

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

May 9, 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 6:31 p.m. on May 9, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize	Richard Herr
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Britney Moorman, Council 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 April 25, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Police Monthly Report – April 2023

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through May 5, 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 4/30/2023 totaling \$232,672.19.
- Council Workshop Minutes of November 15, 2022.
- Closed Executive Session Minutes of November 15, 2022.
- Council Workshop Minutes of December 6, 2022.
- Council Workshop Minutes of December 20, 2022.
- Council Workshop Minutes of January 3, 2023.
- Council Workshop Minutes of January 17, 2023.
- Council Workshop Minutes of February 7, 2023.
- Council Workshop Minutes of February 21, 2023.
- Special Council Workshop of February 28, 2023.
- Council Workshop Minutes of March 7, 2023.

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- Council Workshop Minutes of March 21, 2023.
- Closed Executive Session Minutes of March 28, 2023.
- Council Workshop Minutes of April 4, 2023.
- Council Workshop Minutes of April 18, 2023.
- Council Workshop Minutes of May 2, 2023.

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 eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:

- Poppy Day Proclamation

Mayor Waggoner declared May 26, 2023, as Poppy Day.

Nancy Conter, President of the American Legion Axillary Post #123, thanked the Mayor for declaring May 26, 2023, as Poppy Day. She stated that half of all the funds raised stay within Laurel, and the other half goes to the State American Legion. She handed out poppies to each person in Council Chambers.

Council Member Klose stated that the Axillary in Laurel raises more money than anyone else in the State. All donations are collected in person, and they do an amazing job each year.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of April 25, 2023.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- Resolution No. R23-28: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Amendments To Appropriations And Revenues For The City Of Laurel's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R23-28, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Resolution No. R23-29: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The City Of Laurel-Yellowstone City-County Planning Board To Work With City Staff To Prepare Comprehensive Updates To The City Of Laurel's Growth Management Plan.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R23-29, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Steve Krum, 249 24th Avenue West, asked that the Growth Management Plan be reviewed not to overlook the fact of taking care of our Community. Laurel should determine its future of itself.

Kasey Felder, 3414 McMullen Lane, asked that as City/County Planning Board is reviewing and making adjustments to the Growth Management Plan that a large record be considered during that process.

There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-30: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With True North Contracting.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R23-30, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-31: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving And Adopting The Updated Water System Preliminary Engineering Report Prepared By KLJ Engineering, Inc. For The City Of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-31, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was questioned if this resolution could be moved to the next Council cycle to answer more questions about why not build a bigger water reservoir. It was clarified that this resolution is to take the recommendation into consideration, and it does not mean anything is written in stone.

Motion by Council Member Herr to table Resolution No. R23-31 until May 16, 2023, there was no second. Motion dies.

No additional Council discussion.

A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Sparks, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Eaton voted aye. Council Member Herr voted no. Motion carried 7-1.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

This Saturday at 11:00 a.m. is the 35th Annual Peace Officers Parade.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Public Works Committee's next meeting is Monday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council requested an update on the vandalism that occurred over the weekend.

Mayor Waggoner clarified that there is a reward for information on the person/persons who did the vandalism to be brought forward. There has been vandalism in all the parks; the most extensive was the Women's restroom at Thompson Park.

Public Works did an amazing job at getting things cleaned up as quickly as possible.

It was questioned if the cameras were able to get any leads. It was clarified that the cameras are great during the day, but it is too dark at night to identify people easily. The City is exploring the addition of motion lights to help deter vandalism and, if it occurs, to have a good image to assist in identifying the individuals involved.

It was questioned if a signature on the tags was seen around town to help identify the person doing the vandalism.

Council requested an update on S. 4th Street.

Mayor Waggoner stated that the bathrooms were left unlocked, and the men's room was not touched, just the women's.

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 eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


Britney Moorhgan, Council Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 23rd day of May 2023.


Heidi Sparks for
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckel, Clerk/Treasurer

