

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:31 p.m. on December 20, 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"/> Casey Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Mountsier

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant  
Matt Wheeler, Public Works Superintendent

**Public Input:**

Kevin and Dolly Moore, owners of Moore Montana Treasurers, presented a check to the City for \$83,589.

**General Items**

**Executive Review**

1. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Of Laurel City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Construction And Maintenance Agreement For South 4<sup>th</sup> Street Public Roadway In The City Of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana.

There was no discussion on the item.

2. Resolution - A Resolution Of City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Memorandum Of Agreement By And Between The City Of Laurel And The Montana Department Of Transportation Related To The Installation And Upgrading Of Sidewalk Off South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Laurel, Montana.

There was no discussion on the item.

3. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Supporting The 2022 Legislative Resolutions Of The Montana League Of Cities And Towns.

This resolution allows the Montana Leagues of Cities and Towns to advocate on our behalf in Helena. They look at all upcoming legislature and identify areas that need to be addressed.

4. Resolution - 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.

There is a public hearing scheduled for this item next week. Raw and settled water will be removed for next week's meeting. Those rates are contracted with CHS and not set via the Schedule of Fees.

5. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Of Laurel City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute All Necessary Agreements For The Purchase Of A Vehicle And Equipment From Kois Brothers Equipment Company, Inc.

This vehicle has 15k miles on it. It was not for sale; the company's owner allowed the vehicle to be sold. This truck will cost double next year. However, the City will need to add \$9k toolboxes.

We will be using the Water and Sewer funds to purchase the vehicle.

6. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Of Laurel City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute All Necessary Agreements For Services Performed By 120 Water Audit, Inc. Related To Lead Service Line Compliance.

By 2024 the City must comply with the lead and copper rules set by DEQ and EPA. This company is working with other Montana Cities and has contracted with Montana Rural Water. Currently, the City is behind schedule on this project. This company will help us make our paper documents electronic.

Will this require the City to do replacements? It was clarified this phase is to identify lines that need to be replaced.

Dennis Eaton, 308 West Avenue, stated he is the circuit writer for Rural Water. There are over 4k connections and 15 to 20 data entries per connection. Should the City not comply, it could receive a fine of \$50k per day until we have complied.

It was questioned why we have an annual cost, and it was clarified that the annual cost is to assist with our database stored within the cloud.

7. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Of Laurel City Council Clarifying Legal Scope Of Resolution No. R05-23 Related To Classification Of The City Of Laurel.

This resolution will clear up a 20-year-old resolution related to our class status. There are class 1, 2, and 3 cities, and we are a class 2 city. This will be filed with the County Clerk and Records Officers, and the Secretary of State.

## **Council Issues**

The December Emergency Services Committee has been canceled.

It was questioned if Ward 4 vacancy had received any interest. The vacancy is posted. There was one person interested, and she withdrew her letter of interest.

It was questioned if the City would reassess the wards' populations and boundaries.

It was questioned if the land purchased on Ridge Drive was supposed to be used for the shops. It was clarified that someday it would be a City Shop. The storage on the railroad property has been moved to the Yard Office property.

It was questioned if there is an ordinance on when someone can store their RV's on the street. There was concern that people would live in the campers on the street, especially with the turnaround coming to town. Council would like to see if a fee would be beneficial.

## **Other Items**

### **Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting**

All Council Members plan to be in attendance.

Council thanked Civil Attorney Braukmann for attending all Council meetings.

### **Announcements**

The council workshop adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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.**