



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MARCH 16, 2026**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 530 pm on Monday, 3/16/26, by Chair Jodi Mackay.

Members Present: Jodi Mackay – Chair, Irv Wilke – Vice Chair, Jessica Banks, Sara Naylor, Richard Herr and Shawn Mullaney

Others Present: Matt Wheeler - Public Works Director, Ryan Welsh – KLJ Engineering

Public Input: David Carlson from AE2S brought his company's 2025 Annual Utility Rate Survey for Matt. He also gave a copy to Jodi.

General Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of 2/9/26. Motion made by Irv Wilke. Seconded by Shawn. Passed 6 – 0
2. Emergency Call Out Report- Report attached
Minimal calls for the reporting period – 3 water shut off / turn on typically due to line breakage / leakage and 1 sanding call

New Business:

Old Business:

3. Engineering Services – The City's temporary contract with KLJ ends in April. City is accepting bids for a contracted engineering firm and will begin interviewing in April. Forrest Sanderson will facilitate the process as a non voting participant. Committee will consist of 4 employees, Matt and a representative from the PW committee.
4. West Railroad Storm Water Discussion – Ryan Welsh from KLJ shared that he has submitted a contract and scope of services to address storm water on Woodland with an estimate of \$2.5 million. This project would also include curb, gutter and sidewalk on Woodland. The storm water would tie into the new line on S 4th. This would allow the project on West Railroad to move forward. Matt and Ryan are eying 2027 for this project and West Railroad in 2029. They would like to see the West Railroad project co-occur with the CHS stormwater project to introduce economy of scale. Matt and Ryan would like to see KLJ on both these projects regardless of the engineering company picked in April's bid process due to Ryan's history and knowledge with these issues.
 - i. The committee agreed a motion should be made to have Jodi email the Mayor to ask that this project / issue be added to a Workshop agenda in April. Irv made the motion. Seconded by Jessica. Passed 6 – 0.
5. Fire Hydrant by Middle School Update – no progress. We have a contract. Asphalt work tends to start in April. We will keep this on the agenda to ensure it stays on PW's radar as we move into Spring.

Other Items:

6. Openings on Public Works Committee – We have 2 vacant seats. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest to the Mayor.

Cherry Hills 4th filing should be starting construction in 2 weeks. Casa Linda development working on getting things rolling.

Love's Truck Stop has final construction walk through with the final city walk through happening soon.

Neighborhood north of Iron Horse moving ahead with home construction.

Jodi asked about how funds from recent water and sewer rate increases have affected the bottom line and how they are being saved to address the infrastructure needs of the community. Matt confirmed that rate increases were meant to cover future projects. Noted that increases have also leveled out income to expenses. Jodi will also ask this question at City Council Workshop on 3/17/26.

Richard Herr asked about what the City will do if the Yellowstone River water level gets below the intakes. Matt reported that the City has a pump that can push water into the plant.

Announcements

Next Meeting will be Monday, 4/20/26 at 6pm in Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Response Code	X In Column Not accepting Overtime /NA = Not Available /Y = Responding /B=Phone Busy						
Employee Name	Telephone	2-18					
Kevin Budge		na1					
Dylan Ceaser		y12					
Jay Hatton		2					
Keith Guy		3					
Wade Spalinger		4					
Brandon Gonzales		5					
Aaron Fox		6					
Joel Barnhardt		7					
Bridger Fornier		8					
Krista Gauslow 406		9					
Anthony Woodard		10					
Shane Nauman		11					

Nick Leischner		1-21	1-22	1-24	2-11	2-27	3-3
Distribution							
Justin Baker		y3	2	1	na1	y3	2
Kevin Hoffman		1	y3		y3	2	Y3
Daniel Nauman		2	1	2	na2	1	NA1

Elm Lift Station 628-7773 Villa Station 628-5918 Dial 9 after tone to acknowledge alarm

Wastewater Treatment Plant 628-6474 Autodailer- 628-4866

Response Code	NO= In Column Not accepting Overtime / NA = Not Available / Y = Responding						
Employee	Telephone						
Thomas Henry							
Cindy Caswell							
Corey Nicholson							
Norman Stamper							

Water Treatment Plant 628-7770

Response Code	NO= In Column Not accepting Overtime / NA = Not Available / Y = Responding						
Employee	Telephone						
HP Nuernberger							
Josh Sawyer							
Sam Waggoner							
Joe Waggoner							
TJ Worbel							
daniel waggoner							
ron yost							

Matt Wheeler Cell# 208-1885	One Call Locate - 1-800-424-5555 (City Job # 25663)
Kurt Markegard Cell# 860-5785 Hm 208-2358	SCHessler 628-4221 HESTON 281-0811
Mayor 406 633 3809	Dwight Ace Electric 406 697 2037
	Travis Ace Electric 406 850 0612
MDU 1-800-638-3278 / MDT 252-4138	Pace Construction 252-5559 (sewer backups)
SanitarySystemOverflows call DEQ withing 24 hours at406-444-3080	

Call Out - Date and Incident Location

1-21 h2o turn on 9th ave	
1-22 lift station issues	
1-24 water break actison	
2-11 h20 shutoff 401 cottonwood	
2-18 sanding	
2-27 h20 shutoff	
3-3 H20 TURN ON	