

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

March 11, 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 6:30 p.m. on March 11, 2025.

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: Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Waggoner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES:

- Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2025.

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 2025, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mackay. 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.

- Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2025.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2025, 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.

- Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2025, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Police Monthly Report - February 2025.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Public Hearing - A Resolution Of The City Council To Adopt An Official Schedule Of Fees And Charges For The City Of Laurel And Repealing All Previous Resolutions That Set Fees Or Charges That Conflict With The Schedule Attached Hereto Upon Its Effective Date.

Mayor Waggoner opened the public hearing.

Mayor Waggoner opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Waggoner asked three (3) times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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Mayor Waggoner stated that he would not have Staff respond to questions as there were none.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims entered through March 7, 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 3/7/2025 totaling \$275,277.40.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of February 18, 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 eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of February 25, 2025.
- Library Board Minutes of October 15, 2024.
- Library Board Minutes of November 11, 2024.
- Library Board Minutes of December 10, 2024.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

Michael Hammer, 508 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked the Council and Staff for their service and acknowledged his earlier criticism. He appreciated their courage in handling public criticism and taking on responsibility. Although he still has concerns, he's grateful for their efforts.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Appointment of Dean Rankin to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2027.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dean Rankin to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-18: A Resolution Of The City Council To Adopt An Official Schedule Of Fees And Charges For The City Of Laurel And Repealing All Previous Resolutions That Set Fees Or Charges That Conflict With The Schedule Attached Hereto Upon Its Effective Date.**

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R25-18, 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. R25-19: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Adoption Of The 2024 Eastern Montana Region Hazard Mitigation Plan And Annex K For Yellowstone County.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R25-19, 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. R25-20: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Fisher's Technology.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R25-20, 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):**

June 13 is the Firefighter Memorial Run. There will also be a street dance and food trucks as part of the event.

March 15 is the Pub and Put. Teams of 4 travel to various businesses to compete in mini-golf tournaments.

The American Legions Bingo fundraiser went well.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

The next Public Works Committee meeting is Monday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.


**MAYOR UPDATES:**

**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 6:45 p.m.

  
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

  
Heidi Sparks for  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Strocker, Clerk/Treasurer

