

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

July 23, 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 23, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize	Jessica Banks
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Klöse

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Kurt Markegard, Planning Director
Britney Harakai, Administrative Assistant
Nancy Schmidt, Library 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 July 9, 2024, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. With no objection, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2024, as presented, were approved. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fire Monthly Report – June 2024

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through July 19, 2024.**
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 January 2024.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of February 2024.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of March 2024.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of April 2024.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of May 2024.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of June 2024.**
- **Approval of Payroll for PPE 7/7/2024 totaling \$286,099.21.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of July 2, 2024.**
- **Closed Executive Session Minutes of July 2, 2024.**

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

Council Minutes of July 23, 2024

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. With no objection, the Consent Agenda of July 23, 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 25, 2024.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 9, 2024.
- Cemetery Commission Minutes of April 16, 2024.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of June 17, 2024.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of June 24, 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Paige Farmer to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2029.**

The Library Director asked the Council to vote to approve the appointment of Ms. Farmer to the Library Board.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paige Farmer to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2029, seconded by Council Member Mackay. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R24-51: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Ace Electric, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R24-51, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R24-52: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Retail Sales Agreement With AVI Systems**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R24-52, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion

- **Resolution No. R24-53: A Resolution Of Intent Of The City Council To Approve Street Vacation Petition And Set Public Hearing.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R24-53, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion

- **Resolution No. R24-54: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Agreement For Pro Tem Judge Services.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R24-54, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion

- **Resolution No. R24-55: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With Dr. Jedediah Walker For The Medical Director Position For The Laurel Ambulance Service.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R24-55, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion

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- **Resolution No. R24-56: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With River Ridge Landscaping Co.**

Motion by Council Member Canage to approve Resolution No. R24-56, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:
July is a 5 Tuesday month. There is no Council next week.

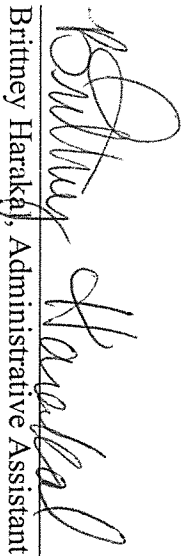
MAYOR UPDATES:
Mayor Waggoner noted that there is more train traffic through Laurel. He is working on looking into the option of quiet crossings.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

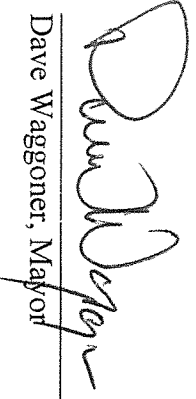
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Banks to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Britney Haraka, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 13th day of August 2024.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

