

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Eaton at 6:29 p.m. on December 21, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelie Eaton	<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce McGee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input type="checkbox"/> Scot Stokes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director
Matt Smith, KLJ
Sherri Phillips, Court Clerk
Jean Kerr, City Judge

Public Input:

There were none.

General Items

Council Members Sparks, Mize, and Wilke were sworn in for the next elected terms ending December 31, 2025.

1. Ward 4 Appointment

Four people have submitted letters of interest for the vacant Ward 4 seat.

Bill Mountsier, 901 Pennsylvania Avenue, briefly introduced himself to Council.

Barb Emineth, 501 Alder Avenue, briefly introduced herself to Council.

Lorinda Mayer, 619 E. 6th Street, briefly introduced herself to Council.

Kris Vogege of 306 E. 4th Street submitted a letter of interest; however, he resides in Ward 1 and is not able to serve as Ward 4 Council Member.

Executive Review

2. Resolution - A Resolution Awarding The Bid And Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With SWS Equipment, LLC For The Purchase Of A Roll Off Container Truck For The City Of Laurel's Public Works Department.

This roll-off truck is needed to send sludge to the landfill. This was the only bid received. The price will be held to the bid price, but the City may not receive the truck until 2023.

It was questioned where the funds were coming from to buy this truck. It was clarified it would come out of the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

3. Resolution - A Resolution Awarding The Bid And Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With Titan Machinery For The Purchase Of A New Jet Rodder For The City Of Laurel's Public Works Department.

This truck is for the sewer system uptown. Water will also use this truck. It will replace a 2012 truck. The City did request to trade in the current truck. The City will receive \$125k for the current jet rodder. The overall price, including the trade-in value, will be \$324k. Due to supply chain issues, the City may not receive the truck until 2023. There were three bids for this truck. The City took the lowest bid with the highest trade-in value. The current jet rodder is ten years old. They should be replaced every seven years.

4. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Task Order Between The City Of Laurel And KLJ Engineering Inc. Authorizing The Preparation Of A Downtown Parking Study For The City Of Laurel.

This parking study will also look at storm drainage downtown that is also parking and pedestrian-friendly. It will also ensure there are enough ADA-compliant parking spaces and analyze the best locations for those parking spaces. There will be four different counts taken in the early morning, late morning, early afternoon, and evening. They will also look at the parking around the Fire Department.

5. Resolution - A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 To The Previously Approved Task Order Authorizing Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. To Provide Additional Services For The City Of Laurel's South Side Stormwater Study.

This task order is to add the shallow stormwater drainage pond in Russel park. At a later time, the outfalls can be improved to assist with drainage on the south side. With S. 4th Street being redone, the stormwater needs to be addressed. This pond will look like a grassy area, and it is not expected to be water in this pond often.

6. Resolution - Municipality5 Amendment

Municipality is a software that will be beneficial in cutting down work hours for various processes within the Building and Public Works Departments. Unfortunately, when this came before Council the other week was a proposal dated 9/23/2021. The quote was adjusted on 9/30/2021. The base price is now \$51,375 a \$13,675 increase. This increase is still under what was initially budgeted for this project. It will include a planning and zoning module. Down the road, a public portal can be added. Other modules can be added as budgeting allows.

Council Issues**7. Judge Pay Scale Discussion**

The Judge presented the attached documentation in support of her wage increase.

Council noted that it is time to reevaluate the Judge's pay. They asked for this item to come back on the next Council agenda. Council also inquired about the CARES funds and where those are being used.

Other Items

Emergency Services Committee's next meeting is December 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Review of Draft Council Agendas**8. Review Draft Council Agenda for December 28, 2021.**

There were no suggested changes.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

All Council Members present will be in attendance at the next meeting.

Announcements

Council wished everyone a very Merry Christmas. They look forward to the new year.

The council workshop adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney Moorman', written over a circular stamp.

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.

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TITLE 3. JUDICIARY, COURTS

CHAPTER 11. CITY COURTS

Part 2. City Judges

Salary -- Qualifications

3-11-202. Salary -- qualifications. (1) A city judge, at the time of election or appointment must:

- (a) meet the qualifications of a justice of the peace under **3-10-202**;
- (b) be a resident of the county in which the city or town is located; and
- (c) satisfy any additional qualifications prescribed by ordinance.

