

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 23, 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 6:29 p.m. on January 23, 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:

Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant  
Stan Langve, Police Chief  
Jarred Anglin, Acting Captain  
HP Nuernberger, Chief Water Plant Operator

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 January 9, 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:

- Beartooth RC&D Correspondence

Mayor Waggoner read letters of resignation from Marvin Carter and Aron Kostelecky from the Public Works Committee.

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

- Schedule of Fees and Charges

Mayor Waggoner opened the public hearing and asked Staff to present the item.

Mayor Waggoner introduced the item.

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.

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

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

Mayor Waggoner closed the public hearing.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through January 19, 2024.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of November 2023.**

- Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 1/7/2024 totaling \$242,056.19.
- Council Workshop Minutes of January 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:**

- Revised Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of December 26, 2023.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of January 9, 2024.
- Tree Board Minutes of January 4, 2024.
- Library Board Minutes of December 12, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of November 27, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of December 18, 2023.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- Appointment of Shaelynn Haman and Jerry Strim to the Laurel Police Reserves.

The Police Chief introduced Ms. Haman and Mr. Strim to the Council. He briefly explained how the Reserve program works.

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Shaelynn Haman and Jerry Strim to the Laurel Police Reserves, 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 Emelie Eaton to the Public Works Committee.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the Mayor's appointment of Emelie Eaton to the Public Works Committee, 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. R24-04: 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 Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-04, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Council President Sparks briefly explained how the Schedule of Fees process works for the new Council Members.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight council members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R24-05: Resolution Of The City Council Calling For An Election On The Question Of Conducting A Local Government Review And Establishing A Study Commission.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R24-05, 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:**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a ceremony honoring four WWII chaplains who gave up their life jackets and went down with the ship. The ceremony will be at 1 p.m. at the National Cemetery.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

Mayor Waggoner stated that the audit has been completed. When the City receives the audit findings, he will be sure to send that report to the Council.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Resolution No. R24-06: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Ace Electric Inc.**

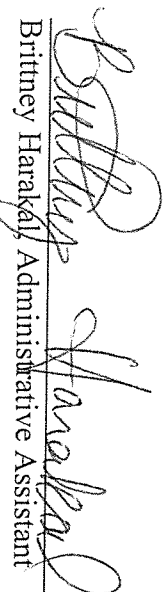
The Chief Water Plant Operator was present to briefly explain the revamp of the control system in the Water Treatment Plant. This system controls all the valves within the plant and is very outdated. The City can no longer order parts to repair it. They scheduled this installation during a slow time for the Water Treatment Plant before the spring run-off starts. Due to staff changeovers, it was assumed that the electrical was included with InControls. They recently found out that the electrical is a separate contract. Work is scheduled to begin the first week of February.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-06, 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.

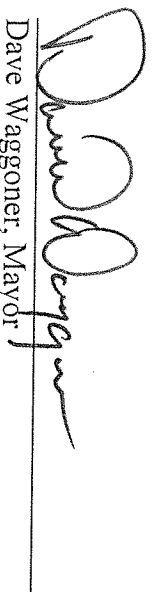
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Mackay 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 6:55 p.m.

  
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

