

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

May 10, 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 Council President Sparks at 6:30 p.m. on May 10, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: ~~Don~~ Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks  
Michelle Mize ~~Bruce McGee~~ Richard Herr  
Richard Klose ~~Don Nelson~~ Bill Mountsier  
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Scot Stokes  
OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Jean Kerr, City Judge

Council President Sparks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

## MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2022, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mountsier. 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.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fire Monthly Report – April 2022
- Police Monthly Report – April 2022
- Building Monthly Report – April 2022

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through May 6, 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 5/1/2022 totaling \$205,036.16.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of April 5, 2022.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of April 19, 2022.**

The Council President Sparks 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 seven council members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of April 26, 2022.
- Cemetery Commission Minutes of April 20, 2022.
- Library Board Minutes of February 8, 2022.
- Library Board Minutes of March 8, 2022.
- Tree Board Minutes of April 14, 2022.

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

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Appointment of Randy Hand to the Laurel Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2027.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Randy Hand to the Laurel Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2027, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment.

Council asked for clarification on the resident requirements to serve on this Board. It was clarified that this Board does not require its members to reside within the City limits.

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

- **Appointment of Phyllis Bromgard to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Phyllis Bromgard to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2025, 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 Richard Herr to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Herr to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Council Member Herr recused himself from voting as this is his appointment.

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

- **Appointment of Rick Musson to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Mountsier to approve the Mayor's appointment of Rick Musson to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024, 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 Wallace Hall to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Wallace Hall to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024, 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.

- **Resolution No. R22-21: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Removal Of City Council Member Emelie Eaton From All-City Accounts And Adding City Council President Heidi Sparks To All Such Accounts.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R22-21, 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.

- **Resolution No. R22-22: A Resolution Of The City Council Setting The Salary Of The City Court Judge Effective July 1, 2022, To January 1, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R22-22, seconded by Council Member Mountsier.

Judge Kerr requested that this item be tabled until all items of her request had been considered.

Council questioned the proper way to move forward with this motion while considering the Judge's request. It was clarified that Council needed to vote on the question before it. Council could request that this item be brought back at a later date.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Eaton, Klose, and Herr voted aye. Council Members Mize, Mountsier, Wilke, and Sparks voted no. Motion failed 3-4.

- **Resolution No. R22-23: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Council President Sparks To Execute All Agreements Necessary To Secure Insurance Benefits With Unum For City Of Laurel Employees**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R22-23, 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.

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

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

There was a presentation made at the last Park Board meeting regarding the City pool. It is in poor condition, and it will not be open this year and may not be able to be repaired.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council noted that they had asked about the use of two parks located in downtown for parking at last week's meeting. It has been clarified that those parks are private property, and the City does not have control over the use of those parcels. They would like this added to the next Workshop agenda under downtown parking.

Council requested an update on the S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street bid opening. It was clarified that would be on next week's Workshop agenda.

Council requested an update on W. Railroad Street.

Council requested that the Judge's wage be brought back to a future Workshop.

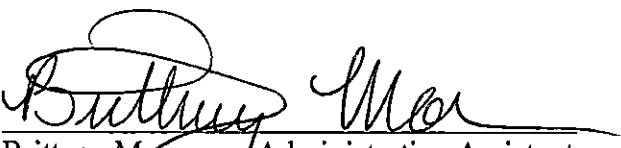
**MAYOR UPDATES:**

**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 6:57 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Council President Sparks and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

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