(2) The annual salary and compensation of city judges must be fixed by ordinance or resolution.

(3) Each city judge shall receive actual and necessary travel expenses, as provided in **2-18-501** through **2-18-503**, incurred in the performance of official duties.

History: En. Sec. 4765, Pol. C. 1895; re-en. Sec. 3241, Rev. C. 1907; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 61, L. 1919; re-en. Sec. 5020, R.C.M. 1921; re-en. Sec. 5020, R.C.M. 1935; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 76, L. 1953; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 179, L. 1961; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 158, L. 1965; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 186, L. 1967; R.C.M. 1947, 11-726; amd. Sec. 12, Ch. 528, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 543, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 300, L. 1989; amd. Sec. 201, Ch. 61, L. 2007.

2.68.090 City judge qualifications.

A. No person is eligible for the office of city judge unless prior to filing the oath of office with the county clerk is either:

1. An attorney at law authorized to practice law in the state;
2. A person who has held the office of city judge within the preceding five years; or
3. A person who has completed the orientation course of study held under direction of the supreme court or has been excused by the supreme court.

B. No person is eligible for the office of city judge who upon filing for office shall not meet the residency requirements as for the office of mayor under 7-4-4301, MCA.

C. No city judge may assume the functions of his office unless he has filed with the county clerk and recorder a certificate of completion of a course of education and training prescribed by the commission on courts of limited jurisdiction under 3-1-1502, MCA. (Ord. 931 (part), 1988: prior code § 2.16.080)

2.68.100 City judge—Salary.

The annual salary of the city judge shall be set by city council by resolution, paid on the regularly established paydays of the city, and include the fringe benefit of regular group health coverage supplied to other city employees. (Ord. 06-09, 2006: Ord. 04-7, 2004: Ord. 01-1, 2001: Ord. 99-26, 1999: Ord. 96-4, 1996: Ord. 94-19, 1994: Ord. 1081, 1993: Ord. 1039, 1992: Ord. 979, 1990: Ord. 889, 1986: prior code § 2.16.120) (Ord. No. 008-01, 2-19-08; Ord. No. 009-03, 3-17-09; Ord. No. 009-11, 12-15-09)

2.68.110 Substitute judge when.

A. The city judge or mayor may call in a city judge, a justice of the peace, or some qualified person to act in the judge's place whenever the judge is:

1. A party in a case;

2. Interested in a case;

3. The spouse of or related to either party in a case by consanguinity or affinity within the sixth degree; or

4. Sick, absent, or unable to act.

B. The city judge may call in a city judge, justice of the peace, or some qualified person to act in his stead when a disqualifying affidavit is filed against him pursuant to the supreme court's rules on disqualification and substitution of judges.

C. A city judge of any city or a justice of the peace of any county may sit as a city judge at the city judge's request.

D. No person may serve as a substitute city judge unless he has a certificate of completion of a course of education and training prescribed by the commission on courts of limited jurisdiction under 3-1-1502, MCA or has been given a waiver and temporary certificate by the commission on courts of limited jurisdiction. (Ord. 931 (part), 1988: prior code § 2.16.090)

2.68.120 City judge—Authority to collect fines.

The city judge shall collect all fines, costs and forfeitures that accrue to the city from cases tried or disposed of in city court. He shall give a receipt therefor to the person paying the same, and pay the collected moneys to the city clerk-treasurer. (Ord. 97-2 § 4 (part), 1997; prior code § 2.16.100)

2.68.130 Disposition of fines.

All fines, costs and forfeitures that accrue to the city from cases tried or disposed of in the city court shall be deposited in the general fund. (Ord. 1014, 1992: prior code § 2.16.110)

and consent of the council, one city clerk-treasurer, who shall be ex-officio city assessor; one chief of police; one city attorney; one director of public works; one city engineer; one maintenance director; one public utilities director; and any other offices necessary to carry out the provisions of this title. The council, from time to time, by ordinance or resolution, or by other appropriate means, may prescribe the duties of all appointed officers and fix the compensation of each, subject to the limitations contained in state law and city ordinance. The city attorney shall be appointed for a two-year term, and all other appointed officers under this title shall be appointed to a four-year term coinciding with the term of the mayor.

B. The legislative officers of the city shall be the aldermen.

C. The judicial officer of the city shall be the city judge. By special nomination and appointment by the mayor and the council, a justice of the peace may fill the office of city judge.

D. The council shall have power and authority to abolish, by a majority vote of the council, the executive offices of city attorney, city clerk-treasurer, chief of police, director of public works, assistant director of public works, engineer, maintenance director, public utilities director, and any other office the appointment to which is made by the mayor upon advice and consent of the council; and, the council may discharge any officers so appointed, by a majority vote. (Ord. 02-1, 2002; Ord. 97-2 § 4 (part), 1997; Ord. 971, 1990: prior code § 2.04.070)

2.12.090 Consolidation of appointive offices when.

The city council may, by ordinance, consolidate any of the offices, the appointment to

which is made by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council, and may require any of the elected officers to perform any of the duties of an appointed officer whose office has been abolished. (Prior code § 2.04.090).

*** 2.12.100 City officers—Salary determination.**

The council shall determine by ordinance or resolution the salaries and compensation of elected and appointed city officers and all city employees. (Prior code § 2.04.100)

2.12.110 City officers—Salary not to be diminished during term.

A. The salary and compensation of an officer may not be diminished during his term of office.

B. Salaries of judges shall not be diminished during terms of office, see Mont. Const., Art. VII, S7. (Prior code § 2.04.110)

2.12.120 City officers—Oath of office required.

Each officer of the city must take the oath of office. Any officer that is required to give bond shall file the same, duly approved, within ten days after receiving notice of his election or appointment; or, if no notice be received, then on or before the date fixed for the assumption by him of the duties of the office to which he may have been elected or appointed. (Prior code § 2.04.120)

2.12.130 City officers—Bond required.

Elected or appointed municipal officers and employees shall be bonded in such sums as ordinance may require. The amount for which a city officer or employee shall be bonded shall be based on the amount of money or property handled and the opportunity for

Proposed Ordinance:

2.68.100 City Judge – Salary

The annual salary of the city judge shall be calculated yearly at 10%/15%/20% above the base salary of the Clerk III plus longevity accrued for each year of service as city judge and approved by the City Council by resolution. The city judge's salary shall be paid on the regularly established paydays of the city and include the fringe benefit of regular group health coverage supplied to other city employees.

Example: **10% above base salary:**

Clerk III base salary 7/1/2021	\$45,364.80
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Judge Salary (base+10%)	\$49,901.28
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Judge Kerr would be paid: $\$49,901.28 + \$2,418.00 = \$52,319.28$

15% above base salary would yield:

Judge Kerr would be paid: $\$52,169.52 + \$2,418.00 = \$54,587.52$

20% above base salary would yield:

Judge Kerr would be paid: $\$54,437.76 + \$2,418.00 = \$56,855.76$

Note

- *20% above base salary is more in line with department head starting salaries.

- *The Judge must be certified every 4 years by the Supreme Court

- *The base wage would be adjusted every year according to the Clerk III wage adjustment accordingly.

- *Department Heads obtain yearly increases in salary, not only in longevity according to the situation.

Grade	Position	7/1/2019 Adjusted Salary for Calculation % increases	Effective 7/1/2020	Effective 7/1/2021	Effective 7/1/2022
			2.00% Increase	3.00% Increase	2.00% Increase
1					
2					
3	Maintenance Worker I	17.60	17.95	18.49	18.86
	Court Clerk I	17.35	17.70	<u>18.23</u>	<u>18.60</u>
4					
5	Court Clerk II	19.05	19.43	<u>20.01</u>	<u>20.41</u>
6	Water Plant Operator I	24.08	24.56	25.30	25.81
	Wastewater Operator I	24.08	24.56	25.30	25.81
	Maintenance Worker II	23.50	23.97	24.69	25.18
	Court Clerk III	20.75	21.17	<u>21.81</u>	<u>22.25</u>
	Utility Maintenance Worker II	24.00	24.48	<u>25.21</u>	<u>25.71</u>
7	Mechanic	24.37	24.86	25.61	26.12
8	Water Plant Operator II	24.81	25.31	26.07	26.59
	Wastewater Operator II	24.81	25.31	26.07	26.59
	Maintenance Worker III	24.87	25.37	26.13	26.65
	Utility Maintenance Worker III	25.37	25.88	26.66	27.19
9	Water Plant Chief Operator	26.20	26.72	27.52	28.07
	Wastewater Chief Operator	26.20	26.72	27.52	28.07

PER PAY CHECK

2080 hrs/yr

DEPT. HEAD LONGEVITY – Union #303 and Non-Union		CITY UNION LONGEVITY #316		VACATION SCHEDULE	
				YEARS	SALARY / HOURLY
1= 3.88	21= 81.38	1= 4.00	21= 84.00	1 – 10	4.61539 / .05775
2= 7.75	22= 85.25	2= 8.00	22= 88.00	11 – 15	5.53847 / .06925
3= 11.63	23= 89.13	3= 12.00	23= 92.00	16 – 20	6.46154 / .08077
4= 15.50	24= 93.00	4= 16.00	24= 96.00	21 – 99	7.38462 / .09231
5= 19.38	25= 96.88	5= 20.00	25= 100.00		
6= 23.25	26= 100.75	6= 24.00	26= 104.00		
7= 27.13	27= 104.63	7= 28.00	27= 108.00		
8= 31.00	28= 108.50	8= 32.00	28= 112.00		
9= 34.88	29= 112.38	9= 36.00	29= 116.00		
10= 38.75	30= 116.25	10= 40.00	30= 120.00		
11= 42.63	31= 120.13	11= 44.00	31= 124.00		
12= 46.50	32= 124.00	12= 48.00	32= 128.00		
13= 50.38	33= 127.88	13= 52.00	33= 132.00		
14= 54.25	34= 131.75	14= 56.00	34= 136.00		
15= 58.13	35= 135.63	15= 60.00	35= 140.00		
16= 62.00	36= 139.50	16= 64.00	36= 144.00		
17= 65.88	37= 143.38	17= 68.00	37= 148.00		
18= 69.75	38= 147.25	18= 72.00	38= 152.00		
19= 73.63	39= 151.13	19= 76.00	39= 156.00		
20= 77.50	40= 155.00	20= 80.00	40= 160.00		

SICK LEAVE ACCURAL

SALARY/ HOURLY

3.69231 / .04616

Calculation of Employment Longevity (Jean Kerr 24 Years)

1= 100.88
2= 201.50
3= 302.38
4= 403.00
5= 503.88
6= 604.50
7= 705.38
8= 806.00
9= 906.88
10= 1007.50
11= 1108.38
12= 1209.00
13= 1309.88
14= 1410.50
15= 1511.38
16= 1612.00
17= 1712.88
18= 1813.50
19= 1914.38
20= 2015.00
21= 2115.88
22= 2216.50
23= 2317.38
24= 2418.00

Note: 2021 Pay Comparison

Judge: \$43,359.94

Clerk III: \$47,782.80

(base+longevity)

Difference: \$4,422.36 this year

\$30,226.56 longevity not paid for years of service

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TITLE 3. JUDICIARY, COURTS

CHAPTER 11. CITY COURTS

Part 2. City Judges

City To Provide Facilities -- Conduct Of Court Business -- Electronic Filing And Storage Of Court Records

3-11-206. City to provide facilities -- conduct of court business -- electronic filing and storage of court records. (1) The governing body of the city in which the judge has been elected or appointed:

(a) shall provide for the city court:

(i) the office space, courtroom, and clerical assistance necessary to enable the judge and the clerk of city court, if any, to conduct business in dignified surroundings;

(ii) the books, records, forms, papers, stationery, postage, office equipment, and supplies necessary for the proper keeping of the records and files of the court and the transaction of business; and

(iii) one copy of the latest edition of the Montana Code Annotated and all official supplements or immediate access to the code and supplements; and

(b) may provide a clerk of city court.

(2) The provisions of **3-6-302(1)** and **3-6-303** concerning conduct of municipal court business apply to the city court.

(3) The records of the court may be kept by means of electronic filing or storage, or both, as provided in **3-1-114** and **3-1-115**, in lieu of or in addition to paper records.

History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 466, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 348, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 10, Ch. 174, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 6, L. 2001.

EVALUATION ~ INVENTORY

TRAINING JUDGE: _____ DATE OF VISIT: _____

NEW JUDGE: _____ MMA MEMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SCHEDULED DAY: _____ HOURS: _____

LAW & MOTION SCHEDULE: _____ (Appearance Times)

COURTROOM	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Raised Bench	X		
Flags: USA	X		
Montana		X	
Tape Recorder & Mic		X	only if court of record
PRIVATE OFFICE		X	No Door or full wall. Not large enough for 2 attorneys & Judge
Secured, Locked File		X	
Fireproof		?	I do not know for sure
Desk			In need of new one
Flags - USA		X	
Montana		X	
Typewriter	X		
Copy Machine	X		
Computer(s)	X		Supreme Court
Number			
Full Court & Enterprise	X		
Other Software			
CLERK (S)			
Part-Time Hours	X		
Full-Time Hours	X		
SAFE			NEEDS REPLACED
Robe Condition	X		Good
Gavel	X		Personal Gift
Desk Book	X		
Bench Book	X		

COURT REFERENCE BOOKS

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Current M.C.A.	X		
Current Annotations	X		
New Montana Rules of Evidence	X		
Black's Law Dictionary Hard cover, maroon	X		
For Rent 1996 Edition... Klaus Sitte	X		
D.U.I Manual	X		
CCOLJ Handbook On Partner/Family Member Assault, 1998	X		
<u>LAW LIBRARY</u>			
Nexus			
Lexus			
Westlaw			
State Reporter			
Montana Law Week			
Pacific 2nds			
Fast Case	X		Part of MMA Membership

Concerns: Communication not private w/in court walls. Breach
 Judicial Office not separate from Clerks
 Courtroom not safe - OSHA violations
 - too small
 - not large enough for adequate spacing between parties
 No Panic Button that works (months w/o this for emergency response)
 Running out of room for Storage
 Move to present area was temporary due to mold remediation
 Mayor Nelson guaranteed court would be moved back to original location by Spring 2021 and that did not occur.

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TITLE 3. JUDICIARY, COURTS

CHAPTER 11. CITY COURTS

Part 1. Creation and Jurisdiction

City Court Established -- City Court Of Record

3-11-101. City court established -- city court of record. (1) A city court is established in each city or town. A city judge shall establish regular sessions of the court. On judicial days, the court must be open for all business, civil and criminal. On nonjudicial days, as defined in **3-1-302**, the court may transact criminal business only.

(2) A city may establish the city court as a court of record. If the city court is established as a court of record, it must be known as a "city court of record". The court's proceedings must be recorded by electronic recording or stenographic transcription, and all papers filed in a proceeding must be included in the record. A city court of record may be established by a resolution of the city commissioners or pursuant to **7-5-131** through **7-5-135** and **7-5-137**.

History: (1)En. Sec. 4910, Pol. C. 1895; re-en. Sec. 3296, Rev. C. 1907; re-en. Sec. 5087, R.C.M. 1921; re-en. Sec. 5087, R.C.M. 1935; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 165, L. 1975; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 344, L. 1977; Sec. 11-1601, R.C.M. 1947; (2)En. Sec. 80, C. Civ. Proc. 1895; re-en. Sec. 6289, Rev. C. 1907; re-en. Sec. 8843, R.C.M. 1921; Cal. C. Civ. Proc. Sec. 121; re-en. Sec. 8843, R.C.M. 1935; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 165, L. 1975; Sec. 93-411, R.C.M. 1947; R.C.M. 1947, 11-1601, 93-411(1); amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 543, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 292, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 38, L. 2011; amd. Sec. 15, Ch. 49, L. 2015.

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TITLE 3. JUDICIARY, COURTS

CHAPTER 11. CITY COURTS


Part 1. Creation and Jurisdiction

Concurrent Jurisdiction

3-11-102. Concurrent jurisdiction. (1) The city court has concurrent jurisdiction with the justice's court of all misdemeanors and proceedings mentioned and provided for under chapter 10, part 3, of this title.

(2) Applications for search warrants and complaints charging the commission of a felony may be filed in the city court. When they are filed, the city judge has the same jurisdiction and responsibility as a justice of the peace, including the holding of a preliminary hearing. The city attorney may file an application for a search warrant or a complaint charging the commission of a felony when the offense was committed within the city limits. The county attorney, however, must handle any action after a defendant is bound over to district court.

History: En. Sec. 4911, Pol. C. 1895; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 16, L. 1903; re-en. Sec. 3297, Rev. C. 1907; re-en. Sec. 5088, R.C.M. 1921; Cal. Pol. C. Sec. 4426; re-en. Sec. 5088, R.C.M. 1935; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 93, L. 1967; amd. Sec. 10, Ch. 240, L. 1971; amd. Sec. 11, Ch. 94, L. 1973; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 274, L. 1974; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 165, L. 1975; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 344, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 11-1602; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 543, L. 1987.

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TITLE 3. JUDICIARY, COURTS

CHAPTER 11. CITY COURTS

Part 1. Creation and Jurisdiction

Exclusive Jurisdiction

3-11-103. Exclusive jurisdiction. Except as provided in **3-11-104**, the city court has exclusive jurisdiction of:

- (1) proceedings for the violation of an ordinance of the city or town, both civil and criminal;
- (2) when the amount of the taxes or assessments sought does not exceed \$9,500, actions for the collection of taxes or assessments levied for any of the following purposes, except that no lien on the property taxed or assessed for the nonpayment of the taxes or assessments may be foreclosed in any such action:
 - (a) city or town purposes;
 - (b) the erection or improvement of public buildings;
 - (c) the laying out, opening, or improving of a public street, sidewalk, alley, or bridge;
 - (d) the acquisition or improvement of any public grounds; and
 - (e) public improvements made or ordered by the city or town within its limits;
- (3) actions for the collection of money due to the city or town or from the city or town to any person when the amount sought, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed \$9,500;
 - (4) when the amount claimed, exclusive of costs, does not exceed \$9,500, actions for:
 - (a) the breach of an official bond given by a city or town officer;
 - (b) the breach of any contract when the city or town is a party or is in any way interested;
 - (c) damages when the city or town is a party or is in any way interested;
 - (d) the enforcement of forfeited recognizances given to, for the benefit of, or on behalf of the city or town; and
 - (e) collection on bonds given upon an appeal taken from the judgment of the court in any action mentioned in subsections (4)(a) through (4)(d);
 - (5) actions for the recovery of personal property belonging to the city or town when the value of the property, exclusive of the damages for the taking or detention, does not exceed \$9,500; and
 - (6) actions for the collection of a license fee required by an ordinance of the city or town.

History: En. Sec. 4912, Pol. C. 1895; re-en. Sec. 3298, Rev. C. 1907; re-en. Sec. 5089, R.C.M. 1921; Cal. Pol. C. Sec. 4427; re-en. Sec. 5089, R.C.M. 1935; amd. Sec. 5, Ch. 344, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 11-1603; amd. Sec. 27, Ch. 21, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 6, Ch. 409, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 348, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 307,

City/Town Name	Class	# of FTE	Population	Salary Range	Full/Part Time	Attorney	Court of Record
DILLON	3rd	30.75	4369	\$46,283 with 2% increase each year. New hire would start at same wage.	Full Time	Yes	No
COLUMBIA FALLS	3rd	31	6464	\$60,389 per year with increases last increase was 5%	Part Time (32 hours per week)	Yes	Yes
POLSON	3rd	44.7	5060	\$19.57 per hour (\$25,441) Starting pay \$19.00 per hour plus COLA	Part Time (25 hours per week)	No	Unsure
BELGRADE	3rd	58	9503	\$31,800/year to \$37,510/year After 5 years only receive COLA increase	Full Time	Yes	Yes
LAUREL	3rd	68	7222	\$42,851/year	Part Time	No	No