

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:29 pm on June 17, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Canape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input 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
Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney (via phone)

Public Input:

There were none.

General Items

1. Appointment of Jason Gonzales as the Building Official.

Mayor Waggoner stated that Mr. Gonzales is currently the Building Inspector, and moving to the title of Building Official gives him some more responsibility.

There was no discussion on the item.

2. Motion to allow Council Member Sparks to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days. (LMC 2.12.060)

There was no discussion on the item.

3. Public Works Committee Appointments(2 Vacancies, 0 Letters of Interest Received, No Term Limit)

There was no discussion on the item.

4. Laurel Airport Authority Appointment(1 Vacancy, 1 Letter of Interest Received, 5 Year Term Limit)

There was no discussion on the item.

5. Cemetery Commission Appointments(3 Vacancies, 1 Letters of Interest Received, 2 Year Term Limit)

There was no discussion on the item.

6. City/County Planning Board Appointments(3 Vacancies, 2 Letters of Interest Received, 2 Year Term Limit)

There was no discussion on the item.

7. Library Board Appointment(1 Vacancies, 0 Letters of Interest Received, 5 Year Term Limit)

There was no discussion on the item.

8. Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board Appointment(1 Vacancies, 0 Letters of Interest Received, 2 Year Term Limit)

Council questioned if the vacancies listed are after the number of letters of interest received. It was clarified that the vacancies listed are those that end on June 30, 2025. Those who are currently serving are allowed to submit another letter of interest to continue to serve on those boards. After next week's appointments, there will still be vacancies.

Executive Review

9. **Police:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement By And Between The City Of Laurel And Yellowstone City-County Health Department, D/B/A Riverstone Health.

This MOU is to provide emergency response services with RiverStone Health. This MOU has been around for a number of years. This is a revised agreement, and RiverStone Health has accepted all the suggested changes.

10. **Public Works:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With True North Contracting.

This small service contract is for paving at 6th Avenue/Main Street and Alder Avenue/Main Street.

11. **Public Works:** Resolution - A Resolution Approving An Increase To The City Of Laurel's Water And Wastewater Rates And Charges To Become Effective On July 10, 2025.

There will be a public hearing on this item at next week's meeting.

12. **Public Works:** Ordinance - An Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Certain Sections Of Title 12 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Related To Tree Board And Park Board.

Mayor Waggoner noted the name change on this ordinance to " An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.28 (Park Rules And Regulations) And Repealing Chapter 12.32 (Trees And Boulevards) Of The Laurel Municipal Code."

This ordinance combines both Park and Tree Boards. It also addresses the legal responsibilities of this Board to look at trees within public spaces.

Council Issues

Other Items

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

Council President Sparks will be absent from next week's meeting.

Announcements

Recently, the Mayor received a call to go to Graff and take anything the City could use. The City got shelves for the Library to replace the failing shelving units. Ambulance needed some filing cabinets. When the Ambulance Staff went to Graff, they noticed an American Flag. They proceeded to carefully remove the flag from the wall piece by piece and reassemble it in the Ambulance building. The school has placed any remaining items up for public auction.

The next Emergency Services Committee meeting is Monday at 6 pm in Council Chambers.

The Council Workshop adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Haraka
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.