

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

September 26, 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 September 26, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Mize	Heidi Sparks (6:31 p.m.)
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emelie Eaton	Richard Herr
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OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Markegard, Planning Director
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
Stan Langve, Police Chief
Travis Pitts, Police Captain
Jarred Anglin, Police Sergeant

Mayor Waggoner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES:

- **Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 5, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no public comment or council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2023, 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:

- Beartooth RC&D Correspondence.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Ordinance O23-03: An Ordinance Amending Sections 13.01.010 (Adoption) And 13.01.020 (Updated References) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To The Adoption Of The International Fire Code.**

Mayor Waggoner opened the public hearing and asked Staff to present the item.

Kurt Markegard, Planning Director, stated that the State adopted the 2021 International Fire Code. The City has six months to follow suit. This ordinance is adopting the 2021 International Fire Code.

Mayor Waggoner opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the Council chambers.

Mayor Waggoner asked three (3) times if there were any proponents. There were none.

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Mayor Waggoner stated that he would not have Staff respond to questions as there were none.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through September 22, 2023.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for retro pay totaling \$20,914.69.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 9/17/2023 totaling \$228,945.03.**

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:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of September 12, 2023.
- Tree Board Minutes of August 3, 2023.
- Tree Board Minutes of September 7, 2023.
- Park Board Minutes of September 7, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of July 17, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of August 21, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of September 18, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of August 28, 2023.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Patty Smith, 409 Maple Avenue, spoke regarding her concerns over the S. 4th Street Construction project.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Confirmation of Appointments.** Appointment of Ryland Ratcliff to the Laurel Police Department.

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ryland Ratcliff to the Laurel Police Department, seconded by Council Member Mackay. 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.

Stan Langve, Police Chief, did a pinning ceremony for Officer Ratcliff. He received his badge and recited the code of ethics.

- **Resolution No. R23-81: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Task Order And All Related Documents For The 5th-7th Avenue Sewer Line Replacement By And Between The City Of Laurel And KLJ Engineering, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-81, 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.

- **Ordinance No. O23-03: An Ordinance Amending Sections 13.01.010 (Adoption) And 13.01.020 (Updated References) Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To The Adoption Of The International Fire Code. (Second Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to adopt Ordinance No. O23-03, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, and Mize voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: None.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Waggoner stated that S. 4th Street is almost complete. The footer in Russel Park is for the playground.

The Splash Park is moving forward; the contractor is working on installation.

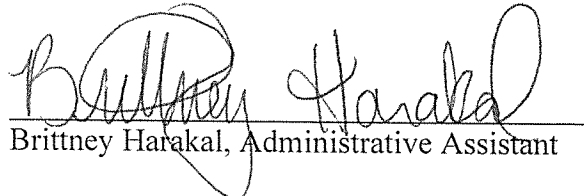
The Court move has begun.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

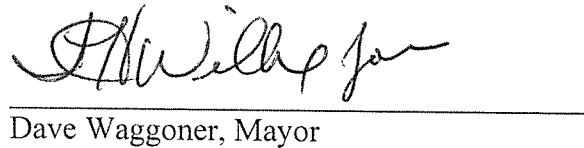
ADJOURNMENT:

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 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 6:52 p.m.


Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 10th day of October 2023.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer