

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

December 10, 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 December 10, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape

Heidi Sparks

Casey Wheeler
Richard Kloose

Irv Wilke

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michelle Mize

Jessica Banks
Jodi Mackay

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Kurt Markegard, Planning Director/Interim CAO
Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Jean Kerr, Judge

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 November 12, 2024, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. With no objection, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2024, as presented, were approved. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

Motion by Council Member Heidi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2024, as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. With no objection, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2024, as presented, were approved. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resignation Letter From Dennis Eaton
- Resignation Letter From Emelie Eaton
- Police Monthly Report - November 2024
- Fire Monthly Report - November 2024

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through December 6, 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 11/24/2024 totaling \$154,278.41.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of November 19, 2024.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of December 3, 2024.**

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items.

The Payroll Register for PPE 11/24/2024 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the consent items as amended, seconded by Council Member Spark. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of November 26, 2024.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of October 28, 2024.
- Tree Board Minutes of November 7, 2024.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of November 25, 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R24-96: Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding By And Between The City Of Laurel And Beartooth Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.**

Joel Bertolino, Executive Director of Beartooth RC&D, briefly reviewed the projects that have been done within Laurel in the last year.

Gaurav Thakur, Economic Development Director of Beartooth RC&D, introduced himself to the Council and thanked Laurel for a warm welcome as he and his family recently moved here.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R24-96, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Four Council Members present voted aye. One Council Member voted nay. Motion failed 4-1.

- **Resolution No. R24-97: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding For The 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City Of Laurel And Local Union 316, American Federation Of State, County, And Municipal Employees, AFSCME Regarding Work Days And Shifts.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R24-97, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Jean Kerr, City Judge, asked for clarification on whether the employee would be required to use vacation time to cover the additional two hours of a holiday or if they could make up the time at some point during the week.

The interim CAO stated that he did not have a good answer for that question but that he thought that it would be up to the department head.

There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution No. R24-98: A Resolution To Modify The Previously Approved Compensation Levels For The Volunteer Ambulance Service.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R24-98, seconded by Council Member Sparks. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Payroll Register for PPE 11/24/2024 was removed from the consent agenda.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

This Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the National Cemetery, there will be a ceremony for Wreaths Across America. Those interested in helping place the wreaths are welcome to join.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

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The next Public Works Committee meeting will be Monday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.


MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

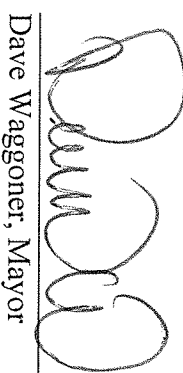
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Sparks 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 five Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 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 December 2024.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Stredger, Clerk/Treasurer

