

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

May 14, 2024

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 May 14, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize	Jessica Banks
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
Nancy Schmidt, Library Director
Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director

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 23, 2024, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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:

- Resignation Letter from Jonathon Gotschall.
- Police Monthly Report - April 2024.
- Fire Monthly Report - April 2024.
- Beartooth RC&D - May 2024

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Public Hearing For An Ordinance Amending Title 12 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To The Standards For Public Works.**

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

Matt Wheeler introduced the item.

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.

Mayor Waggoner closed the public hearing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through May 10, 2024.**

A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.



- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 4/28/2024 totaling \$247,136.42.**
- **Workshop Minutes of April 16, 2024.**

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 Sparks. 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**

Nancy Conter, American Legion Auxiliary, stated that all donations go to help veterans. Half of all donations collected will stay within the community, and the other half will be sent to the State to help veterans across the State. This year, Poppy Day is on May 24, 2024.

Mayor Waggoner requested Council Member Klose read the Poppy Day proclamation.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of April 23, 2024.
- Park Board Minutes of May 2, 2024.
- Tree Board Minutes of April 4, 2024.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of April 22, 2024.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of April 15, 2024.
- City/County Planning Board Minutes of January 21, 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R24-33B: Resolution Of Annexation Of Property Legally Described As The Amended Plat Of Lots 1 & 2 Of Nutting Brothers Subdivision, Second Filing, Lot 1a, Adjacent To The City Of Laurel, As An Addition To The City Of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana, With Concurrent Approval Of Zoning Designation Upon Annexation Of The Property.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-33B, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was questioned if stormwater had been addressed. It was clarified that included in the Council's packet is a memo on how stormwater will be addressed. There will be a formal stormwater report as part of the Development Agreement. It was further questioned if stormwater mitigation would be fully operational before the opening of the school. It was clarified that this was correct.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R24-34: A Resolution Calling For An Election On Supplemental Funding For Public Library Services And Capital Needs For The City Of Laurel, Montana.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R24-34, seconded by Council Member Mize.

Nancy Schmidt, Library Director, encouraged the Council to move this forward to try and secure funding for the Library.

Council noted there are concerns with having just put an EMS mill levy before the taxpayers and the anticipated Fire and Police mill levy for next year. There are concerns about how much this request is for. The numbers presented do not support the request.

It was questioned if this mill levy sunsets or if it is perpetual. It was clarified that the proposed mill levy request is perpetual.

A Council Member noted that they felt it was important to move this forward and let the voters speak on whether they are in support of this mill levy.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Member Mize voted aye. Council Members Sparks, Banks, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, and Canape voted no. Motion failed 1-7.

- **Resolution No. R24-35: A Resolution Approving An Amended And Restated Development Agreement By And Between GL Development, LLC, Laurel Depot LLLP, And The City Of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R24-35, 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. R24-36: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign Agreements With Joint Power Trust And Mutual Of Omaha For The Provision Of The Employee Health Insurance Benefit And Related Programs For City Of Laurel Employees And Dependents.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R24-36, 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. R24-37: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services By And Between The City Of Laurel And Fire District 8.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R24-37, 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. R24-38: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services By And Between The City Of Laurel And Fire District 7.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-38, 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. R24-39: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services By And Between The City Of Laurel And Laurel Airport Authority.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R24-39, seconded by Council Member Mackay. 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.

- **Ordinance No. O24-01: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To The Standards For Public Works. (Second Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to adopt Ordinance No. O24-01, 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, Banks, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Canape voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Ordinance No. O24-02: An Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Certain Sections Of Title 17 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To Zoning. (First Reading)**

Motion by Council Member Klose to adopt Ordinance No. O24-02, 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, Banks, Wilke, Mackay, Klose, Wheeler, Mize, and Canape voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

The Arbor Day Ceremony was rescheduled to May 21st at noon in Kiwanis Park.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The next Public Works Committee is Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Given the Holiday Emergency Services Committee has been moved to follow the Public Works Committee meeting directly. The expected start time is 6:45 p.m.

MAYOR UPDATES:

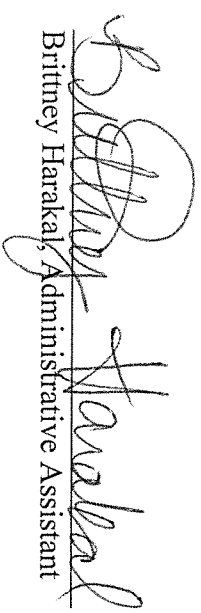
The Billie Riddle Splash Park is now open.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

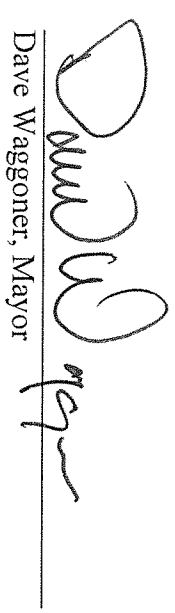
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wheeler 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 6:55 p.m.


Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 28th day of May 2024.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer

