



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FEB 9, 2026**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, 2/9/26, by Vice Chair Jodi Mackay.

**Members Present:** Jodi Mackay – Vice Chair, Irv Wilke, Jessica Banks, Sara Naylor, Richard Herr

**Others Present:** Matt Wheeler- Public Works Director

**Public Input:** David Carlson and Steve Carter from AE2S introduced themselves. They are engineering consultants and have an office on the west end of Billings. Have been following Public Works agendas and minutes and noted “Engineering Services” on tonight’s agenda and wanted to attend and introduce themselves.

**General Items:**

1. Approval of Minutes of 12/15/25. Motion made by Irv Wilke. Seconded by Richard Her. Passed 5 – 0
2. Nominate and Vote on Chair and Vice Chair
  - i. Irv nominated Jodi for Chair. Seconded by Jessica. Passed 5 – 0
  - ii. Richard nominated Irv for Vice Chair. Seconded by Jessica. Passed 5 – 0
3. Emergency Call Out Report- Report attached  
Minimal calls for the reporting period – 3 in January during brief cold snap. All water related and typical for time of year and weather.

**New Business:**

4. Engineering Services – The City’s contract with KLJ ended, but with many subdivision requests in the works (Cherry Hills 4<sup>th</sup> filing and Casa Linda), the City entered into a short term contract with KLJ to provide contracted engineering services through April.
  - i. Matt, along with KLJ, met with the State to discuss the continued issue with handling storm water on W. Railroad. The latest proposed plan is to run storm water down Woodland to the new system at S. 4<sup>th</sup>. Woodland would receive new curb, gutter, water and sewer in this process. Ryan with KLJ estimates this to cost \$2.4 million (report attached)
  - ii. Dealing with the storm water would allow work to commence on W. Railroad. The last estimate on this was \$10 - \$11 million with the City needing to contribute around ½. The committee preciously discussed using LURA funds for a portion. The City will likely go out to bid for this project in the near future.
5. Water Usage Date Discussion – Matt recently had to pull data on the City’s water usage. In 2015, the City used 750 million gallons of water. In 2025, the City used 1.4 billion gallons of water. Currently, the City is managing production of this quantity. High use days does cause slight strain on the system.

**Old Business:**

6. Fire Hydrant by Middle School Update – the hydrant was repaired after a broken line last winter. However, the area around it which is a crosswalk, pools and causes issues with standing water. There is a contract for repair but it hasn’t been completed. We will keep this on the agenda to ensure it stays on PW’s radar as we move into Spring.

**Other Items:** Committee discussion of roads that need addressing - may do an overlay (like recent South Side project). Committee particularly discussed W 7<sup>th</sup> Street by Town Pump and roads around old middle school.

Sara asked if federal funding was possibly available to support these projects. Matt reported that KLJ is working on general funding that may support road maintenance.

No new progress on water tank. Jodi asked our public attendees (David and Steve from AE2S) if grants and funding were part of what their firm could assist customers with. David stated that they do have experience in securing funding.

Public Works has a full crew of employees.

**Announcements**

Next Meeting will be Monday, 3/16/26 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm





## **Laurel Water Tank Funding Project**

**(KLJ # 2304-01608)**

Reason for Project: Existing City water Tank needs to be recoated on the inside and can't happen until City has a backup storage supply. They also have needs for upgrades to their upper pressure zones. See previously approved Water System PER and City of Laurel CIP. This project looks at funding opportunities and provides grant writing services from multiple sources

Project Scope: To research funding alternatives, create packages for submittal, and assist City in finding monies for completing the future water tank and upper pressure zone improvements for the City of Laurel

*Current Status:*

- Task Order Signed by City on 12/13/23
- Submittal uploaded to EDA on 7.11.24.
- Notified of EDA denial of funding on 1/7/2025
- KLJ reviewing other opportunities for funding
- As of January 2026 City has spent \$19,618.08 of the \$56,000 budget for funding applications.
- KLJ has submitted an Application for consideration of Congressionally Directed Spending on behalf of the City on 3/26/25. This application did not get funded
- Feb. 2026 Congressional Spending is releasing funding requests. KLJ was contacted for resubmittal. Option was opened up to the City in January, but no decision made to date.
- Additional opportunity through EDA for Coal Impacted Communities opened Feb. 2, 2026. KLJ is checking to see if this project fits in that criteria and would be looked favorably upon.

## **Laurel Subdivision Services (KLJ #2604-10067)**

Reason for Project: KLJ has been retained to provide City of Laurel engineering services as needed until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Project Scope: Engineering subdivision and miscellaneous reviews and other related work. KLJ will prepare staff reports, recommendations, and attend meetings upon request.

*Current Status:*

- Cherry Hill 4<sup>th</sup> Filing
  - Pre-Application meeting was held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.
  - Package submitted to City on 9/5/25
  - Review comments sent on 10/8/2025
  - Approval letter for Fire Protection sent to Developer 2/5/26
- Casa Linda Subdivision
  - Initial Plans review and comments sent to Developer on 2/3/26



**City of Laurel Project Status Update**  
*February 6<sup>h</sup>, 2026*



- West Railroad Reconstruction
  - City staff and KLJ has been meeting with MDT and Sanbell for coordination of the West Railroad Reconstruction Project.
  - In August, 2025 KLJ submitted for Rural And Tribal Assistance Funding through DOT for design funding of this project. Awards should be available in February of 2026.
  - MDT is at a halting point waiting for City to install Southside stormwater systems that were expected to be complete prior to reconstruction of West Railroad
  - City has approved KLJ to perform a cost analysis on construction of stormwater from South 4<sup>th</sup> Street to West Railroad Street.



**ENGINEER'S BREAKOUT OF COST**  
**WOODLAND AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS**  
 WOODLAND AVE. FROM 4TH ST. TO WEST RAILROAD  
 City of Laurel, MT  
 February 9, 2026



ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
<b>Schedule 1 - Storm Improvements</b>					
101	Mobilization (20% bid item costs)	LS	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
102	Taxes, Insurance and Bonds (10% bid item costs)	LS	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
103	Traffic Control (5% bid item costs)	LS	1	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
104	Stormwater Management and Erosion Control	LS	1	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
105	Type 2 Pipe Bedding	CY	805	\$33.00	\$26,565.00
106	Imported Trench Backfill	CY	805	\$28.00	\$22,540.00
107	15" Storm Drain Pipe	LF	250	\$99.00	\$24,750.00
108	24" Storm Drain Pipe	LF	1200	\$100.00	\$120,000.00
109	Storm Drain Inlets	EA	9	\$4,900	\$44,100.00
110	48" Storm Drain Manholes	EA	3	\$5,500.00	\$16,500.00
111	Exploratory Excavation	HR	6	\$350.00	\$2,100.00
<b>Schedule 1 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$357,555.00</b>
<b>Schedule 2 - Water System Improvements</b>					
201	Mobilization	LS	1	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
202	Taxes, Insurance and Bonds	LS	1	\$31,500.00	\$31,500.00
203	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
204	Stormwater Management and Erosion Control	LS	1	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
205	Temporary Water System,	LS	1	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
206	Asbestos Inspection	LS	1	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
207	Remove Ex. Valve	ea	3	\$250.00	\$750.00
208	Remove EX. Fire Hydrant Assembly	EA	1	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
209	Remove Ex. Water Main	EA	1115	\$13.00	\$14,495.00
210	Connect to Ex. Water Main	EA	4	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
211	8" C900 PVC Water Main	LF	1115	\$78.00	\$86,970.00
212	8" Gate Valve & Box	EA	8	\$4,300.00	\$34,400.00
213	8" X 6" Tee	EA	3	\$1,600.00	\$4,800.00
214	8" Tee	EA	2	\$1,700.00	\$3,400.00
215	8" Bends	EA	4	\$1,400.00	\$5,600.00
216	Fire Hydrant Assembly	EA	3	\$8,500.00	\$25,500.00
217	Install 1" Water Service w/Curb Box	EA	28	\$2,500.00	\$70,000.00
218	1" Water Service Reconnection	EA	28	\$30.00	\$840.00
219	Type 2 Pipe Bedding	CY	620	\$33.00	\$20,460.00
220	Imported Trench Backfill	CY	620	\$28.00	\$17,360.00
221	Trench Plugs	EA	3	\$750.00	\$2,250.00
222	Exploratory Excavation	HR	9	\$350.00	\$3,150.00
223	Landscape Restoration (Seeding)	LS	1	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
<b>Schedule 2 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$447,975.00</b>

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
	<b>Schedule 4 - Street Improvements</b>				
401	Mobilization	LS	1	\$108,000.00	\$108,000.00
402	Taxes, Insurance and Bonds	LS	1	\$54,500.00	\$54,500.00
403	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
404	Stormwater Management and Erosion Control	LS	1	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
405	Concrete Curb & Gutter Removal	LF	2400	\$7.50	\$18,000.00
406	Concrete Flatwork Removal	SY	500	\$11.00	\$5,500.00
407	Excavation above Subgrade	CY	625	\$28.00	\$17,500.00
408	Remove Ex. Sign	EA	5	\$150.00	\$750.00
409	Mailbox Remove and Reset	EA	28	\$250.00	\$7,000.00
410	Tree Removal	EA	30	\$1,050.00	\$31,500.00
411	Geogrid	SY	1250	\$2.95	\$3,687.50
412	Separation Fabric	SY	3750	\$2.50	\$9,375.00
413	3" Minus Sub-base Course	CY	850	\$60.00	\$51,000.00
414	1-1/2" Crushed Base Course	CY	850	\$41.00	\$34,850.00
415	4" ACC	SY	3750	\$27.00	\$101,250.00
416	Concrete Curb & Gutter	LF	2400	\$25.00	\$60,000.00
417	Concrete Drive Approach	SF	500	\$12.00	\$6,000.00
418	Concrete Sidewalk (4-Inch Thick)	SF	12000	\$9.00	\$108,000.00
419	Concrete ADA Approach	SF	200	\$13.00	\$2,600.00
420	Concrete Curb Return	EA	10	\$1,300.00	\$13,000.00
421	Truncated Dome Warning Panels	EA	10	\$310.00	\$3,100.00
422	New Sign & Post	EA	5	\$570.00	\$2,850.00
423	Exploratory Excavation	HR	15	\$350.00	\$5,250.00
424	Landscape Restoration (Seeding)	LS	1	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
<b>Schedule 4 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$760,712.50</b>

Unit bid item costs are based upon the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project. The 30% contingency accounts for inflation of bid item costs. Stormwater Improvements assumes 3 Inlets at each Intersection. Water System Improvements assumes replacement of ex. watermain with an 8" main, 28 services, and a hydrant at each Intersection. Street Improvements assumes that we replace the whole cross section to including sidewalk and 30% of surfacing needs subgrade stabilization.

Schedule 1 (ST W Imp.)	\$	<b>357,555.00</b>
Schedule 2 (H2O Imp.)	\$	<b>447,975.00</b>
No Schedule 3 (WW Imp.)	\$	-
Schedule 4 (Street Imp.)	\$	<b>760,712.50</b>
<b>Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,566,242.50</b>
<b>Contingency Cost (30%)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>469,872.75</b>
<b>Subtotal of Constructon</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,036,115.25</b>
<b>Engineering Design (8%)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>162,889.22</b>
<b>Engineering CA (12%)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>244,333.83</b>
<b>OVERALL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,443,338.30</b>



FIGURE 2

STORMDRAIN ALTERNATIVE

SD-1

EXTEND NEW STORM DRAIN FROM CULVERT 2

LEGEND

- EXISTING CULVERT
- PROPOSED CULVERT
- EXISTING STORM DRAIN
- PROPOSED STORM DRAIN
- 24" STORM DRAIN DIAMETER LABEL
- SUB BASIN BOUNDARY
- - - OFF-SITE SUB-BASIN BOUNDARY

