

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 p.m. on January 17, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelie Eaton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Mize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Mackay

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Markegard, Public Works, and Planning Director
Matt Wheeler, Public Works Superintendent

Public Input:

There were none.

General Items

1. Splash Park Presentation

Play Space Designs presented the attached PowerPoint to Council.

It was questioned how many kids could play in this park at one time. It was clarified that it could hold quite a few. The water from the splash park will not be recycled.

Right now, the goal is to complete Phase 1, and if they get additional donors, add Phase 2 at another time. Those two attractions in Phase 2 are a simple bolt-in-place system.

It was questioned how much more Phase 2 would cost. It was clarified that Phase 1 and 2 combined would cost approximately \$120,000 to \$130,000 in just equipment. There will be another \$30,000 to \$40,000 for those two pieces in Phase 2. The City is doing all the fill of the pool and compacting of the soil and will save money on this project.

It was questioned whether there was an on/off feature or if certain items came on themselves. It was clarified that a start button would run through a sequence and then need to be pushed again. The City will determine the time for each of the cycles. The City will also determine when the splash park opens and closes daily and for the season.

It was questioned if these attractions fill up the entire space or if this could be expanded for future growth. It was clarified that it is budget-driven, and the number of attractions utilizes the space well.

The surface will have a medium broom finish. Regular sidewalks have a light broom finish, so this will be one step up in texture. This will provide a nonslip surface.

The blue from the pool will be painted purple to match the theme of the splash park.

The fencing will remain on the side towards 1st Avenue, and the other fences will be removed. The fencing will keep kids from running into the busy road.

2. Appointment of Cheryl Hill to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2025.

There was no discussion on this item.

3. Appointment of Shawn Mullaney to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency - Advisory for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2025.

There was no discussion on this item.

4. Appointment of Jodi Mackay to the Public Works Committee.
- There was no discussion on this item.

5. Appointment of Jodi Mackay to the Emergency Services Committee.

There was no discussion on this item.

6. Appointment of Kurt Markegard to the Big Sky EDA for the remainder of a five-year term ending December 31, 2023.

The Public Works and Planning Director volunteered to serve on this Board. Would like to try to bring business back to Laurel.

Executive Review

7. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Customer Agreement With Northwestern Energy.

This power pole is the only one that serves Riverside Park and will need to be moved to accommodate the WTP Lift Well project. The contingency will cover the cost of the WTP Lift Well project. Making an agreement directly with Northwestern Energy will save the City approximately 10%-15%.

8. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Task Order And All Related Documents For The City Of Laurel Zoning Services By And Between The City Of Laurel And KLJ Engineering, Inc.

The City received a \$50,000 grant to redo its zoning ordinances. The City went out to bid and received one submittal from KLJ, and their task order honors what the City has available for its match. The zoning needs a much-needed update.

The City/County Planning Board, KLJ Planner, and the Public Works and Planning Director will meet and discuss all changes in chapter 17 of the Laurel Municipal Code. All the proposed changes will be discussed with Council.

9. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Extension Of Approval Of Application For Special Review For J. Johnson Properties Pursuant To Resolution No. R22-07.

This resolution is to approve an extension for the previously approved special review. The original special review gave a 12-month timeframe.

John Johnson, the Developer, stated the original contractor pulled out of the project. Had to redesign the plans and rebid the project. Do expect to be able to submit for a building permit within the next 60 days.

It was questioned if this process over again due to the redesign. It was clarified no; the special review is for the alcohol sales at the location.

10. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Memorandum Of Understanding For Operation And Cost Sharing For Public Transportation Services With The Adult Resource Alliance Of Yellowstone County.

This resolution is for the continuation of transit services, and it is the same as in previous years.

Council Issues

11. Downtown Parking Discussion

Cami Nelson, 108 E. Main, asked that parking downtown be addressed. The east end of downtown got diagonal parking and would like to see that continued down. It would also be nice to develop parking solutions on the railroad property. There was a study that the City did that addressed the issues with parking; see attached.

