-25	\$ 20.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 23.00	15.0%	\$ 23.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 2,448.00
25-26	\$ 23.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 25.50	10.9%	\$ 25.50	\$ 306.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,040.00
26-27	\$ 25.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 27.50	7.8%	\$ 27.50	\$ 330.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 1,632.00
								\$ 9,987.84

Commercial 1 - 90 Gallon can picked up once per week.

Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.

Commercial Rate Increase over 4 years 7 Months

Total Users - 73, 300 gallons picked up 6 days per week.

Fiscal Year	Per Month Cost Per Gallon	Increase/per gal	Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
21-22	0.0327	Current Cost		\$ 255.06	\$ 3,060.72		
22-23	0.0392	0.0065	\$ 0.0457	\$ 305.76	\$ 3,669.12	\$ 608.40	\$ 25,759.66
23-24	0.0461	0.0069	\$ 0.0530	\$ 359.58	\$ 4,314.96	\$ 645.84	\$ 47,146.32
24-25	0.0531	0.0070	\$ 0.0601	\$ 414.18	\$ 4,970.16	\$ 655.20	\$ 47,829.60
25-26	0.0588	0.0057	\$ 0.0645	\$ 458.64	\$ 5,503.68	\$ 533.52	\$ 38,946.96
26-27	0.0634	0.0046	\$ 0.0680	\$ 494.52	\$ 5,934.24	\$ 430.56	\$ 31,430.88
							\$ 191,113.42

Commercial 2 - 300 Gallon Can picked up 6 times per week.

Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.

Commercial Rate Increase over 4 years 7 Months

Total Users -21,

200 gallons picked up 6 days per week.

Fiscal Year	Per Month Cost Per Gallon	Increase	Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
21-22	0.0327	Current Cost		\$ 170.04	\$ 2,040.48		
22-23	0.0392	0.0065	\$ 0.0457	\$ 203.84	\$ 2,446.08	\$ 405.60	\$ 4,940.21
23-24	0.0461	0.0069	\$ 0.0530	\$ 239.72	\$ 2,876.64	\$ 430.56	\$ 9,041.76
24-25	0.0531	0.0070	\$ 0.0601	\$ 276.12	\$ 3,313.44	\$ 436.80	\$ 9,172.80
25-26	0.0588	0.0057	\$ 0.0645	\$ 305.76	\$ 3,669.12	\$ 355.68	\$ 7,469.28
26-27	0.0634	0.0046	\$ 0.0680	\$ 329.68	\$ 3,956.16	\$ 287.04	\$ 6,027.84
							\$ 36,651.89

Commercial 3 - 200 Gallon Can picked up 6 times per week.
Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.

Commercial Rate Increase over 4 years 7 Months

Total Users -51,

100 gallons picked up 6 days per week.

Fiscal Year	Per Month Cost Per Gallon	Increase	Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
21-22	0.0327	Current Cost		\$ 85.02	\$ 1,020.24		
22-23	0.0392	0.0065	\$ 0.0457	\$ 101.92	\$ 1,223.04	\$ 202.80	\$ 5,998.82
23-24	0.0461	0.0069	\$ 0.0530	\$ 119.86	\$ 1,438.32	\$ 215.28	\$ 10,979.28
24-25	0.0531	0.0070	\$ 0.0601	\$ 138.06	\$ 1,656.72	\$ 218.40	\$ 11,138.40
25-26	0.0588	0.0057	\$ 0.0645	\$ 152.88	\$ 1,834.56	\$ 177.84	\$ 9,069.84
26-27	0.0634	0.0046	\$ 0.0680	\$ 164.84	\$ 1,978.08	\$ 143.52	\$ 9,759.36
							\$ 46,945.70

Commercial 4 -100 Gallon Can picked up 6 times per week.
Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.

Commercial Rate Increase over 4 years 7 Months

Total Users -20,

300 gallons picked up once a week.

Fiscal Year	Per Month Cost Per Gallon	Increase	Increase	Monthly Charge	Yearly Charge	Increase/Yr	Revenue Raised
21-22	0.0327	Current Cost		\$ 42.58	\$ 510.90		
22-23	0.0392	0.0065	\$ 0.0457	\$ 51.04	\$ 612.46	\$ 101.56	\$ 1,178.05
23-24	0.0461	0.0069	\$ 0.0530	\$ 60.02	\$ 720.27	\$ 107.81	\$ 2,156.11
24-25	0.0531	0.0070	\$ 0.0601	\$ 69.14	\$ 829.63	\$ 109.37	\$ 2,187.36
25-26	0.0588	0.0057	\$ 0.0645	\$ 76.56	\$ 918.69	\$ 89.06	\$ 1,781.14
26-27	0.0634	0.0046	\$ 0.0680	\$ 82.55	\$ 990.56	\$ 71.87	\$ 1,437.41
							\$ 8,740.07

Commercial 5 -300 Gallon Can picked up once a week.
Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.

