



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
APRIL 20, 2026**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6 pm on Monday, 4/20/26, by Chair Jodi Mackay.

Members Present: Jodi Mackay – Chair, Irv Wilke – Vice Chair, Sara Naylor, Amy Mullaney and Shawn Mullaney

Others Present: Matt Wheeler - Public Works Director

Public Input: One member of the public present but made no comment

General Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of 3/16/26. Motion made by Irv Wilke. Seconded by Sara Naylor. Passed – 0
2. Emergency Call Out Report- Report attached
No Call Outs for reporting period

New Business:

Parking by new softball field (East 6th Street) discussion

Chair asked if it would be possible to continue diagonal parking along E 6th, to include a handicap spot in front of the newly constructed LHS softball field. Matt thought his crew could paint lines to add parking. *This was completed by Thursday, 4/21/26 – possibly by school

Growth Discussion

Matt reports that the City is in good shape as far as amount of water available. Issues come from pressure and / or dead end lines. For instance, due to pressure, no further tie ins could be added to the new line down Highway 10 to Love's truck stop. A new booster station would be an expensive short term solution. A looped line from Golf Course Rd with a new water tank would be the ideal solution.

City needs to secure a water tower. Hopeful that new engineering firm will be a step in the right direction.

City is wrapping up discussions with CHS. We will be entering into either a 5 year or 10 year contract for supplying water. According to discussion, the refinery will not be using much more water in the future than they have for the previous years.

Old Business:

Engineering Services

An interview committee met with 4 firms to interview them for a new MSA (Morrison Maierle, AE2S, KLJ and Great West). The committee unanimously scored Morrison Maierle as the highest. The Public Works committee registered no objections. A resolution to approve MM will be presented to Council on Tuesday, 4/28/26.

Fire Hydrant by Middle School Update

No progress. Matt committed to reaching out. *On Tuesday, 4/21/26 Matt confirmed that the project would be completed next week.

PW Committee Member Status

Amy Mullaney was approved to join the committee. In attendance. Still have one opening.

Other Items:

Matt will be bringing a bid for a new garbage truck to Council. PW budgeted \$450,000 for a new truck. Accepted bid came in around \$448,000.

Laurel School District likely turning Fir Field over to the City. This will provide more space for sporting events and activities.

Matt is participating in PW contract negotiations.

Jodi asked about the PACER Street document that ranked City streets and helped guide decisions on maintenance. Committee members will locate document for next meeting.

Matt reports that the new developer at Cherry Hills is waffling about paying for the West Maryland bridge.

Shawn shared a list of concerns / questions for further discussion and to aid in a list to present to the new engineering company:

Can our entire water system run off pumps? If so, could this be an option to do maintenance on current water tank?

Confirmed a sewer line does run under the interstate. Could we bore under the railyard to eliminate the Elm St lift station?

Could we pave orphan streets like Montana and Idaho?

Gravel path between Nutting Park and new LIS needs to be a sidewalk – City has right of way.

Gophers are out of control on railroad property. Perhaps City should send a letter asking for the RR to deal with it. If no response, take care of the issue and send a bill.

Maintenance / Reconstruction on W 7th between 1st Ave and 2nd Ave.

Announcements

Next Meeting will be Monday, 5/18/26 at 6pm in Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

Emergency Overtime Callout List

1-1-26

TO

7-1-26

Maintenance Shop 406-628-4773

City Dispatch 406-628-8737

Response Code	X In Column Not accepting Overtime / NA = Not Available / Y = Responding / B=Phone Busy										
Employee Name	Telephone	2-18	4-13								
Kevin Budge		na1	1								
Dylan Ceaser		y12	12								
keith guy			2								
wade spalinger			3								
Brandon Gonzales			4								
aaron fox			5								
joel barnhardt			6								
Bridger Fornier			7								
krista gauslow			8								
anthony woodard			9								
shane nauman			10								
Nick Leischner			11								

Distribution		1-21	1-22	1-24	2-11	2-27	3-3	4-13
Justin Baker		y3	2	1	na1	y3	2	1
Kevin Hoffman		1	y3		y3	2	Y3	2

Elm Lift Station 628-7773 Village Lift Station 628-5918 Dial 9 after tone to acknowledge alarm

Wastewater Treatment Plant-628-6474

Autodailer- 628-4866

Response Code	NO= In 1st Column Not accepting Overtime / NA = Not Available / Y = Responding										
Employee	Telephone										
Thomas Henry											
Cindy Caswell											
Corey Nicholson											
Norman Stamper											

Water Treatment Plant 628-4410

Response Code	NO= In 1st Column Not accepting Overtime / NA = Not Available / Y = Responding										
Employee	Telephone										
HP Nuernberger											
Josh Sawyer											
Sam Waggoner											
Joe Waggoner											
TJ Worbel											
daniel waggoner											
ron yost											

Matt Wheeler Cell# 208-1885 i One Call Locate - 1-800-424-5555 (City Job # 25663)

Kurt Markegard Cell# 860-5785 Hm 208-2356 SCHESSLER 628-4221 HESTON 281-0811

Mayor 406 633 3809 Dwight Ace Electric 406 697 2037

Travis Ace Electric 406 850 0612

MDU 1-800-638-3278 / MDT 252-4138 Pace Construction 252-5559 (sewer backups)

SanitarySystemOverflows call DEQ withing 24 hours at406-444-3080

Call Out - Date and Incident Location

1-21	h2o turn on 9th ave	
1-22	lift station issues	
1-24	water break actison	
2-11	h2o shutoff 401 cottonwood	
2-18	sanding	
2-27	h2o shutoff	
3-3	H2O TURN ON	