

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2022**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:29 p.m. on August 2, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelie Eaton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Mize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Mountsier

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michele Braukmann, Civil Attorney
Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director
Brent Peters, Fire Chief
H.P. Nuernberger, Chief Operator (Water Treatment Plant)

Public Input:

Barb Emineth, 501 Alder Avenue, read the attached letter into the record.

General Items

1. Appointment of Justin Harris and Matthew Tygart to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

Brent Peters, Fire Chief, introduced Mr. Harris to Council. Mr. Tygart has withdrawn his application.

Crews are staffing at the hall daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. So far, they have helped on seven different fires. Fire season is officially here.

2. Appointment of Richard Herr to the City-County Planning Board for the remainder of a two-year term ending June 30, 2023.

Council noticed previously they had been told Council Members could not sit on Planning Board for a possible conflict of interest. It was clarified via code there is nothing prohibiting Council Members from sitting on City/County Planning Board. The Civil City Attorney will look into it further if a Council Member sitting on the Board presents a conflict of interest.

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

There was no discussion.

Executive Review

4. Resolution – MRL Agreement

The new railroad crossing was bided with the S. 4th Street project. This agreement allows for pedestrian access.

It was noted that this agreement was with Montana Rail Link. It was questioned if the BNSF purchase of MRL would affect this agreement. Clarification will be provided before next week's vote.

5. Resolution - Resolution Of Annexation And Zoning For Approximately One Acre Of Property Adjacent To The City Of Laurel, As An Addition To The City Of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana, With Concurrent Approval Of Initial Zoning Designation.

There will be a public hearing at next week's City Council meeting. This resolution is to allow Mr. Hull to apply for annexation.

6. Ordinance No. O22-01: An Ordinance Amending Certain Chapters Of Title 14 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To The Adoption And Enforcement Of Building, Energy Conservation, And Swimming Pool And Spa Codes For The City Of Laurel As Required By The State Of Montana

There was no discussion. There will be a public hearing at next week's City Council meeting.

7. Ordinance No. O22-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 1.28.040 Of The Laurel Municipal Code Relating To Technical Codes For The City Of Laurel

There was no discussion. There will be a public hearing at next week's City Council meeting.

Council Issues

8. Water Plant Update.

HP Nuernberger, Chief Operator, briefly explained the June 4th incident to Council. City Staff recently met with DEQ and are working to develop new standard operating procedures. City Staff will also be meeting with Rural Water for additional training.

The Mayor and the Civil City Attorney stressed the turbidity levels were not the biggest concern. The most significant concern was the failure to report in a timely manner, and this resulted in personal changes.

Other Items

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

All Council Members present plan to attend next week's meeting.

Announcements

The National League of Cities and Towns has launched a new podcast.

Park Board's next meeting is this Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

Council asked if the City could firmly state its position on what it can and cannot provide concerning parking.

The council workshop adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney Moorman", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brittney Moorman
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.

my name is Barb Emineth + I live at
501 Alder

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Downtown Laurel needs help
from the city to deal with the
lack of parking. ~~downtown~~.

In order for ~~the~~ our small
businesses to survive parking
has to be made as easy as
possible.

Laurel is having a growth
spirit and along with that comes
growing pains.

The history of Laurel is found
on our main street and if we
lose that we also lose the
character that anyone who has
lived here for any amount of
time knows and loves.

Adding Parking Spots to downtown:

There are 2 streets within $\frac{1}{3}$ blocks of main + 1st Ave. where I believe the city could possibly turn the parallel parking into diagonal parking.

Our safety complex garage doors are actually in the middle of 2nd + 3rd so either street could be designated for that and the other one painted diagonal.

The other street is Pennsylvania. The businesses on both sides of that street are very much for it. They are Red Rooster + Molly and friends.

This could be done with the cost of paint and labor. I think it would help with the parking issue. Please have someone check out these 2 streets and get this put on the agenda!

Thank you

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