Revenue Increased per year from all users

Year 1 Increase \$ 100,224.42

Year 2 Increase \$ 176,819.47

Year 3 Increase \$ 177,824.16

Year 4 Increase \$ 146,847.22

Year 5 Increase \$ 120,319.49

\$ 722,034.75 Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Billings Dumping Fees</u>	<u>Tons Dumped</u>	<u>Cost per Ton</u>	<u>Wages per Year</u>	<u>Fuel per Year</u>	
18-19	\$ 154,028.30	6791	\$ 22.68	\$ 321,368.00	\$ 53,035.00	Actual
19-20	\$ 179,996.15	6893	\$ 26.11	\$ 263,607.00	\$ 48,967.00	Actual
20-21	\$ 204,945.35	6826	\$ 30.02	\$ 284,405.00	\$ 49,043.00	Actual
21-22	\$ 233,857.00	7086	\$ 33.00	\$ 328,824.00	\$ 75,514.00	Actual
22-23	\$ 249,781.50	7355	\$ 35.25	\$ 335,400.48	\$ 75,514.00	Yet to be determined, average based off last years totals estimated at 4%
	62%	8%	55%	4%	42%	
PROJECTED TOTALS IF BILLINGS INCREASE DUMPING FEES BY \$2.00 PER TON PER YEAR AND TONAGE CONTINUES TO INCREASE.						
23-24	\$ 286,837.50	7649	\$ 37.50	\$ 342,108.49		
24-25	\$ 310,245.00	7955	\$ 39.00	\$ 348,950.66		
25-26	\$ 339,193.00	8273	\$ 41.00	\$ 355,929.67		
26-27	\$ 369,972.00	8604	\$ 43.00	\$ 363,048.27		
27-28	\$ 402,660.00	8948	\$ 45.00	\$ 370,309.23		
	61%	32%	20%	8%		Projected Increase

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>	
18-19	\$ 869,001.00	\$ 898,387.00	Actual
19-20	\$ 748,254.00	\$ 908,145.00	Actual
20-21	\$ 955,491.00	\$ 935,074.00	Actual
21-22	\$ 1,091,545.00	\$ 933,748.00	Actual
22-23	\$ 1,235,587.00	\$ 943,670.00	Estimate without a rate increase and no garbage truck payment
	26%	5%	

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CITY OF LAUREL

Revenue Budget Report -- MultiYear Actuals

For the Year: 2022 - 2023

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Account	Actuals				Current	%	Prelim.	Budget	Final	% Old
	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	Budget	Rec.	Budget	Change	Budget	Budget
					21-22	21-22	22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23
5410 SOLID WASTE										
330000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES										
331100 CARES ACT			910		0	0%			0	0%
336020 On Behalf Payments	8,461		21,433		0	0%			0	0%
Group:	8,461		22,343		0	0%	0	0	0	0%
340000 CHARGES FOR SERVICES										
343041 Garbage Collection	815,226	847,675	848,603	852,818	825,000	103%	854,000		854,000	103%
343044 Container Site Rev/Dump	23,450	19,890	21,749	19,811	20,000	99%	20,000		20,000	100%
343045 Container Hauling Fee	40,251	31,564	37,300	48,201	25,000	193%	56,000		56,000	224%
343046 Misc Garbage Revenues	10	157	2,373	446	25	***%	500		500	2000%
Group:	878,937	899,286	910,025	921,276	870,025	106%	930,500	0	930,500	106%
360000 Miscellaneous Revenue										
363010 Maintenance Assessments			267		0	0%			0	0%
Group:			287		0	0%	0	0	0	0%
370000 Investment and Royalty Earnings										
371010 Investment Earnings	8,224	6,944	1,355	914	950	96%	950		950	100%
373051 Principle on FAP Loan				11,345	11,345	100%	12,000		12,000	105%
373061 Interest on FAP Loan	2,765	1,915	1,064	213	213	100%	220		220	103%
Group:	10,989	8,859	2,419	12,472	12,508	100%	13,170	0	13,170	105%
Fund:	898,387	908,145	935,074	933,748	882,533	106%	943,670	0	943,670	106%
Grand Total:	898,387	908,145	935,074	933,748	882,533		943,670	0	943,670	

