

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 26, 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 6:27 p.m. on December 26, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

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 December 12, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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:

- Laurel Airport Authority Minutes of October 24, 2023.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through December 22, 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 12/10/2023 totaling \$216,668.67.**

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:

Mayor Waggoner took a moment to recognize the years of service of Council Member Eaton and Council Member Herr.

Council Member Eaton became a Council Member in February of 2007. She has dedicated 16 years to serving her community.

Council Member Herr became a Council Member in February of 2014. He has dedicated nine years to serving his community.

Various Council Members thanked the two outgoing Members for their mentorship over the years.

Council Member Eaton left at 6:33 p.m.; Council Member Herr chose to sit in the audience.

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- Oaths of Office

Council President Sparks swore in Tom Canape, Jessica Banks, Casey Wheeler, and Jodi Mackay for their term beginning at midnight on January 1st.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of December 12, 2023.
- Park Board Minutes of December 7, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of November 20, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of October 17, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of November 14, 2023.
- City/County Planning Board Minutes of November 15, 2023.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

December 30, 2023, is the 80's themed prom. This is a fundraiser to support shelves at the Library.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

A Council Member noted that many of the Council Members have young children and suggested a bring your kids to work day.

MAYOR UPDATES:

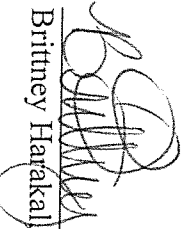
Mayor Waggoner wished everyone a Happy New Year.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Mize 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 6:42 p.m.


 Brittny Harakal
 Administrative Assistant

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


 Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


 Kelly Strogger, Clerk/Treasurer