The City did recently have a parking study completed. KLJ was working on finalizing it, but some new development is coming to town that will change the parking dynamic. So, for now, the project is paused until those changes in traffic are made.

In the past, the railroad has not been enthusiastic about the idea of a parking lot. However, a well-thought-out idea that addresses keeping people off railroad property may be a beneficial approach.

The City can also look into a parking maintenance district, permitting for residents, etc. Overall there is plenty of parking; it just might not be in front of your business.

The City had looked into the idea of a parking committee, and it did not have much interest.

The State controls Main Street and First Avenue, and the City does not have control over the types of parking on those streets. A bill in Helena is trying to give sidewalk right of way back to local municipalities.

Mary Lou Baltadon asked if the City could put parking meters or a parking garage, especially during big events like the 4th of July.

It was clarified that if the City wants a pay-for-parking concept, it must be passed by ordinance. Right now, LMC does not allow for pay-for-parking options.

Other Items

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

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

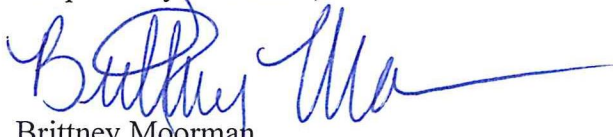
Announcements

Emergency Services Committee's next meeting will be Monday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Tree Board's next meeting is Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

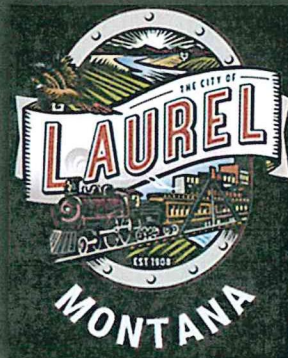
The council workshop adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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.



Project Management



Morgan Selph
Landscape Architect
Playground Specialist



Rebecca Selph
Office Manager
Logistics



Jodie Selph
Customer Service
Specialist



Michelle Estrada
Communications
Waterplay



Ali Jones
Playground Designs
Sales Support



Jeff Anderson
Landscape Architect
Arizona, Nevada



Kory Parker
Aquatics Engineer
and Operations
*On Site Project
Installer/ Supervisor



Perry Bratt
Vice President
Stratton & Bratt
General Contractor
General Engineer



Rob Stratton
Executive VP
Stratton & Bratt
General Contractor



Landscaping | Construction | Design | Water Features | Walls | Maintenance



REFERENCES



City of Fruitland, Idaho



Enterprise, Utah



Waters Edge, Vineyard, Utah



Comba Park, Boise, Idaho



Independence Park, Bluffdale, Utah



This is the Place Park, SLC, Utah



Chubbock, Idaho

REFERENCES



Schedule

Initiate Contract and Order Equipment

March 1 – 10 – Drain Pool and Demo, Fill and Compact – **City Staff**

March 20-30 – Set Bases and footings, lateral plumbing

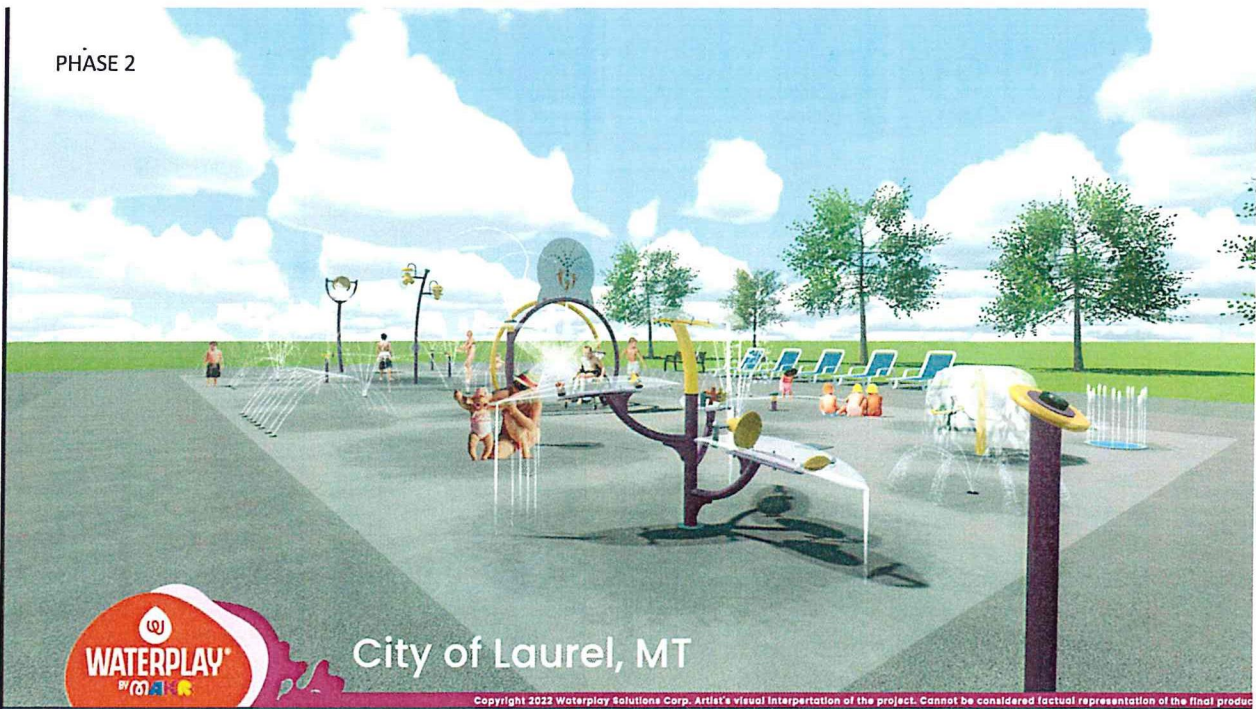
April 10-20 – Fresh water plumbing, manifold installation & pressure test

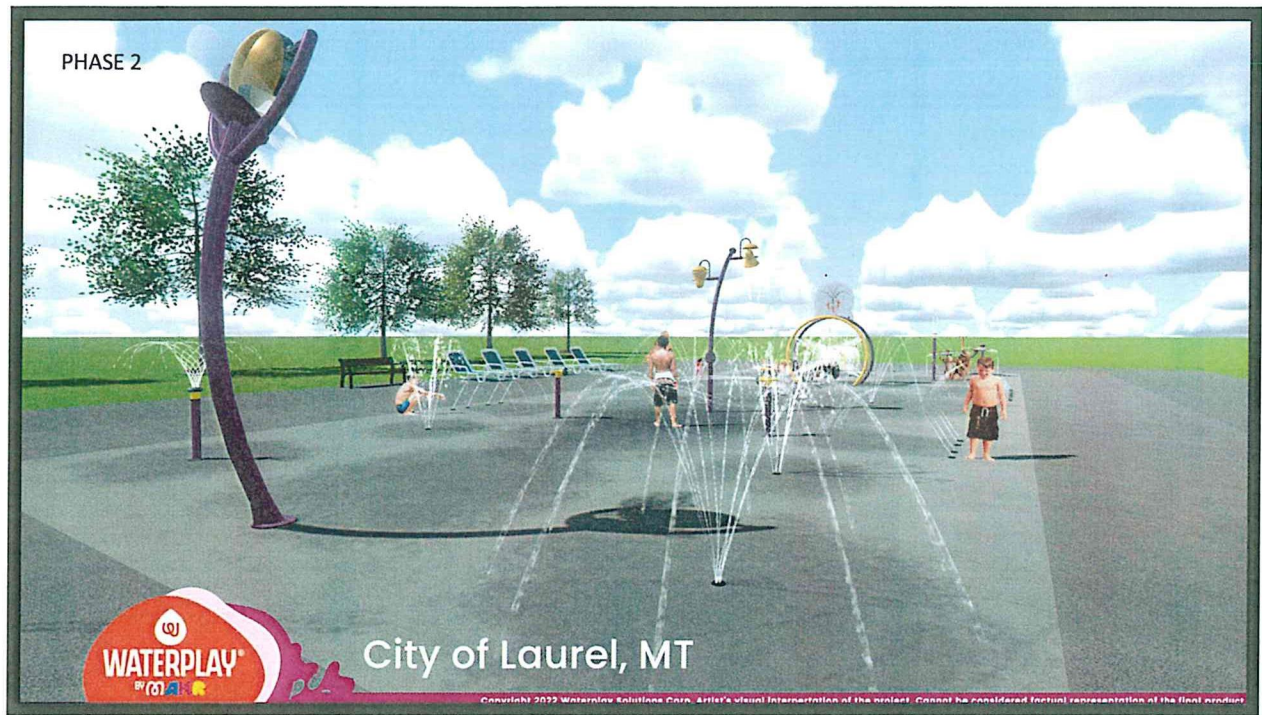
May 1-10 – Pour concrete pad and Mount Equipment

May 22-30 – Seal Cement, Test and fine tune and operator training

June 1- 3 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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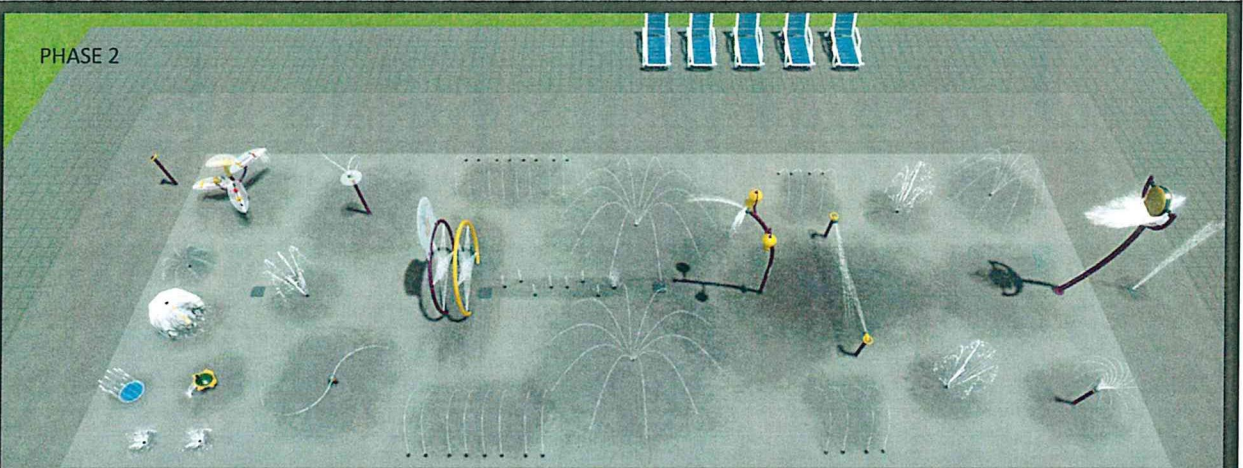
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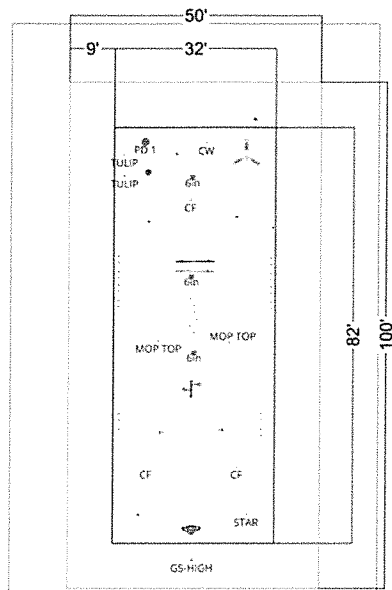


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