

# AGENDA CITY OF LAUREL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MONDAY, JUNE 17 2024 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**Public Input:** Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Heidi Sparks at 6 pm on Monday, June 17, 2024.

Members present: Heidi Sparks – Chari, Jodi Mackay – Vice-Chair, Irv Wilke, Jessica Banks, Emilie Eaton Eaton, Dennis Eaton

Others present: Matt Wheeler - Public Works Director, Shawn Mullaney- guest

#### **General Items**

1. Approval of the Minutes from May 20, 2024. Irv Wilke made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Jodi Mackay. Motion passed 4 - 0

### 2. Emergency Call Out Report

a. Only 3 calls since last meeting and all were water related

### 3. KLJ Report

- a. 2022 Pavement Maintenance
  - i. Still have some warranty issues being dealt with. The grass in the boulevard is not coming in as expected. Will be reseeding this week.
  - ii. Looking at cameras in Russell Park. Received a price quote and that is more than expected. Looking into options, they need to be able to integrate into the police system.
  - iii. Most recent rainfall showed the new storm water system working very well. City needed to clean out the drainage, but once that was done the drainage worked very well. The constriction was on refinery property.

#### b. Laurel Water Tank

- i. KLJ is still working on the grant writing for the project planning
- ii. Matt stated with the new development taking place on the west end of town, the water tower should be on the west end of town
  - i. Jodi asked about timing and expectations on the grant writing since that started about 6 months ago and we have not seen anything.
- iii. Irv stated there has been a "rumor" that a developer is looking at something north of the golf course and is willing to pay for the new water tower if annexed in. Matt stated that rumor is true, and the city has been approached. There are concerns about the amount of output the water plant can support. The development is approximately 800 homes.
- c. 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Sewer Line Replacement
  - i. Fiber optic line punched through a manhole and that was the root cause of the issue
  - ii. Change order will be coming before council. There is an issue with flooding in a house in that area. Need to redesign the drainage to eliminate this issue.
- d. Splash Pad

- i. Water pressure issue has been resolved, but now need to turn down some of the features.
- ii. Requests for a Lost and Found, so Matt is looking into that.
- iii. Garbage cans need to be placed closer to the pad. There is a garbage by the building near the parking lot, but need some closer to the pad
- iv. Shawn asked about the building. Matt stated the city is using the 3 closets in the building and has entered an agreement with The Dodgers to lease the rest of the building. They are working on turning it into a clubhouse for the referees.

#### **New Business**

4. Matt stated that the council will have a rate adjustment for garbage at the council meeting tomorrow nigh. Billings has raised their rates at the landfill again, and Laurel needs to keep up with the additional expense

#### **Old Business**

#### Other Items

- 5. Upstream intake for the water plant is turned off due to the river conditions with spring run off. Currently running on the intake at the water plant
- 6. Shawn asked about the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> and Main. The gutters are higher than the street area and water is not draining correctly. Matt stated he would take a look at the area and then talk with KLJ about potential solutions.

#### Announcements

- 7. Next meeting will be Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

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### 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project (4th Street Reconstruction) (KLJ #2104-00862)

<u>Reason for Project:</u> To provide yearly maintenance and improvements to the City of Laurel Roads Network.

<u>Project Scope:</u> Miscellaneous annual pavement maintenance design, bidding and construction in locations throughout the City of laurel

#### Current Status:

- Substantial Completion reached Date is 10/11/23
- Final Completion date was 11/16/23
- Closeout/Reconciliation Change Order approved by Council on 1/9/24
- Warranty walkthrough of Russell Park retention area on Friday 5/3/24
- Contractor recommended giving it another month of growth prior to reseeding.
- Contractor to reseed parts of the park this month.

### Laurel Water Tank Funding Project (KLJ # 2304-01608)

<u>Reason for Project:</u> Existing City water Tank needs to be recoated on the inside and can't happen until City has a backup storage supply. They also have needs for upgrades to their upper pressure zones. See previously approved Water System PER and City of Laurel CIP. This project looks at funding opportunities and provides grant writing services from multiple sources

<u>Project Scope:</u> To research funding alternatives, create packages for submittal, and assist City in finding monies for completing the future water tank and upper pressure zone improvements for the City of Laurel

#### Current Status:

- Task Order Signed by City on 12/13/23
- Met with EDA to discuss Funding on 1/9/24
- Letter of Support from CHS Received
- Letter of Support from Wood's Powergrip
- Submittal to EDA to occur in July.

# 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Sewer Line Replacement (KLJ # 2304-01231)

Reason for Project: Refurbishment of an 8" sewer line between 7th Avenue and 6th Avenue





and a 10" sewer line between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the alley way between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Main Street in Laurel, Montana. The existing sewer line experienced several collapses last year.

<u>Project Scope:</u> To replace approximately 363 lineal feet of 8" and 383 lineal feet of 10" and will include the update of 3 manholes and associated surface replacement.

#### Current Status:

- Work Order Signed by City in September 2023
- Survey scheduled for week of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Base Drawing created and Working on preliminary design
- Preliminary Plans and EEOC sent to City on 12.14.23
- DEQ Approval received on 2.20.24
- Project began advertising on 3/14/24 and bid open will be 3.28.24
- Project awarded to Western Municipal Construction
- Construction started on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Splash Park Installation (KLJ #2204-01898)

Reason for Project: To Replace the existing pool with a splash pad recreation area.

<u>Project Scope:</u> To Construct a splash Pad at the site of the existing City pool.

#### Current Status:

- Work Order Signed by City in January 2023
- DPHHS Approved Permit on 5.25.2023
- Preconstruction Meeting held on 9.15.2023
- Construction to start on Monday 9.18.2023
- Change order sent to Contractor on 10.30.2023
- Change Order Executed on 1.02.2024
- Construction to restart midweek 3.18.2024
- Construction is in complete.
- Contractor looking at improving flows to features
- Improvement completed.

### Laurel Planning Services (KLJ #1804-00554)

Reason for Project: KU has been retained to provide City of Laurel planning services as needed. Project Scope: Planning services may include; subdivision, zoning, development, floodplain hazard management, miscellaneous reviews and other related work. KU will prepare staff reports, recommendations, and attend meetings upon request.





#### Current Status:

- Zoning Regulations Update.
  - o Draft regulations sent to City April 11th, 2023
  - Zoning Map approved by Commission on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - o Staff Recommendation to Zoning Commission to occur on December 20th, 2023
  - Back to Planning Board Meeting on 1/17/23
  - o City to publish advertisement for Public Hearing
  - To be presented at Workshop on 5/7/24
  - o Adoption occurred at Council on 5/14/24
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing on 5/28/24.
  - o Regulations adopted by Council. Minor wording and numbering corrections needed.
- <u>Downtown Parking Study.</u> On hold per City Instructions
- City-County Grown Policy Update was requested at the August 16th meeting
  - Weekly meetings occurring in October.
  - o KLJ updating maps as requested by City Planner
  - Back to Planning board meeting on 1.17.24
  - o Work Session occurred on 1.31.24
  - o Public Hearing at Planning Board completed
  - o Public Hearing at County Commission completed
  - Resolution to adopt updated Growth Policy before Council on 5/28/24
  - o Project completed and closed out
- Mogan Elementary School Property Annexation
  - Application package submitted 1/17/24
  - o Recommendation letter send 1/24/24
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Application package submitted 2/23/24
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Application package recommendation letter sent 3/26/24
  - Annexation approved by Council on 5/14/24
  - Submittal Package received by City 6/4/24
- Lance Hull Annexation
  - Plans approved and capacity to serve letter issued 2/7/24
  - o Construction began 4/15/24
  - o Floodplain Permit issued 5/9/24
  - City Utility and Street Extension is in progress
- Love's Annexation
  - Annexation Application received 3/25/24
  - Revised Package received by City on 5/2/24





### Other Notes and Information

Other potential projects have been identified during recent conversations between City staff and KU. City Public Works staff and KU task leaders meet monthly to discuss current and future projects. As these are tentative, the timing and extent of KU's services are TBD, unless noted otherwise.

### **Anticipated FY24 Projects**

- Bulk Water Sales Station
  - o Pushed back to a 2025 project
- West 7<sup>th</sup> Street Water and Valve Replacement
  - o Pushed back until West Railroad Street is completed.