

**Minutes of City of Laurel
Budget/Finance Committee
Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

Members' Present: Richard Klose, Heidi Sparks, Michelle Mize, Casey Wheeler

Others Present: Mayor Dave Waggoner, Kelly Strecker

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair at 5:30 pm.

Public Input: There was no public comment.

General Items –

1. Review and approve April 22, 2025, Budget and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Heidi Sparks moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025. Michelle Mize seconded the motion. With no objection, the minutes of April 22, 2025, were approved. There was no public comment or committee discussion.
2. Review and approve purchase requisitions. There were none.
3. Review and recommend approval to Council; claims entered through May 9, 2025. Richard Klose moved to approve the claims and check register for claims entered through May 9, 2025. Heidi Sparks seconded the motion. With no objection, the claims and check register of May 9, 2025, were approved. There was no public comment.
4. Review and approve Payroll Register for the pay period ending April 27, 2025, totaling \$262,821.61. Michelle Mize motioned to approve the payroll register for the pay period ending April 27, 2025, totaling \$262,821.61. Richard Klose seconded the motion. With no objection, the payroll register for April 27, 2025, was approved. There was no public comment.
5. Review and approve the 2025 April Utility Billing Adjustments, Heidi Sparks moved to approve the 2025 April Utility Billing Adjustments. Casey Wheeler seconded the motion. With no objection, the 2025 April Utility Billing Adjustments were approved. There was no public comment or Committee discussion.

New Business –There was a brief discussion regarding obtaining a loan through Yellowstone Bank in Laurel for the purchase of the new fire truck.

Old Business – None

Other Items –

1. Review Comp/OT reports for the pay period ending April 27, 2025.
2. Mayor Update – The mayor stated that the splash park is open for the season. He said that he has noticed several kids there already, since the weather has been so nice. He did say that there has been a little trouble with the older kids riding scooters, skateboards and bikes through it. The public works department will be posting signs regarding this issue. The mayor briefly spoke about the Facebook post regarding the 4th of July fireworks.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Update-Kelly stated she has been working on Public Hearing for the rate increases that will affect water and wastewater. When the first increase was proposed in November, it was only February through June, which was the test year. This Public Hearing will be for the next four years which finishes the rate study that we did with Raftallis. Kelly stated that budget proposals from department heads were due on May 12, 2025, at 5p.m. Most everyone turned them in on time. The city is also looking to change their cell phone service to FirstNet, which is through AT&T, Kelly stated that she has been working with the department heads, as to what equipment they have so she can it the information over to FirstNet, so they can complete a quote for the city. Kelly explained that FirstNet is for first responders and has a larger

broadband. Kelly is hoping this will save the city money verses what the city is being charged through Verizon with less coverage.

Announcements –

1. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held on May 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm.
2. Heidi Sparks is scheduled to review the claims for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Strecker

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