

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

September 7, 2021

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 Tom Nelson at 8:21 p.m. on September 7, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:      Bruce McGee      Heidi Sparks  
   Scot Stokes      Richard Herr  
   Richard Klose      Irv Wilke

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:      Emelie Eaton      Don Nelson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:      Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer  
   Stan Langve, Police Chief  
   Nick Altonaga, City Planner

Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Nelson asked the Council to observe a moment of silence.

**MINUTES:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- **Budget and Tax Resolutions for Fiscal Year 21-22**

Mayor Nelson stated this is the time and place set for the public hearing on the City of Laurel's Budget and Tax Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

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

Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer, stated before you is your final budget for fiscal year 2022 and tax resolutions. Council has seen all of these before. Light Districts 2 and 3 will be assessed this year; they were not assessed last year. We will not assess Elena this year; they will be assessed next year.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the council chambers.

Mayor Nelson asked three (3) times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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

Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

**CONSENT ITEMS:** None.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

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



**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Resolution No. R21-80: A resolution approving and adopting the Final Budget for the City of Laurel for the fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-80, seconded by Council Member McGee.

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer, stated there would be one change. The Library staff are listed on the non-union page. She does not have their grades and cannot move them off the non-union sheet. This will be corrected for the next budget. She thanked the Council Secretary for her work on the budget.

There was no council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-81: A resolution levying taxes for general and specific purposes for the City of Laurel, Montana, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R21-81, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-82: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 2 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the entire cost of maintenance and electrical current for the fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R21-82, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-83: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 3 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the entire cost of maintenance and electrical current for the fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R21-83, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-84: A resolution levying and assessing all of the property embraced within Street Sweeping District No. 1 of the City of Laurel, Montana, for the purpose of the sweeping of streets in the downtown or Business District for the fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R21-84, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-85: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of street maintenance and/or improvements for Street Maintenance District No. 1 that constitutes all streets and alleys embraced within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R21-85, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-86: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of street improvements for Special Improvement District No. 113 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R21-86, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-87: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 115 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-87, seconded by Council Member McGee. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-88: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 116 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-88, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-89: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 117 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R21-89, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-90: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 118 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R21-90, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-91: A resolution levying and assessing the cost of sidewalk improvements for Special Improvement District No. 119 within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R21-91, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-92: A resolution levying and assessing the annual cost of sidewalk improvements for residential properties pursuant to the City's Residential Sidewalk Replacement Program within the City of Laurel, Montana, for fiscal year 2021-2022.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R21-92, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-93: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property in the City of Laurel for delinquent water charges.**

Motion by Council Member Stokes to approve Resolution No. R21-93, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-94: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property in the City of Laurel for delinquent sewer charges.**

Motion by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution No. R21-94, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-95: A resolution levying and assessing a special tax against certain property designated as garbage districts in the City of Laurel, Montana, for the removal of garbage and refuse.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-95, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Resolution No. R21-96: A Resolution Cancelling The November 2, 2021, General Election Of Certain Municipal Officers.**

Mayor Nelson stated this resolution is to cancel the election for those who are running unopposed.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R21-96, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Council questioned if this would save the City money. Mayor Nelson clarified that was correct. The deadline to be a write-in candidate has passed.

A vote was taken on the motion. All six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

This Saturday, The Front Porch is putting on the Fall Festival. The Mayor and Council have been invited to kick off the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival. The Fall Festival will run from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Their request to have the abandoned vehicle removed from the City parking lot across from City Hall has been forwarded to the Police Department.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council thanked the Clerk/Treasurer and the Council Secretary for their work on this year's budget.

Mayor Nelson echoed Council and thanked the Clerk/Treasurer and Council Secretary for their work on this year's budget.


**MAYOR UPDATES:** None.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Herr 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 six council members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

  
Britney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Bethany Langye, Clerk/Treasurer

