

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

March 26, 2024

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 6:31 p.m. on March 26, 2024.

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:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

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 March 12, 2024, as presented, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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:

- Fire Monthly Report – February 2024.
- Beartooth RC&D March Correspondence.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through March 22, 2024.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 3/17/2024 totaling \$226,698.51.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of March 19, 2024.**

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 March 12, 2024.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of February 26, 2024.
- Park Board Minutes of March 7, 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R24-16: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Professional Services Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Ratfelis Financial Consultants, Inc. For A Water Rate Study.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R24-16, 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. R24-17: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Professional Services Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Ratfelis Financial Consultants, Inc. For A Wastewater Rate Study.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-17, 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. R24-18: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Additional Extension Of Approval Of Application For Special Review For J. Johnson Properties Pursuant To Resolution Nos. R22-07, R23-05, And R23-75.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R24-18, 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. R24-19: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding By And Between The City Of Laurel And Yellowstone County For The Golf Course Road Paving Project.**

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R24-19, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Council Member Mize stated she would be voting against this resolution as she felt the City should save these funds and use them for the West Railroad Street project.

A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Banks, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, and Canape voted aye. Council Member Mize voted nay. Motion carried 7-1.

- **Resolution No. R24-20: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Accrued Vacation Pay-Out For City Clerk-Treasurer.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R24-20, 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. R24-21: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Commitment Of Funding For The Completion Of The West Railroad Street Project.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R24-21, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): ‘

The Laurel Public Library is hosting a Story Time and Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, March 27th, at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: None.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Waggoner stated that work has begun on installing the Splash Pad. They are scheduled to be finished by the end of April.

Mayor Waggoner stated that the lights had been installed at Russell Park.

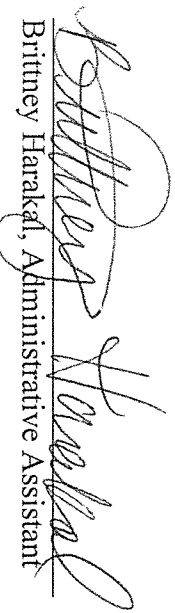
UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

- Closed Executive Session: Litigation Strategy.
- Mayor Waggoner announced that the Council would enter a closed executive session following the adjournment of this meeting.

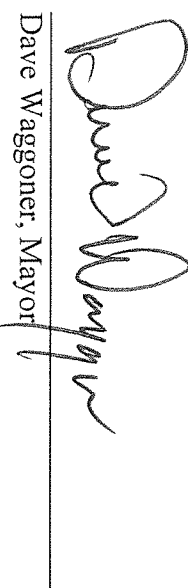
ADJOURNMENT:

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

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 9th day of April 2024.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer

