



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, September 16, 2024, by Committee Chair, Heidi Sparks.

Members Present: Heidi Sparks- Chair, Jodi Mackay- Vice Chair, Irv Wilke, Jessica Banks, Shawn Mullaney

Others Present:

Public Input:

General Items:

1. Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2024. Irv made a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2024. Motion was seconded by Jessica. Motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes.
2. Emergency Call Out Report- Not provided
3. KLJ Report- Report attached
 - i. 4th Street Reconstruction- Irv asked what the final list of items to the contractor included

New Business:

4. Ordinance discussion on Chapter 12.32 Trees and Boulevards from LMC
 - i. Jodi would like to see this updated to allow xeroscape without needing to be an exception approval from City Council
 - ii. Irv would like to see this updated as well, but make sure there is still “teeth” to enforce boulevard maintenance
 - iii. Shawn stated that xeroscape does not mean no trees, it means low water maintenance. He would like to still have trees required in the boulevard. Shawn does not believe the ordinance needs to be updated with regard to planting distance (minimum/maximum), the question is on enforcement of the ordinance.
 - iv. What involvement does the city have with approving the landscaping on new developments?
 - v. Jessica would like to have Tree Board weigh in on this ordinance and potential updates as well
 - vi. Would like to have additional conversation and discussion at the October meeting as well when Matt can be here

Old Business:

Other Items:

5. Shawn mentioned the flooding by his property that Matt was going to look into and wondered what the process was for that. Heidi stated that she would remind Matt on the issue

Announcements

Next Meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm