

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 pm on May 20, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Canape	<input 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
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director
Forrest Sanderson, LURA Coordinator
Stan Langve, Police Chief
Jerrad Anglin, Police Capitan
Nancy Schmidt, Library Director
Susan Canape, Dispatcher

Public Input:

There were none.

General Items

1. Appointment of Kristofer Schaff to the Laurel Police Department.

Captain Anglin, read the attached recommendation letter for the hiring of Kristofer Schaff.

Council noted a heavy educational background. It was questioned if he was ok with being a law enforcement officer? It was noted that one Avenue to become a law enforcement officer is to receive a college degree.

Executive Review

2. **Planning:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To Task Order No. 2 With Triple Tree Engineering, Inc.

This amendment is to add an additional curb and gutter to the project and address the water drainage issues in the alleyways in the one block to the east and west of 1st Avenue.

3. **Fire:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 8.

This is the annual Fire District contract. There is no increase this year.

3. **Public Works:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Independent Inspection Service.

This resolution is to perform tank cleaning for the main water tank. They will repair any identified issues. A few years ago, the outside of the tank was repaired. This is for the interior of the tank. It is needed to help keep the tank functional and is required every 10 years.

It was questioned if they could find bigger issues that we do not know about currently. It was clarified that this is always a possibility. The City currently has one tank and is working on building a new one; if any major issues are found that would be discussed further. Cleaning is scheduled to begin in September.

Council Issues

Council noted that there is no sidewalk from Nutting Park to the new Intermediate school on Alder. It was questioned if the City could look at putting in a sidewalk. It was clarified that the Mayor would have Staff look into options.

June 13th is the Firefighters Memorial annual run. There will be food trucks, a street dance, and other activities. On Saturday, there will be a memorial ceremony to add three names to the wall. There will be a lunch served afterward.

This Saturday, the American Legion will be meeting at 9 am to put flags at both cemeteries for Memorial Day.

Public Works will be posting a Maintenance Worker II position soon. A CDL is needed to apply for the position.

Other Items

4. Retirement of Stan Langve from the Laurel Police Department.

Mayor Waggoner announced the retirement of Stan Langve after 25 years of service. He announced the Interim Chief as Jerrad Anglin.

Chief Langve spoke briefly about his time with the City of Laurel.

CAO Markegard spoke regarding Chief Langve's time at the City and presented him with his retirement gift card.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

All Council Members in attendance will be at next week's meeting.

Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

The council workshop adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Harakal
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.



LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police Stanley J Langve

May 19, 2025

To: Mayor Dave Waggoner

Re: Patrol Officer Hiring

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am writing to recommend the hiring of Kristofer Schaff for the position of Police Officer with the Laurel Police Department. He was selected from a hiring pool as part of the recruitment process that began in August 2024.

Kristofer brings a strong academic foundation to the role. He holds a bachelor's degree in Justice Administration and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Criminal Justice. His educational background demonstrates both commitment and a long-term investment in a career dedicated to public safety and service.

Throughout the recruitment process, Kristofer demonstrated professionalism, strong communication skills, and a sincere interest in community service. These qualities, combined with his educational background, position him well for success in the role of a police officer.

I believe that Kristofer has the potential to grow into a valuable asset to the department and the community. With the appropriate training and mentorship, he will be well-equipped to uphold the standards and responsibilities expected of our officers.

Given the above considerations, it is my recommendation and request that Kristofer Schaff be appointed as a Laurel Police Officer.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jarred Anglin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Captain Jarred Anglin