

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 25, 2023

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 April 25, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Michelle Mize Richard Herr
 Casey Wheeler Irv Wilke
 Richard Klose Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
 Brittney Moorman, Council Administrative Assistant
 Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director
 Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
 JW Hopper, Fire Chief
 Ryan Welsh, KLJ

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 April 11, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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: None.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Public Hearing: Ordinance No. O23-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.72.020 (Composition) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To Membership In The Laurel City-County Planning Board.

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

Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney, stated these changes are to reflect the current Membership of the City/County Planning Board as outlined in the interlocal agreement.

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 April 21, 2023.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 4/16/2023 totaling \$217,006.92.**

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- **Workshop Minutes of October 18, 2023.**
 - **Workshop Minutes of November 1, 2023.**

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 Eaton. 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 April 11, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of March 20, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of February 27, 2023.
- Park Board Minutes of April 6, 2023.
- Tree Board Minutes of March 20, 2023.
- City/County Planning Board Minutes of March 15, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of March 6, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of April 17, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of January 23, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of March 27, 2023.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Motion to allow Council Member Klose to be absent from the City of Laurel for possibly more than ten days. (LMC 2.12.060)**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to allow Council Member Klose to be absent from the City of Laurel for possibly more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060), 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 JW Hopper as Fire Chief.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of JW Hopper as Fire Chief, 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.

Council President Sparks swore in Fire Chief Hopper and presented him with his badge.

- **Appointment of Steven Hurd to the Cemetery Commission for the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Steven Hurd to the Cemetery Commission for the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2024, 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. R23-23: Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Lease Agreements With Laurel Little League And American Legion Baseball Post #123 For Baseball Facilities And Pool Building As Described In The Lease Agreements.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R23-23, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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. R23-24: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Play Space Designs For Phase Two Of The Laurel Splash Park.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-24, 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. R23-25: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Work Change Directive For The Project Known As The WTP Lift Well Replacement.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R23-25, seconded by Council Member Sparks.

Ryan Welsh, KLJ, stated when the contractor got into the area, they found that the lines were not where they said they were. This required the shoring to be moved and the excavation to be redone.

It was questioned if these lines are thoroughly documented for future needs. It was clarified that these lines are documented correctly.

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

- **Resolution No. R23-26: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing Participation In The Montana Board Of Investments Of Short-Term Investment Pool And Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Documents Related Thereto.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R23-26, 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. R23-27: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Change Order For The Project Known As The South 4th Street Reconstruction.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R23-27, seconded by Council Member Sparks.

Ryan Welsh, KLJ, stated this Change Order is due to a waterline located 70 feet from the right-of-way. This Change Order brings that waterline into S. 5th Street.

There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Ordinance No. O23-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.72.020 (Composition) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To Membership In The Laurel City-County Planning Board. (Second Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to adopt Ordinance No. O23-02, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Herr, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Arbor Day is next Tuesday. There will be a ceremony in Thomson Park at 11:00 a.m.

There is a Clean-up Weekend this Saturday and Sunday put on by Grace Bible Church.

A Community Clean-up is planned for May 6th to clean up the Parade Route for the 35th Annual Montana Peace Officers Memorial Parade & Ceremony.

On May 13th Laurel will host the 35th Annual Montana Peace Officers Memorial Parade & Ceremony. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Waggoner stated a Council Workshop falls on July 4th this year. He asked Council if they would like to move this meeting or cancel this meeting—either way, it will need to be done via resolution.

Mayor Waggoner stated that the list of upcoming vacancies for the Boards/Committees/Commissions is on the City’s website.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

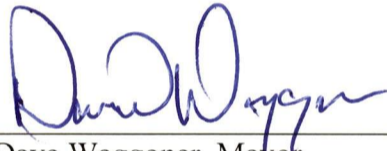
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member MacKay to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.


Brittney Moorman, Council Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 9th day of May 2023.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer



