

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

June 10, 2025

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 June 10, 2025.

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
Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Markegard, CAO

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 May 27, 2025, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Police Monthly Report - May 2025
- Jon Klasna Reappointment to City/County Planning Board.
- MDT Correspondence

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through June 6, 2025.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 5/25/2025 totaling \$246,031.52.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of May 2025.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of May 6, 2025.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of May 20, 2025.**

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 eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of May 27, 2025.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

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Shawn Ellestad, 606 S. 6th Street, stated he worked with the County Attorney and the City to identify that S. 6th Street is a City-owned street. There were some improvements made. He has spoken with the Public Works Director multiple times, but the street does not meet City standards. He has personally brought in gravel at his own expense to try to improve the quality of the road.

Mayor Waggoner stated he would have Staff look into this issue.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R25-34: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 5.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R25-34, 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. R25-35: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Yellowstone Boys And Girls Ranch.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R25-35, 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. R25-36: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Laurel Urban Fire Services Area.**

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R25-36, 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.

- **Resolution No. R25-37: Resolution Of Intent To Extend The City Boundaries Of The City Of Laurel By Annexing A Parcel Of City Owned Park Land That Is Contiguous To The City Limits, Such Annexation To Include All Of The Adjacent And Adjoining Rights-Of-Way Of The Annexed Property, In Yellowstone County, Montana, And Amending Previous Resolutions Nos. R12-79 And R12-90.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R25-37, 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. R25-38: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Redline Services.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R25-38, 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. R25-39: Resolution Of City Council Approving The Late-Comer's And Development Agreement By And Between Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores And The City Of Laurel.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R25-39, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Saturday morning, there will be a ceremony at Ace Hardware for the retired flag box.

Saturday morning, there will also be a ceremony at the Firemen's memorial.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The next Public Works Committee meeting is Monday at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council asked that the W. 7th Street project be moved forward for this year. It was clarified that the project would not be able to be completed this year. However, Staff are working with the engineers on this project; however, the project will not be able to be completed this year.

Council noted that there are no sidewalks on Alder Avenue near the school. It was questioned if the City could put in sidewalks prior to the start of the school year. It was clarified that the park on this road is in the City, and part is in the County. Staff will need to look into all the options available and coordinate with the County. It was questioned if this could move forward. It was clarified that this project will be budgeted for.

MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Sparks 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.


Brittny Harakel, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 24th day of June 2025.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckey, Clerk/Treasurer