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CITY OF LAUREL
Expenditure Budget by Org Report -- MultiYear Actuals
For the Year: 2022 - 2023

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700 SOLID WASTE

Account	Object	Actuals				Current	%	Prelim.	Budget	Final	% Old
		18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	Budget	Exp.	Budget	Changes	Budget	Budget
						21-22	21-22	22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23
5410 SOLID WASTE											
430830 Collection											
110	Salaries and Wages	202,936	175,561	193,357	229,231	200,310	114%	235,000		235,000	117%
111	Overtime	2,637	681	3,294	1,826	4,000	46%	4,000		4,000	100%
138	Vision Insurance	173	192	278	313	230	136%	400		400	174%
139	Dental Insurance	1,514	1,547	1,654	2,494	2,135	117%	2,300		2,300	108%
141	Unemployment Insurance	697	265	469	811	720	113%	1,000		1,000	139%
142	Workers' Compensation	12,178	10,683	9,587	9,221	8,530	108%	12,000		12,000	141%
143	Health Insurance	46,766	-53	53,273	46,819	40,800	115%	48,225		48,225	118%
144	Life Insurance	268	235	248	310	280	111%	800		800	286%
145	FICA	14,793	13,233	14,252	17,561	15,630	112%	20,000		20,000	128%
146	PERS	36,131	15,315	87,679	20,230	18,130	112%	21,000		21,000	116%
149	ST/LT Disability					0	0%	3,500		3,500	****%
194	Flex Medical	1,664	1,189	1,217	1,548	2,445	63%	2,445		2,445	100%
220	Operating Supplies	5,921	3,228	3,661	6,183	8,000	77%	8,000		8,000	100%
226	Clothing and Uniforms			1,119	720	1,200	60%	1,200		1,200	100%
228	Solid Waste Containers	18,363	19,125	25,813	15,300	30,000	51%	30,000		30,000	100%
231	Gas, Oil, Diesel Fuel, Gr	39,767	36,172	36,378	53,237	55,000	97%	55,000		55,000	100%
233	Machinery & Equipment Par	16,658	24,568	14,562	28,178	30,000	94%	30,000		30,000	100%
239	Tires/Tubes/Chains	4,034	8,043	13,996	11,451	10,000	115%	15,000		15,000	150%
263	Safety Supplies	195			20	2,500	1%	2,500		2,500	100%
311	Postage	3,039	3,028	3,121	3,858	4,000	96%	4,000		4,000	100%
312	Networking Fees	524	2,087	2,661	2,772	3,000	92%	3,000		3,000	100%
332	Internet Access Fees	220	154			300	0%	300		300	100%
337	Advertising	125	530	1,422	1,444	1,000	144%	1,000		1,000	100%
343	Cellular Telephone	1,963	568	401	921	2,000	46%	2,000		2,000	100%
350	Professional Services	100		890	5,874	1,000	587%	2,500		2,500	250%
351	Medical, Dental, Veterina	445	385	929	1,637	400	409%	2,000		2,000	500%
355	Data Processing Services					1,500	0%	1,500		1,500	100%
361	Motor Vehicle Repair & Ma	10,767	16,667	44,900	18,354	30,000	61%	30,000		30,000	100%
366	Building Maintenance					25,000	0%	25,000		25,000	100%
397	Contracted Services	1,055	1,193	1,752	1,346	2,000	67%	2,000		2,000	100%
511	Insurance on Bldgs/Imprvm			58		58	100%	75		75	129%
513	Liability	5,577	7,171	6,625	8,116	6,625	123%	10,890		10,890	164%
514	Vehicle/Equipment Insuran	4,622	4,923	5,185	6,897	5,190	133%	7,258		7,258	140%
	Account:	433,132	346,690	528,723	496,730	511,983	97%	583,893	0	583,893	114%
430840 Disposal											
110	Salaries and Wages	118,423	88,046	91,048	99,593	88,825	112%	102,000		102,000	115%
111	Overtime	2,345	326	2,961	711	4,000	18%	4,000		4,000	100%
138	Vision Insurance	109	97	148	139	130	107%	140		140	108%
139	Dental Insurance	826	716	873	1,224	995	123%	1,325		1,325	133%
141	Unemployment Insurance	418	133	228	352	325	108%	500		500	154%
142	Workers' Compensation	8,032	5,559	4,999	4,546	3,915	116%	6,000		6,000	153%
143	Health Insurance	22,690	16,885	16,626	19,306	17,100	113%	20,000		20,000	117%
144	Life Insurance	161	115	113	132	120	110%	600		600	500%
145	FICA	8,812	6,569	6,935	7,651	7,115	108%	7,800		7,800	110%
146	PERS	9,945	7,747	7,920	8,729	8,240	106%	8,900		8,900	108%

