

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 p.m. on January 18, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelie Eaton	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Bill Mountsier

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nick Altonaga, Planning Director
Jean Kerr, City Judge
Kelly Gauslow, Court Clerk
Sherri Phillips, Court Clerk
Jeremiah Johnson, Police Officer
Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

Public Input:

Jean Kerr, City Judge, spoke to the Court's need for additional space.

General Items

1. Appointment of Ryan Roche to the Police Reserves.

Officer Johnson introduced Mr. Roche to Council. This will bring the number of Reserve Officers to 14.

2. Appointment of Bruce McGee to the Emergency Services Committee.

See attached letter of interest from Mr. McGee.

Executive Review

3. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With Thompson Painter Law Pc For The Provision Of Civil Legal Services For The City Of Laurel.

This contract covers the transition time between when Mr. Painter is no longer considered a City employee and the transition period to a new Civil City Attorney.

It was questioned how many letters the City has received for this position. It was clarified that the due date for the request for proposal is January 26, 2022. At this time, no proposals have been received.

It was questioned where this was advertised. It was clarified that this was advertised in the Yellowstone County News as it is where we legally have to advertise.

It was questioned if Mr. Painter would stay on until the City has hired another attorney. It was clarified that he would stay until there was a contract approved by Council.

4. Resolution - Resolution Of The City Council Approving The Development Agreement Between The GL Development LLC, The Laurel Depot LLLP, And The City For The Development And Construction Of Low Income Housing To Be Located Within The City Of Laurel.

This development agreement has been in the works for the last year and a half.

Council questioned if this had been reviewed by Public Works. It was clarified that it had.

It was questioned where this was located. It was clarified that this is located off 8th Ave. It will be a 24-unit complex.

5. Resolution - Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Yellowstone County Treasurer To Remove The United States Postal Service From The Official County Tax Rolls.

Once Council passes the assessments, they are given to the County. Once they are given to the County, the only way to remove an assessment is via resolution. This year there was an issue with the SAMSID program, and the assessments needed to be rebuilt. The Post Office was accidentally assessed. This resolution is to remove those assessments.

Council Issues

Other Items

- Mayor's Committee Appointments.

Mayor Waggoner made two small changes to the recommendations from the former Council President Eaton. He moved Council President Sparks to Public Works Committee and Council Member Herr to the Budget/Finance Committee.

Review of Draft Council Agendas

6. Draft City Council Agenda for January 25, 2022.

There were no suggested changes.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

All present plan on attending the next meeting.

Announcements

Emergency Services Committee's next scheduled meeting is January 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council requested the Judge's salary be added to a Workshop agenda.

A Council Member stated they had been contacted by someone in Ward 1 stating someone had knocked on their door regarding a meeting for public input at the Senior Center. They asked that Council be notified when this meeting is.

The council workshop adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney Moorman', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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.

Honorable Dave Wagner
City of Laurel, MT

Dear Mayor Wagner:

Please give consideration to my being added to the emergency services committee. My qualifications of volunteer and civic service are listed for your consideration.

- 16 collected years as a Volunteer Fire Fighter with 5 different departments. Wheaton, MO, Stigler, OK, Neosho, MO, Rawlins, WY and Park City, MT.
- 4 Years of Reserve Deputy Sheriff Newton County MO.
- 11 years with Laurel Police Reserves, still active.
- 10.5 years City Alderman Ward 2 City of Laurel.
- Past Member and Chair of the City of Laurel Emergency Services Committee .

Thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,



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