

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

October 24, 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 October 24, 2023.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Mize	
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Emelie Eaton	Heidi Sparks
	Richard Herr

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant  
Sherri Phillips, Court Clerk  
Jill Folts, Court Clerk

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 October 10, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Brock Williams Resignation Letter Laurel Airport Authority.

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims entered through October 6, 2023.**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2023.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of August 2023.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of September 2023.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/1/2023 totaling \$235,947.93.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 10/15/2023 totaling \$229,643.73.**

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 five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

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- Park Board Minutes of October 5, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of March 6, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of May 1, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of June 5, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of June 19, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of August 14, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of August 28, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of September 11, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of September 18, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of October 2, 2023.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of October 16, 2023.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

Doug Meyers, 1950 Waterwood Drive, spoke in favor of appointing Jim Wise to the newly vacated Airport Authority seat. See attached signatures.

Patty Smith, 409 Maple Avenue, commented regarding her continued frustrations with the S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Project.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Resolution No. R23-82: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving An Encroachment Permit For A Portion Of The Sidewalk Located At 202 West First Street For The Installation Of Landscaping Alongside The Sidewalk.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R23-82, seconded by Council Member Mackay. There was no public comment.

It was questioned if the applicant could put anything at any width on the sidewalk. It was clarified that the applicant had submitted a plan, and that is what Council is approving.

A vote was taken on the motion. All five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-83: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Change Order With Randall Contracting.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-83, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment.

It was questioned where these items would be paid from. It was also noted that there was a recent purchase of a refrigerator. It was questioned where that would be paid from. It was clarified that the refrigerator was paid via a line item in the Court budget.

A Council Member voiced their concerns over the unauthorized purchase of the door and the additional add-ons to this project.

Mayor Waggoner stated that Planner Markegard would switch the locks and save the City \$450. All that is left is the cost of the door, and that will be paid out of the City Hall budget.

Council asked that a roll call vote be taken.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Mackay, Wheeler, and Mize voted aye. Council Members Wilke and Klose voted no. Motion failed 3-2.

- **Resolution No. R23-84: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Hardrives Construction, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R23-84, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

A Council Member voiced concern over paving W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street while the condition of the streets on the southside was in such poor condition. It was clarified that the streets on the southside cannot be repaved until the infrastructure is replaced.

A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Wilke, Mackay, Klose, and Wheeler voted aye. Council Member Mize voted no. Motion failed 4-1.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

The Park Board has requested that the Council discuss the possibility of adding concrete board games to the park. Would like to work on fundraising to be able to bring this to our parks.

It was questioned if the fees paid by MRL for renting the park could be used to purchase one of these.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

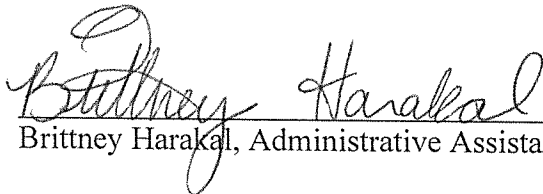
Mayor Waggoner stated Russell is up and running, and kids have been playing on the new playground.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

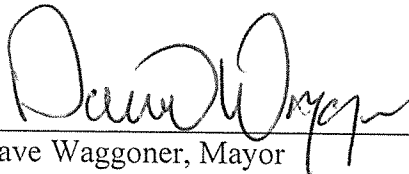
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer





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## RECOMMENDATION FOR LAUREL AIRPORT BOARD

We would like to recommend Jim Wise for <sup>any</sup> open position on the Laurel Airport Board.

We believe Jim would be an asset to the board and by signing below, we are giving our support to Jim Wise.

<u>Doug Myers</u>	<u>DJ Myers</u>	GSB Pilot Hanger Owner	(406) 633-5299
<u>Robert Burns</u>	<u>Robert Burns</u>	Pilot Hanger owner	406 670-9803
<u>Levi White</u>	<u>Levi White</u>	Pilot Hanger owner	406-628-2585
<u>ED Taylor</u>	<u>ED Taylor</u>	Pilot Hanger owner	406-698-6480
<u>Hailey Taylor</u>	<u>Hailey Taylor</u>	GSB Pilot	406-670-2048
<u>Chris Williams</u>	<u>Chris Williams</u>	GSB Pilot	406-671-8589
<u>Paul Thurmond</u>	<u>Paul Thurmond</u>	Pilot Hanger owner	(406) 591-2335
<u>Jim Schack</u>	<u>Jim Schack</u>	Hanger owner	406 860-9992
<u>TOM BOYCE</u>	<u>Thomas D. Boyce</u>	406 AERO FBO	425-330-5823
<u>Ewert Whitcomb</u>	<u>Ewert Whitcomb</u>	406 AERO FBO	(406) 624-1823
<u>STUART Wheeler</u>	<u>Stuart Wheeler</u>	406 FBO AERO	425-359 3931
<u>Don Weber</u>	<u>Don Weber</u>	webers CNC machine shop	406 625241

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FRANK FELKE and Felke HANGER ON APR 406-690-9669

Murk Williams Murk Williams Hangar/airplane owner 406-794-1167

Loyd Allison Angel Allen Pilot/Hanser- 406 669 3273

Chuck McEwen Chuck McEwen Hanger 406 426 8037

BRET McKENNA  2230/2240 RATHBURN (406) 698-4829

Scott F. [Signature] SG Fabrication Commercial Bldg 406-678-8449

Don Sellegelmitch 100 Alford St Hanger Owner 406-628-4421

Jim Roberts Jim Roberts Pilot 406-855-4171

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