

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

June 13, 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 June 13, 2023.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:      None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:      Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney  
   Brittney Moorman, Council Administrative Assistant  
   Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Police Monthly Report – May 2023

**COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council Member Mackay stated she had received messages from Savage Cat Rescue. Additional information will be coming before Council.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- **Claims entered through**  
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 5/28/2023 totaling \$236,482.94.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of June 6, 2023.**

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

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of May 23, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of April 24, 2023.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

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



Steve Krum, 249 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue W, spoke regarding air pollution and the DEQ classification as a hazardous source of air pollution.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- **Appointment of Joseph Mutchler to the Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2028.**

Mayor Waggoner stated he had decided to bring forward the appointment of Joseph Mutchler to the Airport Authority.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Joseph Mutchler to the Airport Authority for a five-year term ending June 30, 2028, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Members of the Laurel Airport submitted the attached petition of support for Joseph Mutchler.

There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Richard Klose to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Klose to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Ken Olson to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ken Olson to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Richard Herr to the City/County Planning Board for two-year terms ending June 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Herr to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Roger Giese to the City/County Planning Board for two-year terms ending June 30, 2025.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Roger Giese to the City/County Planning Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Katie Fjelstad to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2028.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the Mayor's appointment of Katie Fjelstad to the Library Board for a five-year term ending June 30, 2028, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Ms. Fjelstad introduced herself to Council.

There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Wallace Hall to the Police Commission for a three-year term ending April 30, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the Mayor's appointment of Wallace Hall to the Police Commission for a three-year term ending April 30, 2026, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

Mr. Hall introduced himself to Council.

There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Michelle Mize to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026.**

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve the Mayor's appointment of Michelle Mize to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Appointment of Riley McIlvain to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.**

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the Mayor's appointment of Riley McIlvain to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Mize. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Waggoner announced the attached vacancies that need to be filled on various Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

- **Resolution No. R23-37: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor And The Clerk-Treasurer To Open A New Banking Account For Collection Of Fees For Riverside Park.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-37, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion.

Mayor Waggoner read the attached report of fees collected for camping in Riverside Park.

A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-38: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services By And Between The City Of Laurel And Yellowstone Boys And Girls Ranch.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R23-38, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-39: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services By And Between The City Of Laurel And Laurel Airport Authority.**

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R23-39, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-40: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing One-Year Extension Of Annexation Application For A One Acre Lot Located West Of 8th Avenue Between 1st And 2nd Streets Pursuant To The City Of Laurel's Annexation Policy.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R23-40, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-41: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve An Amendment To Task Order For The Project Known As The WTP Lift Well Replacement.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R23-41, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Resolution No. R23-42: A Resolution Of The City Council Notifying The Yellowstone County Election Administrator Of The City Of Laurel's Desire To Conduct The 2023 City Primary (If Held) And The 2023 General Elections By Mail-In Ballot In Accordance With Mont. Code Ann. § 13-19-202.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R23-42, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):**

Tomorrow is Flag Day. There will be a flag retirement ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at the National Cemetery.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

The Public Works Committee's next meeting is Monday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

The Southside is still a mess from all the road construction, but it is slowly starting to get put back together again.

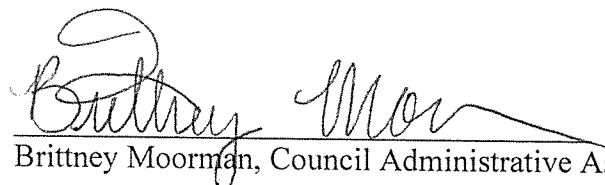
Mayor Waggoner stated he could not attend this weekend's Firefighters Memorial ceremony. Council Members who could attend stated it was a very good ceremony.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** None.

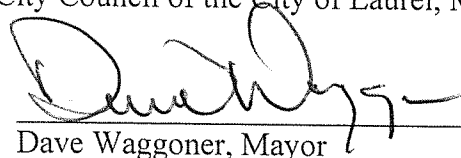
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Herr to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

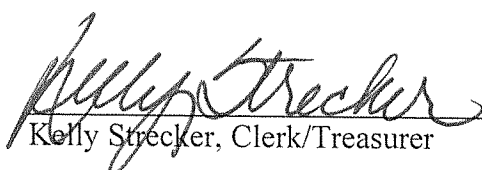
There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
Brittney Moorman, Council Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

  
Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

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The construction on the Yellowstone County Generating Station will likely resume soon, the problem is; the state of Montana actively promotes the burning of fossil fuels, the main cause of climate change which we see evidence of everyday. NorthWestern Energy ~~says~~ if you want to keep the lights on you need to allow us to do what we want, where we want, and when we want and our state government backs them up. NWE wanting to provide us with electricity in the coldest winter days as well as the hottest summer days is a bit absurd since it is the burning of fossil fuels that cause those temperature extremes!

conveys  
the  
message

Reliability is a wonderful thing as long as it doesn't pollute the air so badly that people can't breathe when they go outside! When it comes to affordability you can bet your bottom dollar the plant will be paid for with a rate increase to residential customers not business customers.

Some believe that groups who are suing should cover the cost of litigation as well as delays in construction. The truth is our legislature repeatedly clogs up the court system by passing laws that are unconstitutional.

Shouldn't a company have to obtain required zoning changes before construction not after? NWE states they have requested zone changes which makes me wonder from whom since I thought jurisdiction on those parcels was still up for debate!

Yesterday a landmark court case HELD VS the STATE OF MONTANA began in which children from across this state ranging in age from 5 to 22 will be fighting for their constitutional rights. Article 9 section 1.1 says the state and each person shall maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment in Montana for present and future generations.

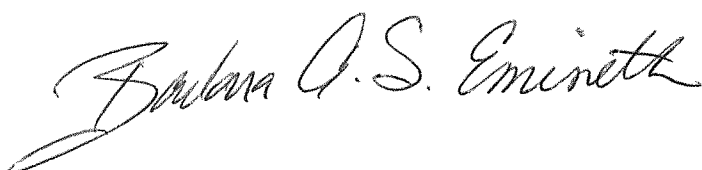
Take a look at what Colorado is doing, they will not be burning coal past 2030 and they expect to receive 1.8 billion dollars in grant money for renewables.

If we as citizens of this great state do not change this narrative future generations will pay the price in unconscionable and unfathomable ways!

Barbara A.S. Emineth

406-598-4629

Laurel Montana



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We would like to recommend Joe Mutchler for a position on the Laurel Airport Board.

We believe Joe would be an asset to the board and by signing below, we are giving our support to Joe Mutchler for the Laurel Airport board.

Jim Wise Jim Wise 2420 Rathbun 406-855-0327

Brandon Smith Brandon Smith 406-690-7024

Jim Roberts Jim Roberts 2315 Greening 406-855-4171

PATRICK STEPP PATRICK STEPP 2316 E Greening 406-396-2814

Jeff Doyle Jeff Doyle 2321 E Greening 406-690-2254

WES KUBITZ Wes Kubitz 2616 Willow Wood 406-647-8441

Jacob Hageman Jacob Hageman 1120 Yale Ave 406-690-3231  
Hangar on Greening  
Ex Board member

Don Schlegelmilch Don Schlegelmilch 990 Clarhill Rd 406-628-4421

STUART Wheeler Stuart Wheeler 406 AERO 425 359 3931

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| <u>Chris Pedigo</u>   | <u>Chris G Keys</u>       | <u>406-671-2008</u>        |
| <u>Arlene Lauer</u>   | <u>Arlene Lauer</u>       | <u>406-672-0991</u>        |
| <u>ED Taylor</u>      | <u>2332 East Greening</u> | <u>406-698-6480</u>        |
| <u>Hailey Taylor</u>  | <u>Hailey Taylor</u>      | <u>406-670-2048</u>        |
| <u>Dylan Yarger</u>   | <u>Dylan Yarger</u>       | <u>N743SW 907-306-4259</u> |
| <u>Diesel Yarger</u>  | <u>Diesel Yarger</u>      | <u>N743SW 907-887-9590</u> |
| <u>Tawnya Yarger</u>  | <u>TAWNIA YARGER</u>      | <u>N35TW 907-980-6602</u>  |
| <u>Dave Gellner</u>   | <u>Dave Gellner</u>       | <u>N292EC 406-671-5528</u> |
| <u>June D. Scholt</u> | <u>June D. Scholt</u>     | <u>N71619 406-860-9972</u> |
| <u>Nan Scholt</u>     | <u>Nan Scholt</u>         | <u>739 D 406-927-6871</u>  |

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AERO - F.B.O. (406) 698-4829

[Signature] Buzz Scholtz A&P Mechanic 406 697-4733

Thomas W. Boyce THOMAS W. BOYCE LAUREL 406  
AERO - F.B.O. LA MECHANIC (406) 696-8118

[Signature] ELIOT WHITCOMB (406) 694-1873

[Signature] Scott Frank 56 Main St  
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[Signature] DONALD SANDROTTI 56 Main (503) 502-9213

[Signature] Denise Yarger 3D Aero 907-980-6601

Carl Shopp Ken Leasing 2216 Greening  
Laurel Hangar 406-949-2416

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(POB 50221) Laurel MT 406 208-5013

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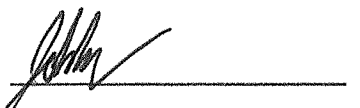



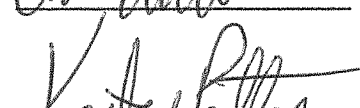



[Signature] Doug Myers Home  
1915 Waterwood Dr. (406) 633-5290  
Hangar  
2420 Rathbun



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| <u></u> | <u>Sid Wacker</u>              | <u>56 Modlar</u> | <u>406 861 0037</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>Shawn Sollard</u>           | <u>34685</u>     | <u>406-698-0356</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>John Bonner</u>             | <u>289KC</u>     | <u>406-702-9612</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>Wade Liffon</u>             | <u>3093 Q</u>    | <u>801-244-7598</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>Kelly Echinger</u>          | <u>N 4466 Q</u>  | <u>406-679-0688</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>Chris Williams</u>          | <u>N 9779 Q</u>  | <u>406-671-8589</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>Kent Potter</u>             | <u>NSWB</u>      | <u>406-688-4722</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>Michael Jacobsen</u>        | <u>N140PD</u>    | <u>406-609-7583</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>David Powers</u>            |                  | <u>406-680-8874</u> |
| <u></u> | <u>Powers Prop Air Service</u> | <u>N2698 Q</u>   | <u>406-641-9317</u> |

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Stephannij Path Helicopter Solution SWB 406-698-4773

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James R. Kelly 742 New 4876 (408) 671-0808 NAH15D

Andrea McClaffrey Andrea McClaffrey (406) 366-0692 N9115F ~~(800)~~

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| Committee                  | Name                            | New Term  | Term Length |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Public Works Committee     | Vacant                          | N/A       | N/A         |
| Cemetery Commission        | Vacant                          | 6/30/2025 | 2 years     |
| Cemetery Commission        | Vacant                          | 6/30/2024 |             |
| City/County Planning Board | Vacant - City Rep/Mayor Appoint | 6/30/2025 | 2 years     |
| Tree Board                 | Vacant                          | 6/30/2025 | 3 years     |
| Tree Board                 | Vacant                          | 6/30/2026 | 3 years     |

**Kelly Strecker**

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**Cc:**

**Subject:**

Kelly Strecker  
Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:02 AM  
Ward 3A  
Kelly Strecker  
Riverside Park fees

**Follow Up Flag:**

**Flag Status:**

Follow up  
Completed

Good Morning Irv,

As promised here are the Riverside Park total Revenues less expenses.

FY 21/22 :\$4013.10

FY 22/23 : \$12,237.30

Have a great day.

Kelly Strecker  
City of Laurel, Montana  
(406) 628-7431 extension 5100