

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

January 9, 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 Council President Sparks at 6:28 p.m. on January 9, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mize	Jessica Banks
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wiltke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Sparks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Wiltke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 26, 2023, as presented, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Police Monthly Report - December 2023.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:

City Attorney Braukmann gave a brief reminder of what is considered ex-parte communications.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through January 5, 2024.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 12/24/2023 totaling \$181,557.01.**
- **Closed Executive Session Minutes of December 19, 2023.**

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

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Wiltke. 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of December 26, 2023.
- Park Board Minutes of January 4, 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

DW

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R24-01: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Change Order For The Project Known As The South 4th Street Reconstruction.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R24-01, seconded by Council Member Klose. 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. R24-02: Resolution Of The City Council Of Intent To Adopt An Official Schedule Of Fees And Charges For The City Of Laurel And Repealing All Previous Resolutions That Set Fees Or Charges That Conflict With The Schedule Attached Hereto Upon Its Effective Date.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R24-02, 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. R24-03: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Preventative Maintenance Plan For City Of Laurel Vans And Small Busses In Passenger Service.**

Motion by Council Member Maackay to approve Resolution No. R24-03, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The next Cemetery Commission meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council questioned why the 303 MOU was not on tonight's agenda. The Civil Attorney briefly clarified why the resolution was not before the Council this evening.

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Public Works Committee meeting has been moved to the following Monday, directly following the Emergency Services Committee meeting.

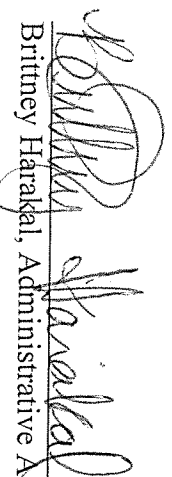
MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

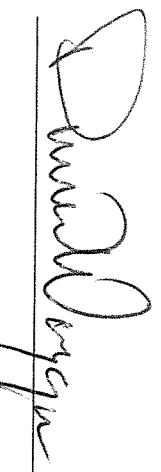
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to adjourn the council meeting, 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 23rd day of January 2024.



Attest:



Kelly Stuecker, Clerk/Treasurer

DP