

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

OCTOBER 25, 2022

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 25, 2022.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Emelie Eaton  
Michelle Mize  
Casey Wheeler  
Richard Klose  
Richard Herr  
Irv Wilke

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Heidi Sparks  
Bill Mountsier

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant  
Forrest Sanderson, Contract Planner

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 11, 2022, as presented, 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims entered through October 21, 2022.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/16/2022 totaling \$218,444.63.**
- **City Council Closed Executive Session Minutes of February 8, 2022.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of June 7, 2022.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of June 21, 2022.**
- **Council Workshop Closed Executive Session Minutes June 21, 2022.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of July 5, 2022.**

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 six Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

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- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of October 11, 2022.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of September 26, 2022.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of September 19, 2022.
- City/County Planning Board Minutes of September 21, 2022.
- Park Board Minutes of October 6, 2022.
- City/County Planning Board Minutes of October 19, 2022.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

Barb Emineth, 501 Alder Avenue, read the attached statement into the record.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Appointment of Aron Kostelecky to the Public Works Committee.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Aron Kostelecky to the Public Works Committee, 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.

- **Appointment of Jonathan Gotschall to the Public Works Committee.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jonathan Gotschall to the Public Works Committee, 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.

- **Appointment of Camilla Nelson to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Camilla Nelson to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2024, 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.

- **Appointment of Richard Klose to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Klose to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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. R22-67: Resolution Of The City Council Approving An Application For Special Review For The Pelican Café, LLC Authorizing The Onsite Sale And Consumption Of Alcohol On-Premises, Within An Existing Structure Located At 701 East Main Street, City Of Laurel**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R22-67, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O22-06: An Ordinance Amending Certain Chapters Of Title 12.18 Of The Laurel Municipal code Relating To Special Event Permits For The City Of Laurel – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Council Member Herr to adopt Ordinance No. O22-06, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Herr, Wilke, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Eaton voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:** None.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

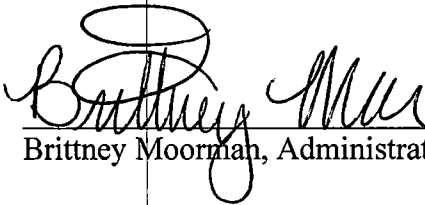
The City received an award from MMIA for the lowest dollars spent on Worker’s Compensation claims for 2<sup>nd</sup> class Cities.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

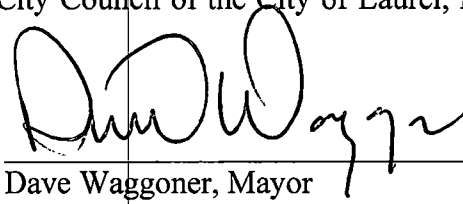
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 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 6:43 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

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Barb Emineth 501 Alder  
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10/25/22

What the homeowner at 506 Birch is doing by living in a house with no water, gas, or electricity is called self neglect, it is one of the major issues that adult protection deals with, however they are under no obligation to step one foot in that house. It is her right to refuse their services. The homeowner avoided being charged with maintaining a public nuisance back in March of this year by allowing the city to haul away a yard full of garbage and rotting food. Currently there is the remains of a burned to the ground garage on this property that is her responsibility to get cleaned up within 6 months. It is a public hazard. The city council back in October of 2021 unanimously passed Ordinance #021-04 updating our nuisance codes with fines and jail time for violators.

~~and when  
she doesn't  
I'll be  
letting  
you  
know.~~

The purpose of TITLE 8 of our codes is to regulate conditions in the city that may constitute public nuisances, are injurious to public health, safety, and welfare, obstruct the free use of property or interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property and to provide for the remediation of such nuisances to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to promote the economic stability of neighborhoods and areas within the city. Also to prevent and prohibit these conditions which reduce the value of private property, interfere with the enjoyment of public and private property, create and constitute public nuisances and contribute to the degradation of the character of neighborhoods and the depreciation of property values.

Michaele Herren lives in a neglected dilapidated house. I believe anyone who drove by it would agree. There has been no effort over a 40 year period to take care of it or the yard.

If the city decides not to allow code enforcement and our police department to charge her for maintaining a public nuisance all these many years then the codes that were updated are TOTALLY USELESS. Thank-you for your time.