

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

October 8, 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 Council President Sparks at 6:30 p.m. on October 8, 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:

Kurt Markegard, Planning Director
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Council President Sparks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2024, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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:

- Police Monthly Report - September 2024.
- Resignation Letter from Alan Kasemodel.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through October 4, 2024.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 9/29/2024 totaling \$267,141.33.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of September 3, 2024.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of October 1, 2024.**

The Council President 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:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of September 24, 2024.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of September 9, 2024.
- Cemetery Commission Minutes of July 16, 2024.
- Tree Board Minutes of September 5, 2024.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of September 23, 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Wallace Hall, 1006 1st Avenue, stated he has sat on the Police Commission for over 20 years. He is the current chair of the Commission. He spoke about his issues with how interviews are being conducted to hire new police officers. He spoke about the steps that he and the Police Commission had taken to resolve the issues with the Administration.

He and Mike Kirshenman turned in their letters of resignation.

Steve Hurd, 1704 Duval Drive, asked the Council what the Council felt the role and purpose is of the Police Commission. He asked that the Council take the time to review both LMC and MCA. He asked to be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R24-87: Resolution Of The City Council Approving An Application For Special Review For A Business To Be Called "The Board Of Trade" Authorizing The Onsite Sale And Consumption Of Alcohol On-Premises, Within An Existing Structure Located At 117 ½ East Main Street, City Of Laurel**

Motion by Council Member Canage to approve Resolution No. R24-87, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was questioned if this special review is for the same purpose as historically used. It was clarified that when the previous business left, they took the alcohol license with them. Since the establishment has been vacated, a new special review was needed. The purpose is the same as has been done historically.

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

- **Resolution No. R24-88: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Amendment 1 And Amendment 2 To The Original Task Order Previously Approved By City Council Via Resolution R 23-81 For The Project Known As The 5th - 7th Sewer Line Replacement With KLJ Engineering, LLC.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R24-88, 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. R24-89: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Red Ridge Construction.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R24-89, 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:

The next Cemetery Commission meeting will be held next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The Fire Department is hosting an open house next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed on Monday for Columbus Day.

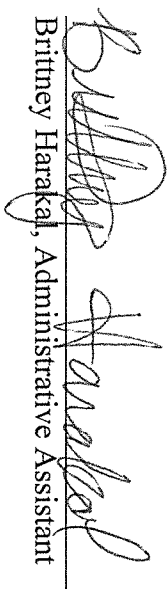
MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wilke to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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 6:47 p.m.


Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 22nd day of October 2024.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer

