

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, APRIL 05, 2022**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:29 p.m. on April 5, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelie Eaton	<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Mize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scot Stokes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Mountsier

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Stan Langve, Police Chief
Ben Spencer, Police Officer
Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director
Nathan Herman, Utilities Superintendent
Karen Courtney, Building Inspector

Public Input:

There were none.

General Items

1. Appointment of Benjamin Spencer to the Laurel Police Department.
Stan Langve, Police Chief, introduced Benjamin Spencer to Council. They received five post-certified applicants. They did 15 interviews and performed four background checks. Mr. Spencer served in the Marine Corps and was a former Sheriffs Officer in California. His previous department was sad to see him leave.

Mr. Spencer stated he was excited to serve the community.

2. Appointment of Lela Schlitz to the Library Board for the remainder of a five-year term ending June 30, 2024.
Lela Schlitz introduced herself to the Council.

The Library Director submitted the attached letter supporting Mrs. Schlitz's appointment.

Executive Review

2. Resolution - Resolution Of Annexation And Zoning For Approximately 270 Acres Of The Laurel Golf Club, As An Addition To The City Of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana.

Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director, stated there would be a public hearing on this annexation at next week's City Council meeting. Discussions between the City and the Golf Course started approximately a year ago, and it is currently zoned as public. Council's packet has a lot of information regarding this annexation. The resolution will be amended to include the additional right of way. Water and sewer will only be provided to the clubhouse.

3. Resolution - Resolution Of The City Council Approving An Application For Special Review For Latitude Hospitalities, LLC, D/B/A Firebox Provisions, Authorizing The Operation Of A Bar/Tap Room And Sale And Consumption Of Alcohol On-Premises, Within An Existing Structure Located At Canyon Creek Laurel Retail Center, 331 S. Washington Street, Suite A, City Of Laurel.

Karen Courtney, Building Official, briefly explained that they would be doing a taproom with a limited menu restaurant. There will be a public hearing at next week's meeting.

4. Resolution - A Resolution Awarding The Bid And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute All Contract And Related Documents For The Project Known As H2S Rehabilitation Improvements.

Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director, stated the City went out to bid on a solution for the smell at the Elm lift station. KLJ has advised doing an ozone system to reduce the smell. The City received one bid at \$349K, which is \$90k over the engineer's estimate. This is a lump sum bid and does not itemize the labor, mobilizations, parts, etc. Staff's recommendation was to deny the bid and wait for a more favorable bidding environment.

5. Resolution - A Resolution Authorizing A Lease Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Laurel American Legion Post #123, For The Construction And Use Of City Owned Property For A Parking Lot Near The City's Cemetery.

Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director, stated the City has been working over the last year on this project. When you lease municipal property, there must be a legal land description. The surveyor donated his time.

Ken Olson, Laurel American Legion, stated they asked to lease one acre. They noticed that people were parking on Buffalo Trail road when attending events at either cemetery. They noted a need for parking, and this parking lot will serve both cemeteries.

6. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Independent Contractor Service Contract By And Between The City Of Laurel And Interstate Power Systems

Nathan Herman, Utilities Plant Superintendent, stated this small service contract is to provide service to all generators throughout the City. They will service them on an annual/semi-annual maintenance schedule. Annually they will change all fluids and load test each generator, and semi-annually they will look over each generator. This agreement is for the next three years, and the cost per year is included in Council's packet.

7. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Standard Audit Contract Amendment By And Between The City Of Laurel And Olness & Associates, P.C.

Olness & Associates performed a federal audit as part of the audit process. They have performed the audit for a number of years. This adjustment is due to the federal funds the City has been awarded.

Council Issues

Other Items

Review of Draft Council Agendas

8. Draft Council Agenda for April 12, 2022.
No suggested changes were made.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

All Council Members present will be at the next meeting.

Announcements

There will be a public meeting for the S. 4th Street Project this Thursday at 6:30 at the Senior Center.

Council Member Klose stated that he would be excusing himself from next week's vote on the Parking Lot lease as he is part of the American Legion.

If was questioned if arrangements had been made to unlock the doors at the Senior Center, it was clarified that arrangements had been made.

Park Board this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

Mayor Waggoner stated that 506 Birch was cleaned up. He thanked Public Works for the work they did on the project. He also thanked the City Prosecutor and Ms. Emineth for donating their time in helping clean up this property.

The council workshop adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Moorman
Administrative Assistant

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.



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April 5, 2022

Mayor Waggoner & Council Members,

I am pleased to show my support for Lela Schlitz as an appointee to the Laurel Public Library Board of Trustees. Lela has been an avid patron of the Laurel Library for over 8 years and a member of the Tuesday Morning Book Club discussion group since it began in 2012. I've discussed the appointment of Lela to the board with existing Board Members. We are looking forward to working with Lela in this new capacity.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy L Schmidt