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CITY OF LAUREL
Expenditure Budget by Org Report -- MultiYear Actuals
For the Year: 2022 - 2023

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700 SOLID WASTE

Account	Object	Actuals				Current	%	Prelim.	Budget	Final	% Old
		18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	Budget	Exp.	Budget	Changes	Budget	Budget
						21-22	21-22	22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23
149 ST/LT Disability						0	0%	2,500		2,500	*****
194 Flex Medical		1,114	1,003	301	450	1,025	44%	1,025		1,025	100%
220 Operating Supplies		4,405	3,109	5,840	5,797	4,500	129%	6,000		6,000	133%
231 Gas, Oil, Diesel Fuel, Gr		13,628	12,795	12,656	22,277	20,000	111%	25,000		25,000	125%
233 Machinery & Equipment Par		4,448	12,570	25,913	6,000	20,000	30%	25,000		25,000	125%
239 Tires/Tubes/Chains		3,159	3,427	260	9,216	6,000	154%	10,000		10,000	167%
263 Safety Supplies						2,500	0%	2,500		2,500	100%
341 Electric Utility Services		1,199	1,536	1,451	1,429	1,800	79%	1,800		1,800	100%
343 Cellular Telephone		159	31			600	0%	600		600	100%
350 Professional Services				890	5,874	0	***%			0	0%
351 Medical, Dental, Veterina						500	0%	500		500	100%
361 Motor Vehicle Repair & Ma			1,289	168	1,609	5,000	32%	10,000		10,000	200%
391 Dumping Fees		154,028	179,996	194,555	233,857	250,000	94%	250,000		250,000	100%
513 Liability		3,443	4,428	4,090	3,879	4,100	95%	4,732		4,732	115%
934 Containers						17,000	0%	40,000		40,000	235%
Containers											
943 Vehicle(s)						0	0%	390,000		390,000	*****
New Garbage Truck											
Account:		357,344	346,377	377,975	432,771	463,790	93%	920,922	0	920,922	198%
490000 Debt Service											
610 Principal						41,152	0%	41,152		41,152	100%
620 Interest						4,620	0%	4,620		4,620	100%
Account:						45,772	0%	45,772	0	45,772	100%
510400 Depreciation											
830 Deprec-Closed to Retained		78,525	55,187	48,793		70,000	0%	70,000		70,000	100%
Account:		78,525	55,187	48,793		70,000	0%	70,000	0	70,000	100%
Fund:		869,001	748,254	955,491	929,501	1,091,545	85%	1,620,587	0	1,620,587	148%
Orgn:		869,001	748,254	955,491	929,501	1,091,545	85%	1,620,587	0	1,620,587	148%
Grand Total:		869,001	748,254	955,491	929,501	1,091,545		1,620,587	0	1,620,587	



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Description	Reference	Amount
Payment - Thank You 10/26	1	-\$107.32

CURRENT INVOICE CHARGES

Description	Reference	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Kurt Markegard [REDACTED] Laurel, MT 1 Trash Cart 95/96 Gal, 1 Lift Per Week Residential Service 12/01-02/28			\$93.07	\$93.07
Total Fuel Recovery Fee				\$13.97
CURRENT INVOICE CHARGES				\$107.04

Account Number

Invoice Number

Invoice Date

November 20, 2022

Previous Balance

\$107.32

Payments/Adjustments

-\$107.32

Current Invoice Charges

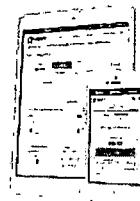
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Total Amount Due
\$107.04

Payment Due Date
December 10, 2022

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Total Amount Due **\$107.04**

Payment Due Date **December 10, 2022**

Account Number **3-0892-0302109**

Invoice Number **0892-001048536**



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Thanks for being a loyal customer and for trusting us to handle your recycling and waste needs responsibly while protecting our Blue Planet.

Please fill out the form below if your billing address has changed and return this portion of your statement to us using the envelope enclosed. Thank you!

