



**AGENDA
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026
6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

WELCOME . . . By your presence in the City Council Chambers, you are participating in the process of representative government. To encourage that participation, the City Council has specified times for citizen comments on its agenda -- once following the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council concerning any brief community announcement not to exceed one minute in duration for any speaker; and again following Items Removed from the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council on any matter of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. Citizens may also comment on any item removed from the consent agenda prior to council action, with each speaker limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. If a citizen would like to comment on an agenda item, we ask that you wait until the agenda item is presented to the Council by the Mayor and the public is asked to comment by the Mayor.

Any person who has any question concerning any agenda item may call the City Clerk-Treasurer's office to make an inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Your City government welcomes your interest and hopes you will attend the Laurel City Council meetings often.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of the Council

Approval of Minutes

Correspondence

Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Public Hearing

1. Love's Conditional Use Permit

Consent Items

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

*The Consent Calendar adopting the printed Recommended Council Action will be enacted with one vote. **The Mayor will first ask the Council members if any Council member wishes to remove any item from the Consent Calendar for discussion and consideration.** The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually at the end of this Agenda under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar." (See Section 12.) The entire Consent Calendar, with the exception of items removed to be discussed under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar," is then voted upon by roll call under one motion.*

2. Claims entered through June 19, 2026.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements - April 2026.
4. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements - May 2026.
5. Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/7/2026 totaling \$281,973.38.

Ceremonial Calendar

Reports of Boards and Commissions

6. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 9, 2026.
7. Laurel Airport Authority Minutes of June 9, 2026.
8. Tree/Park Board Minutes of May 7, 2026.
9. Tree/Park Board Minutes of June 4, 2026.

Audience Participation (Three-Minute Limit)

Citizens may address the Council regarding any item of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Comments regarding tonight's agenda items will be accepted under Scheduled Matters. The duration for an individual speaking under Audience Participation is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

Scheduled Matters

10. Resolution No. R26-32: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Conditional Use Permit For Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Based Upon The Recommendation Of The Laurel Zoning Commission.
11. Resolution No. R263-33: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Task Order And All Related Documents For The On-Call Engineering By And Between The City Of Laurel And Morrison-Maierle
12. Resolution R26-34: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Laurel Airport Authority.
13. Resolution No. R26-35: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Yellowstone Boys And Girls Ranch.
14. Resolution R26-36: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 5.
15. Resolution No. R26-37: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 8.
16. Resolution No. R26-38: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Laurel Urban Fire Services Area.

Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

Community Announcements (One-Minute Limit)

This portion of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the Council regarding community announcements. The duration for an individual speaking under Community Announcements is limited to one minute. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

Council Discussion

Council members may give the City Council a brief report regarding committees or groups in which they are involved.

Mayor Updates

Unscheduled Matters

Adjournment

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File Attachments for Item:

6. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 9, 2026.

**Minutes of City of Laurel
Budget/Finance Committee
Tuesday, June 09, 2026**

Members' Present: Jessica Banks, Tom Canape, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler

Others Present: Kelly Strecker, Kelly Gauslow

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair at 5:30 pm.

Public Input: There was no public comment.

General Items –

1. Review and approve May 26, 2026, Budget and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Jessica Banks moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2026. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the minutes of May 26, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment or committee discussion.
2. Review and approve purchase requisitions. Kelly presented a purchase requisition from Systems Technology Consultants. The requisition is for three new computers. The front desk in the finance office is about seven years old and needs to be replaced. Brittney's computer is over five years old and is starting to give her some issues. The other laptop is for the City Attorney. Systems Technology Consultants advises that our computers be updated every five years, to keep up with the recent technology changes. The cost for all three computers and the labor is \$9,406.00. Jessica Banks moved to approve the purchase requisition for three new computers and labor to set them up. Casey Wheeler seconded the motion. With no objection, the purchase requisition was approved.
3. Review and recommend approval to Council; claims entered through June 5, 2026. Casey Wheeler moved to approve the claims and check register for claims entered through June 5, 2026. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the claims and check register of June 5, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment.
4. Review and approve Payroll Register for the pay period ending May 24, 2026, totaling \$230,731.08. Jessica Banks motioned to approve the payroll register for the pay period ending May 24, 2026, totaling \$230,731.08. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the payroll register was approved. There was no public comment.
5. Review and approve May 2026 Utility Billing Adjustments. Jessica Banks moved to approve May 2026 Utility Billing Adjustments. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the May Utility Billing Adjustments were approved. There was no public comment.

