

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 26, 2022

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 6:30 p.m. on April 26, 2022.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks
<i>BM Michelle Mize</i> <del>Bruce McGee</del>	Richard Herr
Richard Klose	Irv Wilke <i>BM</i>
	<del>Don Nelson</del> <i>Bill Mountsier</i>

## COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scot Stokes

## OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Nancy Schmidt, Library Director

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 April 12, 2022, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ambulance Monthly Report – March 2022

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- Claims entered through April 22, 2022.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- Approval of Payroll Register through PPE 4/22/2022 totaling \$193,588.33.**

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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of March 22, 2022.
- Park Board Minutes of April 7, 2022.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

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**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Resolution No. R22-17: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Amendment To Owner-Engineer Agreement, Amendment No. 2, By And Between The City Of Laurel And KLJ Engineering, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R22-17, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R22-18: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding By And Between The City Of Laurel And The City Of Laurel Library Board Of Trustees**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R22-18, seconded by Council Member Eaton.

Nancy Schmidt, Library Director, supported this memorandum of understanding. The Library Board is also in support of this memorandum of understanding.

Council asked for clarifications made to section 5. The Civil Attorney went over those changes.

There was no council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R22-19: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Retention Fee Agreement By And Between The City Of Laurel And Olness & Associates, P.C.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R22-19, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R22-20: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Removal Of Former City Of Laurel Clerk/Treasurer Bethany Keeler, F/K/A Bethany Langve, From All-City Accounts And Adding Acting City Of Laurel Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Strecker To All Such Accounts.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve Resolution No. R22-20, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council questioned if Riverside Park would be open this year. It was clarified that it would be open, and they are still working on getting the reservation system set up. They are also working on a rule board and a welcome board. Alicia Stickney with the DOJ retired in December. The City had been told if there were any funds leftover from the Exxon spill, they could potentially receive additional funds. They are hoping for another \$50k, which would be used for the signage.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

On May 5<sup>th</sup> work will begin in Kids Kingdom.

Public Works Department has been working to grate the area near Fir Field and is beginning work on a bike track.

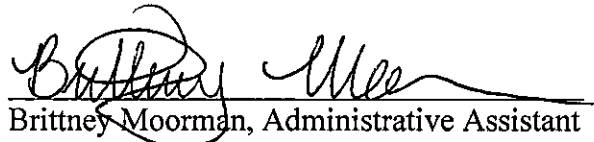
The City is exploring the option of partnering with LARC to open the pool. The YMCA notified the Public Works Director that if the City could find 5 or 6 lifeguards, they would run the pool for us.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

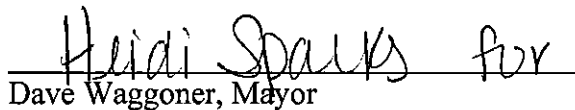
**ADJOURNMENT:**


Motion by Council Member Wilke to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest: 

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer