

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

October 22, 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 Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 p.m. on October 22, 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:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer  
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant  
JW Hopper, Fire Chief  
Forrest Sanderson, LURA Consultant

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 October 8, 2024, as presented, 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.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fire Monthly Report - September 2024.
- Michael Kirschenman Resignation Letter
- Wallace Hall Resignation Letter

## COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through October 18, 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 10/13/2024 totaling \$255,604.17.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of October 15, 2024.**
- **Closed Executive Session Minutes of October 15, 2024.**

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 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 October 8, 2024.
- Park Board Minutes of October 3, 2024.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of October 7, 2024.

- Public Works Committee Minutes of September 16, 2024.

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

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Appointment of Johnathon Herr and Landon Gradwhol to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Hopper introduced both Mr. Herr and Mr. Gradwhol to the Council.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the Mayor's appointment of Johnathon Herr and Landon Gradwhol to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, 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. R24-90: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The City Of Laurel And The Laurel Urban Renewal Agency (LURA) To Advertise A Request For Qualifications For An Engineering Consultant.**

Forrest Sanderson, Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Coordinator, spoke regarding LURA doing an RFQ for an engineering consultant. This will allow LURA to complete projects.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-90, 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. R24-91: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Change Order No. 1 To The City Of Laurel's Contract With Western Municipal Construction, Inc. For The 5th Avenue To 7th Avenue Sewer Line Replacement.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R24-91, 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. R24-92: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Standard Audit Contract Amendment By And Between The City Of Laurel And Ohness & Associates, P.C.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R24-92, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

Clerk/Treasurer noted that this amendment is to conduct a federal audit. The federal audit was conducted due to spending the ARPA funds.

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):**

The American Legion will be hosting a Veterans Ceremony on November 11, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the American Legion building in Riverside Park. After the ceremony, there will be chili and cinnamon rolls.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

The Emergency Services Committee will meet the following Monday at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Reminder: October is a 5 Tuesday month. There will be no Council next week.

Reminder: the November 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop has been moved to November 4 due to the holiday.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** None.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

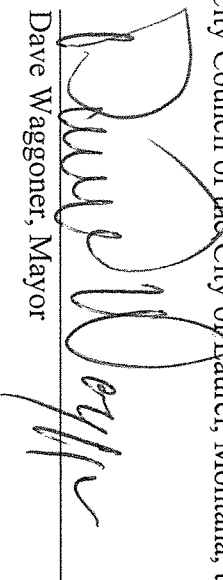
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Banks 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 6:45 p.m.

  
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer