

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2022**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:31 p.m. on November 1, 2022.

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"/> Bill Mountsier

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant
Stan Langve, Police Chief
Kurt Markegard, Public Works, and Planning Director
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Public Input:

Mark and Janel Alison, 1045 Golf Course Road, stated they are starting a restaurant called The Cracked Egg. The goal is to open on March 1st. The Alison's asked if Council had any input into their plans.

The Public Works and Planning Director stated that there is no need for a special review for their plans to open The Cracked Egg.

General Items

Executive Review

1. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Declaring Certain City Of Laurel Property As "Surplus" Available For Sale Or Trade To The Public Or Other Governmental Entities Or Vendors

Mayor Waggoner stated there would be an online auction for all items declared as surplus. The listing will start tomorrow due to scheduling. If Council chooses not to declare the items as surplus, they can be removed from the site.

Mayor Waggoner also allowed the Town of Joliet to join the auction, but they are paying their own fees and did not have enough surplus for their own auction.

2. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute All Loan Documents By And Between Montana Board Of Investments InterCap And The City Of Laurel For The Purchase Of A Garbage Truck

There was no discussion.

3. Resolution - Resolution Of The City Of Laurel City Council Of Intent To Increase The City Of Laurel's Solid Waste Rates And Setting A Date And Time For A Public Hearing.

The Public Works and Planning Director and Clerk/Treasurer presented the attached spreadsheets. No tax dollars go into Solid Waste, which is solely funded by the fees it collects.

It was questioned where the costs on the spreadsheets came from, and it was clarified that they came from the budget books. The expenses are outpacing the revenue, and Solid Waste will be going into the hole.

It was questioned about increasing the fee at the Container Site, and it was clarified that the fee is set via the schedule of fees. However, the City is looking at setting a \$5.00 minimum.

Solid Waste will no longer have reserves in three to four years, and the City can move to a private service if they wish.

It was questioned what happens if these figures aren't enough. It was clarified that a review of the fees would be done again in a few years to see if an increase is needed. A public hearing will be scheduled for December 13, 2022, for the public to comment.

It was questioned about what happens if someone has issues paying their bill. Is there any State assistance? It was clarified that there is currently assistance through the LIHWAP program, which will cover Water and Sewer but not Garbage.

4. Ordinance No. O22-06: An Ordinance Amending Certain Chapters Of Title 12.18 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To Special Event Permits For The City Of Laurel

There was no discussion.

Council Issues

Council Member Wheeler attended the County Board of Health meeting last week and reported that it was an excellent meeting.

Other Items

There were none.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

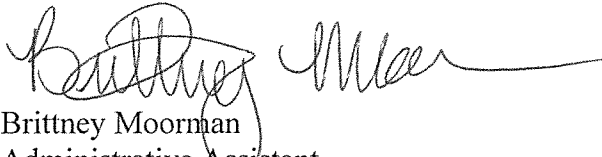
Council Member Mize will be absent from next week's City Council meeting. All others in attendance plan to attend next week's meeting.

Announcements

There is a construction meeting for the S. 4th Street project at the Senior Center on November 9th at 6 p.m.

The council workshop adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Moorman
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.

Fiscal Year	Billings Dumping Fees	Tons Dumped	Cost per Ton	Wages per Year	Fuel per Year
18-19	\$ 154,028.30	6791	\$ 22.68	\$ 321,368.00	\$ 53,035.00 Actual
19-20	\$ 179,996.15	6893	\$ 26.11	\$ 263,607.00	\$ 48,967.00 Actual
20-21	\$ 204,945.35	6826	\$ 30.02	\$ 284,405.00	\$ 49,043.00 Actual
21-22	\$ 233,857.00	7086	\$ 33.00	\$ 328,824.00	\$ 75,514.00 Actual
22-23	\$ 249,781.50	7355	\$ 35.25	\$ 335,400.48	\$ 75,514.00 Yet to be determined, average b:
	62%	8%	55%	4%	42%
PROJECTED TOTALS IF BILLINGS INCREASE DUMPING FEES BY \$2.00 PER TON PER YEAR AND TONAGE CONTINUES TO INCREASE.					
23-24	\$ 286,837.50	7649	\$ 37.50	\$ 342,108.49	
24-25	\$ 310,245.00	7955	\$ 39.00	\$ 348,950.66	
25-26	\$ 339,193.00	8273	\$ 41.00	\$ 355,929.67	
26-27	\$ 369,972.00	8604	\$ 43.00	\$ 363,048.27	
27-28	\$ 402,660.00	8948	\$ 45.00	\$ 370,309.23	
	61%	32%	20%	8%	Projected Increase

Fiscal Year	Total Expenses	Total Revenue
18-19	\$ 869,001.00	\$ 898,387.00 Actual
19-20	\$ 748,254.00	\$ 908,145.00 Actual
20-21	\$ 955,491.00	\$ 935,074.00 Actual
21-22	\$ 1,091,545.00	\$ 933,748.00 Actual
22-23	\$ 1,235,587.00	\$ 943,670.00
	26%	5%
Estimate without a rate increase and no garbage truck payment		

Revenue Increased per year from all users	
Year 1 Increase	\$ 100,224.42
Year 2 Increase	\$ 176,819.47
Year 3 Increase	\$ 177,824.16
Year 4 Increase	\$ 146,847.22
Year 5 Increase	<u>\$ 120,319.49</u>
\$ 722,034.75 Total Increase over the next 4 years 7 months.	