

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, November 15, 2021 by Committee Chair, Heidi Sparks.

Members Present: Heidi Sparks- Chair, Richard Herr, Dan Koch, Marv Carter

Others Present: Kurt Markegard- Public Works Director

Public Input:

JD Farley- owns a compost business and is interested in partnering with the City of Laurel as a vendor. JD had previously emailed Kurt Markegard and was following up on the email. Public Works Director Kurt Markegard stated the city currently burns all piles and would need to go thru a budget amendment to bring on a new vendor this budget season. Kurt will follow up with JD if interested

Steve Crum- present at Public Works meeting to speak in opposition of the NEW proposed power plant. He is concerned about the noise levels, pollution, and how close this will be to town.

General Items

1. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2021- Marv Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021. Motion was seconded by Dan Koch. Motion carried to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021.

New Business

2. Emergency Call Out Report- Report attached
 - Elm lift station- Kurt stated all pumps went offline and couldn't get them to come back on
 - Found out this was due to electrical damage from H₂S
 - Week of the 25th the break went out and couldn't be reset
 - Kurt stated the city is looking at options long term and may need to "de-electry"- the new system requires specialized parts whereas the previous system any electrician could be called to fix issues
3. KLJ Report- Report attached
 - S 4th Reconstruction- community meeting scheduled for Nov 18th (announcement included in packet)

Old Business

Other Items

Richard Herr mentioned CHS turnaround is scheduled for 2023 and estimating 6000 workers for 40+ days

Kurt mentioned the city installed all new signs in downtown Laurel, new code enforcement officer started roughly 2 weeks ago

Announcements

4. Next Meeting will be Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Emergency Call Out for November 15, 2021, Public Works Committee Meeting

10-18-2021 Water turn on 709 6th Ave

10-18-2021 Elm lift Station offline

10-25-2021 Elm Lift Station



2022 Pavement Maintenance Project (4th Street Reconstruction)

(KLJ #2104-00862)

Reason for Project: To provide yearly maintenance and improvements to the City of Laurel Roads Network.

Project Scope: Miscellaneous annual pavement maintenance design, bidding and construction in locations throughout the City of laurel

Current Status:

- Project is in Design

Lindy Lane Sewer Replacement (KLJ#2014-00018)

Reason for Project: To replace a large capacity sewer main that is cracked and has a high potential for failure.

Project Scope: To remove and replace a 115 lineal foot section of 30" sanitary sewer pipe that is just south of Interstate 90 to a manhole within Lindy Lane.

Current Status:

- Project Complete

Water System PER (KLJ #2104-00147)

Reason for Project: To update the Preliminary Engineering Report that was completed in April 2014 with the most current information.

Project Scope: To Update the existing computer model for the water distribution system; Review pressure zone, tank and booster station alternatives; Analyze up to 3 different sites for a new water tank and explore funding alternative for all potential projects.

Current Status:

- Waiting on information from City

5th Ave. Water Re-Route (KLJ #2104-00118)

Reason for Project: To abandon the existing waterline between W. 11th and W. 12th Streets that crosses existing properties without an easement.

Project Scope: Abandonment of a 12" waterline that connects 11th St. to 12th St north of 5th Ave. in Laurel. A new 12" waterline will connect at the intersection of 5th Ave. and 11th St, route east to 4th Ave.



and then north to 12th St. where it will turn back west and connect at the original connection point along 12th St.

Current Status:

- Project is Complete
- Contractor is waiting on Change Order Request response from City

Southside Stormwater Study (KLJ #2004-01470)

Reason for Project: Analyze Laurels South side to determine needed improvements for stormwater.

Project Scope: : To complete a stormwater master plan for the areas south of the train tracks and west of Highway 212.

Current Status:

- Completed, need to discuss next steps in resolving outfall.

WWTP Screw Pump B Replacement (KLJ #2004-01359)

Reason for Project: To replace screw pump B at the Laurel Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Project Scope: Reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Archimedes Screw Pump “B” at the City of laurel Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Current Status:

- Project Bid July 1st
- Project Award July 13th
- Anticipated equipment delivery January 15th
- Project completion, February 15th

WTP Lift Well Replacement (KLJ #2004-01487)

Reason for Project: To replace a lift well at the Laurel Water Treatment Plant.

Project Scope: Reconstruction and rehabilitation of the lift well at the City of Laurel Water Treatment Plant.

Current Status:

- DEQ Submittal 11/30/21
- Advertise 1/6/22
- Bid Opening 1/26/22



2021 Pavement Maintenance Project (KLJ #2004-00831)

Reason for Project: To provide yearly maintenance and improvements to the City of Laurel Roads Network.

Project Scope: Miscellaneous annual pavement maintenance design, bidding and construction in locations throughout the City of laurel

Current Status:

- Project Complete and Retainage has been Released

Sanitary Sewer H₂S Remediation (KLJ #1804-00122)

Reason for Project: Buildup of H₂S within the WW collection system has led to deterioration of manholes and other system components.

Project Scope: Complete design and construction administration to address H₂S build-up in the system.

Current Status:

- Survey completed
- Design underway
- DEQ Submittal Approved
- MDT Submittal Approved
- Advertise 2/17/22
- Bid Opening 3/9/22

Yellowstone River Crossing (KLJ #2004-00542)

Reason for Project: The 4" waterline that serves Riverside park campground freezes during the winter months and leaks where it crosses the Yellowstone River.

Project Scope: Design, bid, and administer the replacement the waterline that is attached to the bridge crossing the Yellowstone River

Current Status:

- Project Construction starting November 15th, 2021

Design Standards & Rules Update (KLJ # 1804-02569)

Reason for Project: Update old standards

Project Scope: Develop a set of cohesive and concise design standards for public improvements to help facilitate reviews of new developments and ensure the public improvements are designed in the City of Laurel's best interest.



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Current Status:

- Drafts of the all sections of the manual are complete

Laurel Planning Services (KLJ #1804-00554)

Reason for Project: KLJ has been retained to provide City of Laurel planning services as needed.

Project Scope: Planning services may include; subdivision, zoning, development, floodplain hazard management, miscellaneous reviews and other related work. KLJ will prepare staff reports, recommendations, and attend meetings upon request.

Current Status:

- Zoning Regulations Update. To be scheduled
- Subdivision Regulations Update. In house project
- Annexation of Golf Course. Pending application
- West Interchange Plan. Local match not budgeted

Laurel Capital Improvement Plan (KLJ # 2104-00649)

Reason for Project: KLJ has been retained by the City of Laurel to develop a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Project Scope: The CIP is primarily a planning tool for annual budgeting to assist Departments and the Governing Body establish project priorities and funding.

Current Status:

- *Task Order executed*
- *Kick-off meeting Department Heads*
- *Initial structure of CIP generated*
- *Department Heads contacted for additional projects.*
- *Document is being drafted.*
- *A meeting with City Department Heads needs to be scheduled in late November.*

Other Notes and Information

Other potential projects have been identified during recent conversations between City staff and KLJ. City Public Works staff and KLJ task leaders meet bi-weekly to discuss current and future projects. As these are tentative, the timing and extent of KLJ's services are TBD, unless noted otherwise.

Anticipated FY21 Projects

1. West Railroad Street Reconstruction- Proposal submitted



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2. Water System Planning
 - a. Booster station rehabilitation or replacement (task order forthcoming)
 - b. Water storage tank Preliminary Engineering Report
 3. 7th Street reconstruction
 4. Waterline extension out to Golf Course Road
 5. Updates to Zoning regulations
 6. Updates to Subdivision Regulations
 7. West Interchange Neighborhood Plan

Other Potential Future Projects

1. West Side TIFF

The City of Laurel will hold an Information meeting regarding the South 4th Street Infrastructure Improvement Project at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 18th, 2021. The meeting will be held at the Senior Center whose address is 720 S. 4th Street, Laurel MT 59044. This project will consist of removal and replacement of the water and wastewater lines within S. 4th Street and complete reconstruction of the roadway between US Highway 212 to S. 8th Ave. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to attend and provide comments and questions about this upcoming street project.

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Advertisement Dates:

Laurel Outlook: 11/11/21, and 11/18/21