

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

April 22, 2025

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 6:36 p.m. on April 22, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape, Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize Jessica Banks
Casey Wheeler Irv Wylke
Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Klose

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

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 April 8, 2025, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resignation of Evan Bruce from the Park Board.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through April 18, 2025.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of March 2025.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 4/13/2025 totaling \$260,637.31.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of April 15, 2025.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Sparks 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 seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of April 8, 2025.
- Park Board Minutes of April 3, 2025.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of March 17, 2025.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

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- **Appointment of Irv Wilke to the Police Commission for a three-year term ending April 30, 2028.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the Mayor's appointment of Irv Wilke to the Police Commission for a three-year term ending April 30, 2028, 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. R25-27: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And The Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter For The Provision Of Animal Shelter Services.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R25-27, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

To answer the question posed by the Council at last week's meeting. The YVAS does not take cats or chickens, but will help find placement in a hoarding situation.

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

- **Resolution No. R25-28: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Execution Of The Legal Services Agreement Related To The AFFP Product Liability Litigation. (<https://www.cleangroundwater.com/settlement>)**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R25-28, 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): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The next Emergency Services Committee meeting will be on Monday at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. April is a five-Tuesday month. There will be no Council meeting next week.

The next Cemetery Commission meeting will be on April 29, 2025, at 5 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Loves have closed on their property, and they are moving forward with their project. They have received 98% of their permits.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Britney Harakal Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 13th day of May 2025.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer



