

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MARCH 07, 2023**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 p.m. on March 7, 2023.

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"/> Jodi Mackay

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brittney Moorman, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Markegard, Public Works, and Planning Director, at 6:44
p.m.
Stan Langve, Police Chief
Jared Anglin, Sergeant

Public Input:

There were none.

General Items

1. Appointment Thomas Scott to the Laurel Police Department

Chief Langve introduced Mr. Scott to Council; see attached letter.

2. Appointment of Kurt Markegard as Planning Director.

Kurt will be moving just to planning.

3. Appointment of Matt Wheeler as Public Works Director.

Matt will take over all Public Works duties, including the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

It was questioned who would replace Matt. It was clarified that there will be no superintendents moving forward.

It was questioned if any certifications or training were needed to be a Planning Director. It was clarified that Kurt had received his Commercial Building Inspector license and learned the job over the years. The City did try numerous times to get someone with a college degree, but we received very little interest. KLJ will be kept on to assist Kurt as needed.

Executive Review

4. Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Accrued Vacation Payout For City Clerk-Treasurer.

Kelly is over the threshold for vacation hours and will not have an opportunity to use those hours. This payout is to bring her down to the threshold. She will be present next week to answer any questions.

5. 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 replacing the concrete sidewalk on the library's north side, and it is a stumbling hazard and needs to be replaced before spring.

6. Ordinance No. O23-01: An Ordinance Amending Title Six Of The Laurel Municipal Code (LMC § 6.16.010) Relating To Prohibited Certain Animals.

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

Council Issues

Council Member Wilke stated he may be absent from next week's meeting.

Riverside Park will be closed for approximately two weeks to move a power pole.

Council thanked Public Works for fixing the potholes on the southside.

It was questioned when the S. 4th Street Project would begin. It was clarified there is a meeting on March 20th to discuss this, but Council will be notified when it begins.

It was questioned if Council could receive an update on the W. Railroad project. It was clarified that the DOT is moving forward with the project. They are working on identifying the criteria needed to build the road, and there is no target start date yet.

The Art Walk is Thursday, March 16, 2023. The Mayor paid the \$30 fee for City Hall to be a stop on the walk. The artists will be set up in Council Chambers. There will be two artists featured at City Hall. One will be Sue Carter; the other has not yet been identified. There will be 17 stops throughout downtown. It starts at the Laurel Outlook and ends over here.

Other Items

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

All Council Members present plan on attending next week's meeting.

Announcements

The council workshop adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.



Laurel Police Department

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Chief of Police Stanley J Langve

March 3rd, 2023

Dear Mayor Waggoner and members of City Council,

The Laurel Police Department currently has one unfilled Patrol Officer position. The position was posted for internal City bid. No applications were received. The position was advertised to the public through several social media, online employment sites, and in print form through the Billings Gazette. Applications closed on December 14, 2022.

Eligible non-POST certified applicants were required to pass the Montana Physical Abilities Test, and the National Police Officer Selection Test. Successful candidates were invited to oral interviews before the Laurel Police Commission and Laurel Police Department Senior staff. Three candidates were moved forward to background investigations.

Based upon the totality of the hiring process and the findings of the background investigation, I present Thomas Ryan Scott for appointment as a City of Laurel Police Officer.

Thomas Scott's previous employment consisted of a position of trust as an armed security officer in the transportation and accountability of large sums of money. He is currently employed with Saint Vincent's Hospital as a valued member of their security force.

Thomas has served honorably with the City of Laurel as a Reserve Police Officer since May of 2020. He has recently taken on the duty of serving as President of the police reserves.

Thomas has been a valued member of our reserve force and is looking forward to continuing his service to the Laurel Community. I request and endorse his appointment to the Laurel Police Department

Respectfully,

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Stanley J Langve
Chief of Police