

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

July 25, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 p.m. on July 25, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emelie Eaton Heidi Sparks
 Michelle Mize Richard Herr
 Casey Wheeler Irv Wilke
 Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Klose

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney (via Zoom)
 Brittney Harakal, Council Administrative Assistant

Mayor Waggoner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 1, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Beartooth RC&D July Correspondence

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through July 21, 2023.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 7/9/2023 totaling \$289,743.55.**
- Council Workshop Minutes of July 11, 2023.

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 11, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of June 19, 2023.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):

James Wise, 2202 Avalon Road Billings, read the attached letter of interest into the record.

Doug Myers, 1915 Waterwood Drive, spoke in support of Mr. Wise filling a future vacancy on the Airport Authority.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Mardie Spalinger to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Board for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2023.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mardie Spalinger to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Board for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2023, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-45: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The First Amendment To Right Of Entry And Use Agreement By And Between The City Of Laurel And Montana Rail Link, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R23-45, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-46: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Laurel Lions Club For The Riverside Hall Located At Riverside Park.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-46, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Motion by Council Member Wilke to table Resolution No. R23-46 until the lease terms are known, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

A Council Member was asked why the trees on S. 5th Street were tagged with green ribbons. It was clarified that those trees had been scheduled for trimming.

Council Member Herr stated that he would not attend the next two Council meetings.

MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

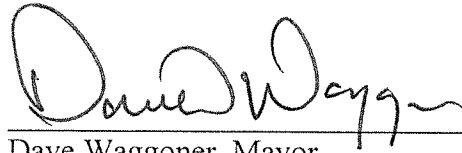
Motion by Council Member Wheeler to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All seven Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Brittney Harakal, Council Administrative Assistant

Council Minutes of July 25, 2023

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 8th day of August 2023.



Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:



Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer



July 25, 2023

Mayor, City Council, My name is James Wise. I reside at 2202 Avalon Rd Billings.

My phone # is 406-855-0327.

I have a Cessna airplane that I have had hangered at the Laurel Airport for the last 5 years.

I would like you to consider my request for an appointment on the Laurel Airport Board.

I have been to a number of Board meetings over the last couple of years and have come to realise that I would be able to add my experience and expertise to assist in

Planning and decision making.

I understand there may be no open Board positions available at this time, but if an opening should come available I would be honored to take the position and serve on the Laurel Airport Board.

I have in hand a list of Hangar owners, aircraft mechanics and pilots who support my desire to be on the Board.

If I may I will give you a little information about myself: I was born and raised in this area. I am married to my wife of 53 years. My son, his wife and two boys live here in Laurel. I got my private pilots license when I was 16 years old and have logged in excess of 5000 hours of flight time.

For my work history: I spent a total of 25 years n the ranching business, Starting n 1981 I went to work in the Exploration Division of Farmers Union Central Exchange (which is now CENEX) ,

Also I was majority owner of a Construction and Excavation business for about 15 years.

Finally to reinterate I am applying for an appointment of a Board Position on the Laurel Airport Board.

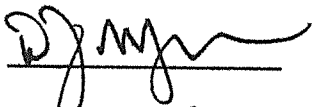





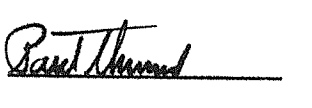

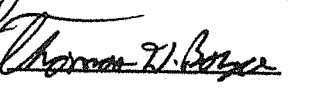

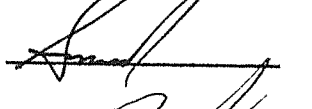
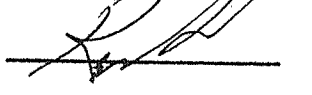
Thank you for your time.

James Wise

RECOMMENDATION FOR LAUREL AIRPORT BOARD

We would like to recommend Jim Wise for ^{any} open position on the Laurel Airport Board.

We believe Jim would be an asset to the board and by signing below, we are giving our support to Jim Wise.

<u>Doug Myers</u>		658 Pilot Hanger owner	(406) 633-5299
<u>Robert Burns</u>		Pilot Hanger owner	406 670-9803
<u>Levi White</u>		Pilot Hanger owner	406-668-2585
<u>ED Taylor</u>		Pilot Hanger owner	406-698-6480
<u>Hailey Taylor</u>		658 Pilot	406-670-2048
<u>Chris Williams</u>		658 Pilot	406-671-8589
<u>Paul Thurmond</u>		Pilot Hanger owner	(406) 591-2335
<u>Jim Schachts</u>		Hanger owner	406 960-9992
<u>TOM BOYCE</u>		406 AERO FBO	425-230-5823
<u>Ernst Whitcomb</u>		406 AERO FBO	(406) 696-1873
<u>STUART Wheeler</u>		406 FBO AERO	425-359 3931
<u>Pat Weber</u>		Webers CNC Machine Shop	406 692-2141

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FRANK FELLE Frank Felle HANGER OWNER 406-680-9669

MUEL WILLIAMS Muel Williams Hanger/airplane owner 406-794-1167

Loyd Allison Daryl Allen Pilot/Hanger 406-669-3273

Chuck McCarver Chuck McCarver Hanger 406-426-8037

BRET MCKENNA [Signature] 2230/2240 RATHBUN (406) 698-4829

Scott Finkle [Signature] SG Fabrication Commercial/old 406-676-8449

Don Schlegelmilch Don Schlegelmilch Hanger Owner 406-628-4421

Jim Roberts Jim Roberts Pilot 406-855-4171