BILLING ADDRESS CHANGE

Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Alternate Phone	

CITY HALL
115 W. 1ST ST.
PUB. WORKS: 628-4796
WATER OFC.: 628-7431
COURT: 628-1964
FAX 628-2241

City Of Laurel

P.O. Box 10
Laurel, Montana 59044



Office of the Mayor

THIS LETTER IS THE BEST IN
POSTING THE CITY'S INTEREST
AND REASONS FOR -
I HAVE YOU. I HOPE
THE ISSUE IS EASILY
SETTLED IN FAVOR OF
LAUREL - BRIAN ROY, 1415 BEACOTH DR.

November 25, 2022

Re: Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increases to be Considered by the City Council

Dear City of Laurel Resident:

The City of Laurel operates a Solid Waste Division that collects trash from all residential and commercial properties inside the City limits. The City transports the trash collected to the City of Billings' landfill for disposal and must pay a set fee for each ton for disposal at Billings' landfill. Increases in disposal fees, along with increased costs of wages, fuel, vehicle repair, and replacement, necessitate that the City Council considers increasing rates for all properties served with solid waste collection within the City.

The Solid Waste Division operates based upon the rates and charges it collects, which are included in the monthly water bills and are not supported by tax dollars. The City strives to keep the rates as low as possible, while maintaining its ability to serve the residents and business owners within the City. Unfortunately, the current rates are inadequate to keep up with the City's expenses and the need to replace worn-out refuse trucks. A recent refuse truck on order will have to be paid for with a loan, as the current solid waste reserves would be depleted if the City tried to purchase the truck outright. The refuse truck on order has a price tag of over \$380,000.00 and is needed to continue making daily trips to Billings to dispose of the trash collected within the City.

Please be advised that the decision to consider a rate increase is not made lightly. As Mayor of the City of Laurel, I believe having the funds to operate the Solid Waste Department is in the best interests of the citizens of Laurel.

The attached spreadsheet will give you a detailed explanation of the expenses and the revenues of the Solid Waste Department, along with projected costs that the City could be facing if the trends from the last few years are an indication of what we will expect.

For your information, the current residential rate per month and the proposed increases are as follows:

November	2022	\$14.00 per month	Current charges
December	2022	\$17.00 per month	\$3.00 per month increase

July	2023	\$20.00 per month	\$3.00 per month increase
July	2024	\$23.00 per month	\$3.00 per month increase
July	2025	\$25.50 per month	\$2.50 per month increase
July	2026	\$27.50 per month	\$2.00 per month increase

The Laurel Municipal Code requires that commercial rates will not be less than the annual residential rates, and those rates are determined by the price per gallon that the residents pay yearly. Those rates are determined by the level of service commercial accounts require. The commercial rates are as follows:

November	2022	\$0.0327 per gallon per month	current charges
December	2022	\$0.0392 per gallon per month	\$0.0065 per gallon increase
July	2023	\$0.0461 per gallon per month	\$0.0069 per gallon increase
July	2024	\$0.0531 per gallon per month	\$0.0070 per gallon increase
July	2025	\$0.0588 per gallon per month	\$0.0057 per gallon increase
July	2026	\$0.0634 per gallon per month	\$0.0046 per gallon increase


The rate increases are necessary to provide for the increased costs to dispose of our trash at the Billings landfill, pay for increased fuels costs (last year increased by 46%), ongoing maintenance of current operations, replacement of the refuse trucks, wages of City employees, and to provide enough funds to build-back depleted reserve funds.

The revenue raised over the next five years is anticipated to be \$722,000.00, of which \$180,000.00 will go for a refuse truck loan payment, \$400,000.00 to purchase another refuse truck, \$120,000.00 for the increased cost to dispose of our trash at the Billings' landfill, and some additional to funds to pay for wages and reserve fund building.

The City Council will have a public hearing on December 13, 2022, where the proposed rates will be presented and discussed, and the public will have a chance to comment on the rate increases.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk Treasurer or the Public Works Director at 406-628-7431 or by email at cityclerk@laurel.mt.gov.

Sincerely,



David Waggoner, Mayor

Dec 8, 22

Dear Mayor Waggoner,

Thank you for the letter
you sent explaining the water
rate increases.

You & the City Council
did an excellent job in explaining
the situation.

a job well done and the
raise is very reasonable

Sincerely,

Ray Feichtner



Ray Feichtner
507 8th Ave
Laurel MT 59044-2324

