

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

November 14, 2023

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 6:30 p.m. on November 14, 2023.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Emelie Eaton   | Heidi Sparks |
| Michelle Mize  | Richard Herr |
| Casey Wheeler  | Irv Wilke    |
| Richard Kloose | Jodi Mackay  |

## COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

## OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney (via phone)  
Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant  
Jean Kerr, City Judge

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

## MINUTES:

- **Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

- **Correct the September 12, 2023 Minutes to include the following sentence under Audience Participation: "Patty Smith, 409 Maple Avenue, spoke on her continued frustrations with the S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project."**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to correct the September 12, 2023 Minutes to include the following sentence under Audience Participation: "Patty Smith, 409 Maple Avenue, spoke on her continued frustrations with the S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project," 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:

- Tree Board Memo
- Ex-officio Re-appointment to Big Sky Economic Development Authority Board - Kurt Markegard
- Police Monthly Report - October 2023.
- Laurel Airport Authority Minutes of September 26, 2023.

## COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

## PUBLIC HEARING: None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through October 20, 2023.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Claims entered through November 9, 2023.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/29/2023 totaling \$238,631.12.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of November 7, 2023.**

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:**

- Arbor Day Proclamation 2024.

Mayor Waggoner read the Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed May 7, 2024, as Arbor Day.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of October 23, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of October 23, 2023.
- Tree Board Minutes of June 15, 2023.
- Tree Board Minutes of October 5, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of October 16, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of July 11, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of August 8, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of September 12, 2023.
- Park Board Minutes of November 2, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of November 6, 2023.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Resolution No. R23-46:** A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Laurel Lions Club For The Riverside Hall Located At Riverside Park.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R23-46, 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.

- **Motion to Reconsider Resolution No. R23-83: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Change Order With Randall Contracting.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to reconsider Resolution No. R23-83, 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, Mackay, Wheeler, Mize, and Eaton voted aye. Council Members Herr, Wilke, and Klose voted no. Motion carried 5-3.

- **Resolution No. R23-83: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Change Order With Randall Contracting.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R23-83, 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, Mackay, Wheeler, Mize, and Eaton voted aye. Council Members Herr, Wilke, and Klose voted no. Motion carried 5-3.

- **Motion to Reconsider Resolution No. R23-84: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Hardrives Construction, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to reconsider Resolution No. R23-84, 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. R23-84: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Hardrives Construction, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-84, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

A Council Member noted that they still felt the funds should be used on the southside.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, and Eaton voted aye. Council Member Mize voted no. Motion carried 7-1.

- **Resolution No. R23-85: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving And Authorizing The Disposal Of City Of Laurel Records.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-85, 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. R23-86: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving An Encroachment Permit For A Portion Of The Alleyway Off Second Avenue Near #9 Second Avenue.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R23-86, 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. O23-04: An Ordinance Amending Title 12, Chapters 12.18.010 And 12.18.060 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To Special Events Permits. (First Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Mize to adopt Ordinance No. O23-04, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council was reminded that November 25<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday. Various small businesses in the area will have events going on.

On December 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be an adult 80's themed prom upstairs at the Palace. This year's fundraiser is for the Library.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

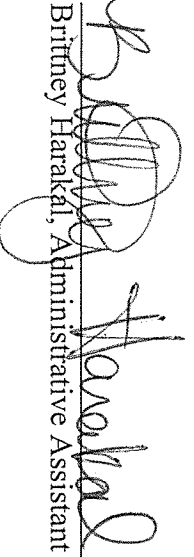
Mayor Waggoner welcomed Council-Elect, Ms. Jessica Banks, as she was present observing the Council meeting. She recently won her election and will begin sitting on Council come the first of the year.

**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 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 6:46 p.m.

  
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

