

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 10, 2023

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 January 10, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks
		Richard Herr
	Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
	Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Mize

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

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 December 27, 2022, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resignation Letter from Jodi Mackay.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims entered through January 6, 2023.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/25/2022 totaling \$177,656.15.**

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 Eaton. 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.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

### REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of December 27, 2022.

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

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Mayoral Nomination of Ward Member 4 Jodi Mackay.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayoral nomination of Ward Member 4 Jodi Mackay, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council

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

Council President Sparks swore in the newly appointed Ms. Mackay as Ward 4 Council Member.

Council thanked Ms. Mackay for stepping up for this role. Mayor Waggoner stated he had received multiple letters of interest in the vacant Ward 4 position.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to have a brief recess to properly seat the newly sworn-in Council Member, 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.

Motion by Council Member Klose to resume the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Appointment of Abbigail Nagel to the Laurel Fire Department.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the appointment of Abbigail Nagel to the Laurel Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Appointment of Judy Goldsby to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the Mayor's appointment of Judy Goldsby to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-01: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With True North Contracting.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R23-01, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-02: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Task Order And All Related Documents For The Splash Park Installation By And Between The City Of Laurel And KLJ Engineering, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R23-02, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment.

Council requested a brief overview of the Task Order and how this project would be paid for. Mayor Waggoner stated this project would be paid for with donations.

A vote was taken on the motion. All seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

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

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council asked which Boards/Committees/Commissions Council Member Mackay would be appointed to. She will be appointed to the Emergency Services Committee and Public Works Committee at the next City Council meeting.

Council welcomed the newly appointed Council Member.

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Cemetery Commission's next meeting is January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Conference room.

Public Works Committee's customarily scheduled meeting is on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. That meeting has been moved to January 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

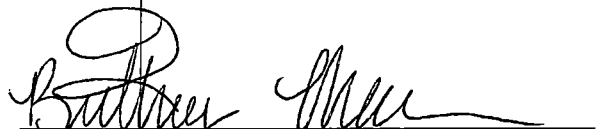
**MAYOR UPDATES:** None.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Eaton 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer