MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:29 p.m. on May 17, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

_x_ Emelie Eaton	_x_ Heidi Sparks
_x_ Michelle Mize	_x_ Richard Herr
___ Scot Stokes	_x_ Irv Wilke
_x_ Richard Klose	_x_ Bill Mountsier

OTHERS PRESENT:
Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director

Public Input:

Karl Dan Koch, 320 Colorado Ave, asked the City to consider fixing the handicap parking lot by the stadium. It needs more millings, better signage, and painting.

Cami Nelson, Laurel Chamber of Commerce at 108 E. Main Street, gave a brief overview of their work on the park across from City Hall. She clarified that Yellowstone Bank owns that property.

General Items

Executive Review

1. Resolution - Resolution Authorizing Owner's Request To Seek Annexation Of A Parcel Of Property Located At 1702 E. 8th Street, Laurel Mt, Pursuant To The City Of Laurel Annexation Policy.

   Tim Colderwold, 1702 E. 8th Street, stated they are asking for permission to annex into the City because the septic system needs replacement. They would like to connect to City services instead of replacing the septic system. They would be requesting a 1.5-inch water tap.

   Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director, stated that this property is .83 acres and requires Council's permission before the landowner can apply for annexation. This property is next to Mullberry and is on the City limit line, and this house already receives City water. This item would go before City/County Planning Board in June and Council in July.

2. Resolution - A Resolution Awarding The Bid And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute All Contract And Related Documents For The Project Known As South 4th Street Reconstruction Project.

Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director, stated that bids closed on May 5th. This project includes the street and all utilities below it. There were five bids; COP Construction was the lowest bid. There was a slight mistake in the calculations; however, that error did not change the order of the bids. They would begin in late fall and take a break until early next spring. The refinery will be doing a turnaround at that time and is planning on bussing its employees to reduce traffic in the area. The Engineer's estimate was the high bid. There will be a contingency for the bid price for asphalt, and they cannot reasonably anticipate the cost of asphalt for next year.

3. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Extension Of The Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Yellowstone County For A Satellite Yellowstone County Treasurer's Office, Motor Vehicle Division

   Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director, stated as he was researching another topic, he found that the lease for the DMV satellite office was expired. He worked with Sherry Long at the County, and the County has agreed to extend the lease.

Council Issues

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

Mayor Waggoner stated it was brought to his attention that a local business owner questioned why the Chamber is working on beautifying a park space that could be used for parking. Mayor Waggoner clarified that both that property and the Town Square property are privately owned.

Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director, gave a brief update on W. Railroad Street. The project has been authorized to move forward to the design stage. The design process will take approximately one to two years, and construction could begin in approximately four years, possibly sooner. The City has discussed using TIF District dollars to subsidize the project, and the City will have the matching money out of Street Maintenance.

Other Items

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

Announcements

The council workshop adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittney Moorman
Administrative Assistant

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.