

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 9, 2024

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 6:28 p.m. on April 9, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize	Jessica Banks
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Kurt Markegard, Planning Director
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Travis Nagel, Assistant Fire Chief

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 March 26, 2024, 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:

- Police Monthly Report – March 2024.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through April 5, 2024.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 3/31/2024 totaling \$241,155.76.**
- **Closed Executive Session Minutes of March 26, 2024.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of April 2, 2024.**

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: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of March 26, 2024.
- Cemetery Commission Minutes of October 17, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of February 26, 2024.
- Tree Board Minutes of March 7, 2024.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Bryce McMurrey to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.**

Assistant Fire Chief Nagel introduced Mr. McMurrey to the Council.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bryce McMurrey to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, 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.

- **Appointment of Steve Hurd to the Police Commission for a Three-Year Term Ending April 30, 2027.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Steve Hurd to the Police Commission for a three-year term ending April 30, 2027, 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.

Mr. Hurd thanked the Council for the reappointment.

- **Resolution No. R24-22: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With True North Contracting.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R24-22, 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.

- **Resolution No. R24-23: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With River Ridge Landscaping, Co.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R24-23, 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.

- **Resolution No. R24-24: Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Puritan Commercial Cleaning & Services.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-24, 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.

- **Resolution No. R24-25: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Ace Electric, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R24-25, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Build A Better Laurel is hosting a community clean-up day on April 20th. Volunteers will meet at 10 a.m. at Main Street Perk. Various student organizations have offered to join in the clean-up activities.

On April 18th is the next Art Walk. The map will be posted in the Laurel Outlook. The City will also put the map on the Facebook page as well.

The Public Works Committee's next meeting is Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The Cemetery Commission's next meeting is Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

MAYOR UPDATES:

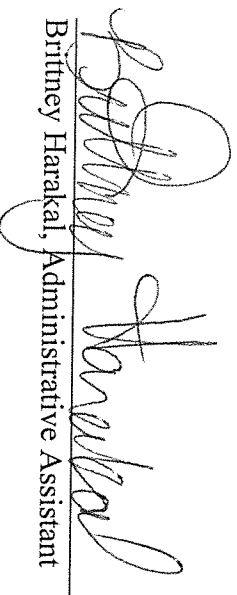
Mayor Waggoner stated Council President Sparks will be running the next two meetings.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Sparks 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 eight council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 23rd day of April 2024.


Heidi Sparks, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer



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