

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2023**

A regular Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:29 p.m. on September 19, 2023.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelie Eaton	<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Mize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Mackay

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney  
Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant  
Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director  
Ryan Welsh, KLJ

**Public Input:**

Joe Zimmerman, 802 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, spoke regarding a recently installed fence at the intersection of W. 9<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The fence abuts the sidewalk and is within the public right of way.

Mayor Waggoner stated he would have the Building Inspector look into this first thing in the morning.

**General Items**

1. Appointment of Mykal Kurchera to the Laurel Fire Department.

There was no discussion on the item.

2. Appointment of Bridget Daily to the Tree Board for the remainder of a three-year term ending June 30, 2025.

Mayor Waggoner clarified Bridget's last name is Coleman; Daily is her maiden name. This will be fixed for next week's meeting.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

3. Appointment of Kurt Markegard to the Big Sky EDA for a five-year term ending December 31, 2028.

There was no discussion on the item.

## **Executive Review**

### **Council Issues**

#### 4. Update on S. 4th Street Construction Project.

Ryan Welsh, KLJ, stated the substantial completion date for the project is October 14<sup>th</sup>. All asphalt, curbs, and gutters are installed. There is still some hydroseeding and sidewalks left to do.

It was questioned what substantial completion means. It was clarified that substantial completion means that 95% of the project is completed. There will be a final walk-through, and the contract will have a specified timeframe to complete any remaining items.

Council asked for clarification on returning to similar conditions for Maple and S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. It was clarified that the City prioritized paving in front of South School. Other areas would be graveled due to the age and condition of the utilities. Public Works Director Wheeler showed the Council a section of a water line that was removed during the S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Project. The infrastructure will need to be replaced in the very near future.

Council questioned if another big project was in the works. It was clarified that the City designated the Southside as a priority. S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street was done first to give a route for future projects.

Mayor Waggoner clarified that each one block section would cost approximately 600k to 700k to replace all infrastructure, curb, gutter, and asphalt. The City will focus on a street or two as the budget allows.

It was questioned if the City could get dust control oil put on the graveled roads to keep the dust manageable. It was clarified that this is a viable solution. The City has done this in previous years, and it has worked well until it rains.

It was questioned if Russel Park is completed. It was clarified that the contractor is still waiting for the playground equipment to arrive.

It was questioned if there is any ponding happening in this area now that the streets have been paved. It was clarified that the Engineer had not seen any ponding happening on the Street that has been redone. However, as previously stated, if someone's Street had issues prior, they will continue to have issues.

Council thanked KLJ, the Mayor, and COP Construction for their work on this project. It was a very painful project, but it addressed many of the issues on the Southside and is just the beginning.

### **Other Items**

#### **Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting**

Council Members Klose and Sparks will be absent.

Mayor Waggoner also stated he will be absent from next week's meeting.

**Announcements**

A Constituent contacted a Council Member regarding two alley approaches that need to be addressed as they are very steep; see attached pictures.

Mayor Waggoner stated that he would have Public Works look into this in the morning.

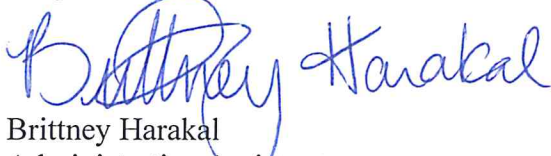
Council Member Eaton noticed as she was going through some scanned documents that in March of 1915, the final estimate for Water District No. 9 was \$2,119.57. In comparison, in 2023, it was more expensive to purchase a whole beef.

Ambulance staff will be doing more educational sessions this week for the EMS Mill Levy.

The Cracked Egg opens on Friday at 6:00 a.m.

The council workshop adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Harakal  
Administrative Assistant

**NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.**





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