

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

July 9, 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 July 9, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
	Michelle Mize	Jessica Banks
	Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
	Richard Klöse	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Lyndy Gurchiek, Ambulance 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 June 25, 2024, as presented, seconded by Council Member Mize. With no objection, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 25, 2024, as presented, were approved. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

## CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through July 5, 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 6/23/2024 totaling \$230,773.04.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Klöse to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. With no objection, the Consent Agenda of July 9, 2024, as presented, were approved. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 11, 2024.
- Tree Board Minutes of June 13, 2024.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):** None.

## SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Shawn Mullaney to the Public Works Committee.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Shawn Mullaney to the Public Works Committee, 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. R24-49: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With A Team Roofing & Solar.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R24-49, 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. R24-50: A Resolution To Modify The Previously Approved Compensation Levels For The Volunteer Ambulance Service.**

The Ambulance Director stated the recently passed Mill Levy will cover the raise in compensation. The last time compensation was addressed was in 2011.

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R24-50, 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.

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

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** None.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Ambulance Volunteer Appointments.**

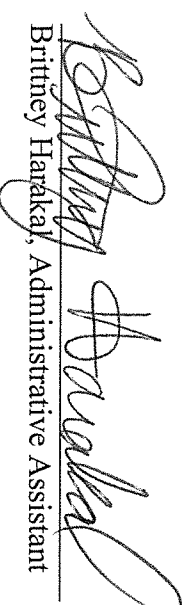
The Ambulance Director briefly reviewed the attached letter.

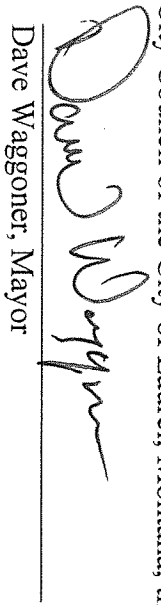
Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Laurel Emergency Medical Service, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

**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 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 6:42 p.m.

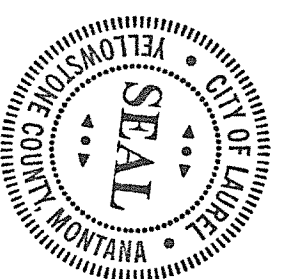
  
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024.

Attest:

  
Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer



OR



**CITY OF LAUREL**  
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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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June 28, 2024

Dear Mayor and City Council,

We are excited to announce that we have several EMTs interested in joining our service as a volunteer. We have interviewed all and would be excited to bring them onto our team with your approval.

Volunteer EMT:

-Tayla Schanz is an EMT that has many years of experience working at StVs in the Emergency Department as a ED patient care tech as well as the past almost year as an EMT for StVs ground ambulance.

-Hannah Lachenaus is an EMT that received her EMT license approximately 6 months ago. She worked at StVs Emergency Department as a ward clerk before becoming an EMT and now works there part time as a patient care tech as well as full time at AMR as an EMT.

Seasonal Volunteer EMT:

This is the program that we created for the recent high school graduates that can help out during college summer and winter breaks when they are home from school. They will be trained to drive and are licensed as EMTs so they can easily help with patient care and it provides them some much needed experience as well.

-Cooper Koffler is an EMT that is planning to attend nursing school. He grew up in a medical family, his dad was a FF/paramedic for Billings Fire Department for 20 years and is now retired and with HELP Flight as a paramedic. His mom was a HELP Flight paramedic before becoming a PA, currently working at StVs.

-Eli Hawkins is an EMT that is planning to attend medical school. He also grew up in a medical family, his dad was a paramedic and then became a nurse and has been with HELP Flight for many years. His mom is a nurse as well and currently works at StVs too.

Our staff interviewed all of the candidates and we feel that they would be a great fit and asset to our service.

If they are granted Council and Mayor approval, we will begin conducting their background checks and bring them onto our team.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Lyndy Gurchiek, NRP, Director

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