

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2026**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 p.m. on January 6, 2026.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Canape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Mize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Banks
<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:**

Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant  
Kurt Markegard, CAO  
Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer  
Tony Contreras, EMT

**Public Input:**

There were none.

**General Items**

1. Nominations and Vote for President and Vice President On January 13, 2026.

There was no discussion on this item.

2. Appointment of Tony Contreras to the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board for the remainder of a two-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Mr. Contreras briefly introduced himself to the Council.

**Executive Review**

3. Ordinance O25-02: An Ordinance Amending Title 20, Chapter 02 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To The Laurel Urban Renewal Agency.

Due to a change in State statutes, a representative from the County and a representative from the School District must have the opportunity to serve on the Board. This ordinance adds two more members to the Board to accommodate the changes made by the State.

4. **Planning:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Annexation Of Approximately 10.31 Acres Of Property Adjacent To The City Of Laurel With An

Initial Zoning Designation Of Laurel Highway Commercial (HC) For Concurrent Review.

There will be a public hearing for this item at next week's Council meeting.

Council noted that they thought they had already voted on an annexation for this applicant. It was clarified that part of the lot has already been annexed into the City. This is the second portion of that lot, across the street, that has not yet been annexed.

It was noted that the City/County Planning Board had no proponents or opponents for this item.

**Council Issues**

There were none.

**Other Items**

There were none.

**Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting**

All Council Members present will attend next week's meeting.

**Announcements**

5. Employee Recognition January to June 2026.

Mayor Waggoner recognized the years of service for January to June 2026.

The Council Workshop adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Haraka  
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.**