



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, April 25, 2022 by Chair Heidi Sparks

Members Present: Heidi Sparks- Chair, Irv Wilke- Vice-Chair, Bill Mountsier, Richard Klose

Others Present: Fire Chief Brent Peters, Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek, Ambulance Department Member Troy Charbonneau

Public Input: None

General Items

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of March 28, 2022. Motion by Irv Wilke, Seconded by Richard Klose, motion carried 4-0

New Business

2. Update from Ambulance Director and Fire Chief
 - a. Ambulance Director Report attached
 - i. Provided a recap of 2021
 1. Numbers have been trending in positive directions since 2018
 - ii. AMR is struggling with staffing- There priority is Billings and won't be sending assistance outside of the city if there isn't enough coverage
 - iii. Medicare/Medicaid write off approximately 50% of what is billed
 1. During the next legislative session there will be a push to try to get better reimbursement rates from those
 - iv. Applied for a grant from the state- it is a preventative program for rural communities to have an EMT do some home checks to prevent future 9-1-1 calls
 - b. Fire Chief Report attached
 - i. Applying for a Firehouse Subs grant- asking for \$40,000 to replace the radio system for Fire, if any money leftover will include Police and Ambulance
 - ii. Activated a Health and Safety Committee to implement procedures to help with cancer prevention and health and safety with chemicals coming in contact with
 1. This committee will help with City's liabilities
 - iii. Looking into increasing the Fire Department revenue, Possible options include:
 1. New Fire District
 2. Fire billing for incidents involving non-Laurel residents

Old Business- None

Other Items- None

Announcements

4. Next Meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm