

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

August 12, 2025

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 August 12, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Casey Wheeler	Jessica Banks
Kurt Markegard, CAO	
Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant	

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

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 July 22, 2025, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fire Monthly Report - July 2025

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through August 1, 2025.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 7/20/2025 totaling \$265,966.53.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 8/3/2025 totaling \$275,873.71.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of August 5, 2025.**

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 six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 22, 2025.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of July 28, 2025.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- Appointment of Aidan Johnson to the Laurel Emergency Medical Service.

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Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Aidan Johnson to the Laurel Emergency Medical Service, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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.

- **Appointment of Paul Thomae to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paul Thomae to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2027, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-51: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Laurel Airport Authority.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R25-51, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-52: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 7.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R25-52, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-53: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With True North Contracting.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R25-53, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-54: A Resolution Of The City Council Accepting The Bid And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute All Contract And Related Documents For The Completion Of The Southside Paving Project By Knife River – Billings.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R25-54, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-55: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Amendments To Appropriations And Revenues For The City Of Laurel's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.**

Due to a clerical error related to the required public hearing, this item was removed from consideration and will be placed on the next Council agenda cycle.

- **Resolution No. R25-56: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Task Order No. 5 And All Related Documents For The Bernhardt Ditch Improvements By And Between The City Of Laurel And Triple Tree Engineering, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R25-56, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-57: Resolution Of City Council Approving Final Annexation Of Property Legally Described As The Amended Plat Of Lots 1 & 2 Of Nutting Brothers Subdivision, Second Filing, Lot 1a, Adjacent To The City Of Laurel, As An Addition To The City Of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana, With Concurrent Approval Of Zoning Designation Upon Annexation Of The Property**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R25-57, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

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

There is a new 4-way stop at E. Maryland Lane and Alder Avenue. Please be aware of the change in traffic patterns.

It was questioned if the sidewalk on Alder would be installed before the start of school. It was clarified that it is dependent on the budget.

MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:


Motion by Council Member Klose 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 6:38 p.m.



Brittney Harðal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 26th day of August 2025.



Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:



Kelly Streckey, Clerk/Treasurer