New Business -None

Old Business – Kelly mentioned that with the new Schedule of Fees in place, punch cards for the container site can now be purchased at the water office.

Other Items –

1. Review Comp/OT reports for the pay period ending May 24, 2026.
2. Mayor Update – None.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Update-Kelly stated that the May Financial Statement is balanced, and she would have that on the next agenda. Kelly also stated that for the next several months, besides the daily business, she will be working on the budget.

Announcements –

1. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held on June 23, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
2. Jessica Banks is scheduled to review the claims for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Strecker

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.

File Attachments for Item:

7. Laurel Airport Authority Minutes of June 9, 2026.



Meeting Minutes - 09 June, 2026

Roll Call: Doug Myers, Jim Wise, Joe Mutchler (Present), Gary Blain and Randy Hand (Absent)

Members of Public Present: Cody Phillips, Quinn Shumway, Brad Sinclair

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting, 04/31/2026 (Jim making motion / Joe seconding):
Unanimous and without exception

Financial Update and Claims: Reviewed/Approved (Jim / Doug) Attached as separate document.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Please limit it to 3 minutes

- Quinn Shumway of Aviators Flight Club expressed an interest in relocating their Billings based flight school and flying club (3 airplanes and 17 members) to Laurel.
- Cody Phillips of AeroStat also expressed an interest in building a possible FBO located at Laurel. He is in current discussions with Laurel's current FBO, 406 Aero. The board has requested a written proposal and communication with financial investors backing the project.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Please limit to 3 minutes (None made)

Reports:

KLJ Engineering

- K2 Civil Eng. was approved and selected (Joe/Jim) as contractor for the construction of our repaving of the access road into the airport.
- A notice of the award will be sent to K2 to trigger their providing of a performance bond and proof of insurance etc.
- KLJ's monthly report is attached as a separate document

Maintenance Report:

- a. We have had an AWI inspection of the AWOS equip and had it determined that we need a new wind sensor installed (@ \$5000).
- b. Bill Austin volunteered a 72" mower and is helping to mow our areas (with Murl and Doug).
- c. We have purchased a 71" mower to pull behind our smaller Case tractor as our previous mowing deck failed. The new one was \$3,689 and bought from Billings Farmhand.

Laurel Airport Authority
P.O. Box 242
Laurel, MT 59044

New Business:

- a. Charlie Byerly had requested a 50-year lease for a (new lot) hangar at 2308 Powers. The request was voted upon and approved unanimously (Jim/Doug)
- b. A Skydiving charity event was voted upon and unanimously approved (Doug/Jim) for June 29-30. D Zone of Three Forks will conduct a charity skydiving event (in support of the Wounded Warrior project). It will be a single event and our approval does not constitute permission for routine follow on jump events. @ 50 jumpers will jump from a single plane @ 3X per day from sunup to sun down over the two days of the event. They will brief Joe on their plan on 6/15.
- c. A discussion was held regarding noise complaints associated with the ag spray operation of Leatherneck Aviation. Possible noise remediation options were discussed, and will be passed along to Leatherneck Aviation.

Old Business:

- a. Abandoned aircraft on the parking ramp update: Our airport attorney has recommended that a letter of intent for removal be sent to the owner of the abandoned Bonanza on our ramp and that he be given 30 days grace period prior to the remove of the aircraft by the City of Laurel.
- b. Steel Stephens (2240 Willis Ave #2) needs to provide proof of ownership for a new lease. He is out of compliance as he has no valid, current lease. We cannot issue him a new lease until proof of ownership is established. Multiple requests have been made.
- c. John Baber of 2243 W Stormont has been making lease payments through an intermediary party, but they have had no valid lease for the hangar for years. Multiple requests have been made to get an airplane into their hangar (it has been in violation of the FAA requirement that it contains an aircraft, as it only contains cars) and no action has been taken. We will issue a letter of intent to remove them from the airport and force the sale of their hangar if they do not put an airplane in their hangar within 30 days.
- d. FAA compliance: We are in hopes that the FAA will soon approve the edits that have been made to our minimum standards documents.



Airport Project Status Report
May 29, 2026

Laurel Municipal Airport

CLIENT CONTACT PERSON AND ADDRESS

Joe Mutchler
PO Box 242
Laurel, MT 59044
406-702-6658
joseph.t.mutchler@gmail.com

WORK IN PROGRESS

Laurel Access Road - Design and Construction

KLJ #2405-01024 AIG #3-30-0047-0026-2025

- The project has completed the design phase of service and a project closeout is being drafted for the design grant. As of May 21, 2026 the project has been bid receiving five competitive and responsive bids. An award recommendation is being drafted along with award documents in preparation for the next airport board meeting to be reviewed by the board along with the bidding documents. Once a motion is made by the board and the recommendation and concurred the recommendation will be sent to the ADO for FAA concurrence before awarding the project.

OTHER ITEMS

- Congressional Funding
 - On behalf of the Laurel Airport Authority, KLJ prepared and submitted a grant application to Senator Sheehy's office in response to a solicitation for congressional funding opportunities. Since submission, the application has advanced through the initial round of selection and is currently under further consideration, with a final response pending.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY CITY/AIRPORT

- Funds Transfer
 - Laurel (6S8) to Dawson (GDV) - \$36,193
 - Signature for Transfer Request.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY MT Aeronautics

- None

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY FAA

- Nothing currently.

Reported by:


Justin Zindell, PM
KLJ
406-294-5500
Justin.Zindell@kljeng.com

cc:

Roxanne Trotta, Airport Project Manager

Roxanne.Trotta@faa.gov

From: Douglas Myers
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2026 7:44 AM
To: Joe Mutchler; Jim Wise; Randy Hand; Gary Blain
Cc: Murl Williams
Subject: LAA - May Expenses Paid
Attachments: May 2026 Expenses (Page 1).pdf; May 2026 Expenses (Page 2).pdf; May 2026 Expenses (Page 3).pdf

Gents:

The following expenses (copies of checks attached) have been paid by Codi.

Jim Wise and I signed the checks:

American Road Maintenance	AIP #3-30-0047-025-202400	\$16,654.81
Cotter's	Porta Potti	\$60.00
Doug Myers	Mower Gas, Internet, Office Supplies	\$262.62
Town and Country		\$270.04
MT Aeronautics Division	Inv 6739 & 6737	\$637.66
MacKenzie Disposal	Waste Service	\$121.33
Century Link	Phone Service	\$104.63
YVEC	Electric Service	\$350.00
Billings Farmhand	Mower Deck Purchase (cashiers chk)	\$3,689.00

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Doug Myers

406-633-5299 Cell
Myerdouj1956@outlook.com

File Attachments for Item:

8. Tree/Park Board Minutes of May 7, 2026.

Laurel Park-Tree Board Minutes for May 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Tom Canape in Council Chambers.

In attendance were Irv Wilke, Paul Kober, Brent Edgmond, Joe Holzwarth, Tom Canape, Richard Klose, and Jon Rutt.

Guests – Laura Kirschman, LuAnn Engh

Public input – None

General Items

1. LPB Minutes for April 2, 2026 – Irv Wilke moved to approve and Richard Klose 2nd the motion. Approved

New Business

Old Business

2. Floating Island for South Pond – \$19,500 will be put in the budget for next year. Fundraising can be started for community participation. Discussion about whether to proceed. Irv Wilke made a motion to recommend proceeding to the Council. Richard Klose 2nd. Approved.
3. Other Parks – Quote for sprinkler at W 12th St. Park pending. School gave back Fir Field but is still using the fields. Matt is meeting with the school tomorrow. Discussion on naming W 12th St. Park and develop a handicap/sensory area. Area in Thompson Park is set aside for Fireworks. See attached. TDS Fiber wants to install a junction box in a park along East Maryland. See attached picture with X. Irv Wilke made a motion to approve X spot and send it to council. Joe Holzwarth 2nd. Approved.
4. Billie Riddle Splash Park Toilets – Tabled until new engineer hired.
5. Riverside Park Campground – Putting a 24-hour cancellation requirement for a refund. Starting to be used again.
6. American Legion Building at Riverside Park – Nothing new
7. Riverside Hall/Lions Club – Meeting tonight here and looks nice. More interest is being generated in renting. Discussion followed on uses and future of the hall.
8. Laurel Rod and Gun Club Building – Tom Canape will bring it up with council at workshop.
9. Tree Board Business – Arbor Day Foundation approved as a Tree City USA. October 6 this year will be the celebration with the 4th graders.

Other Items.

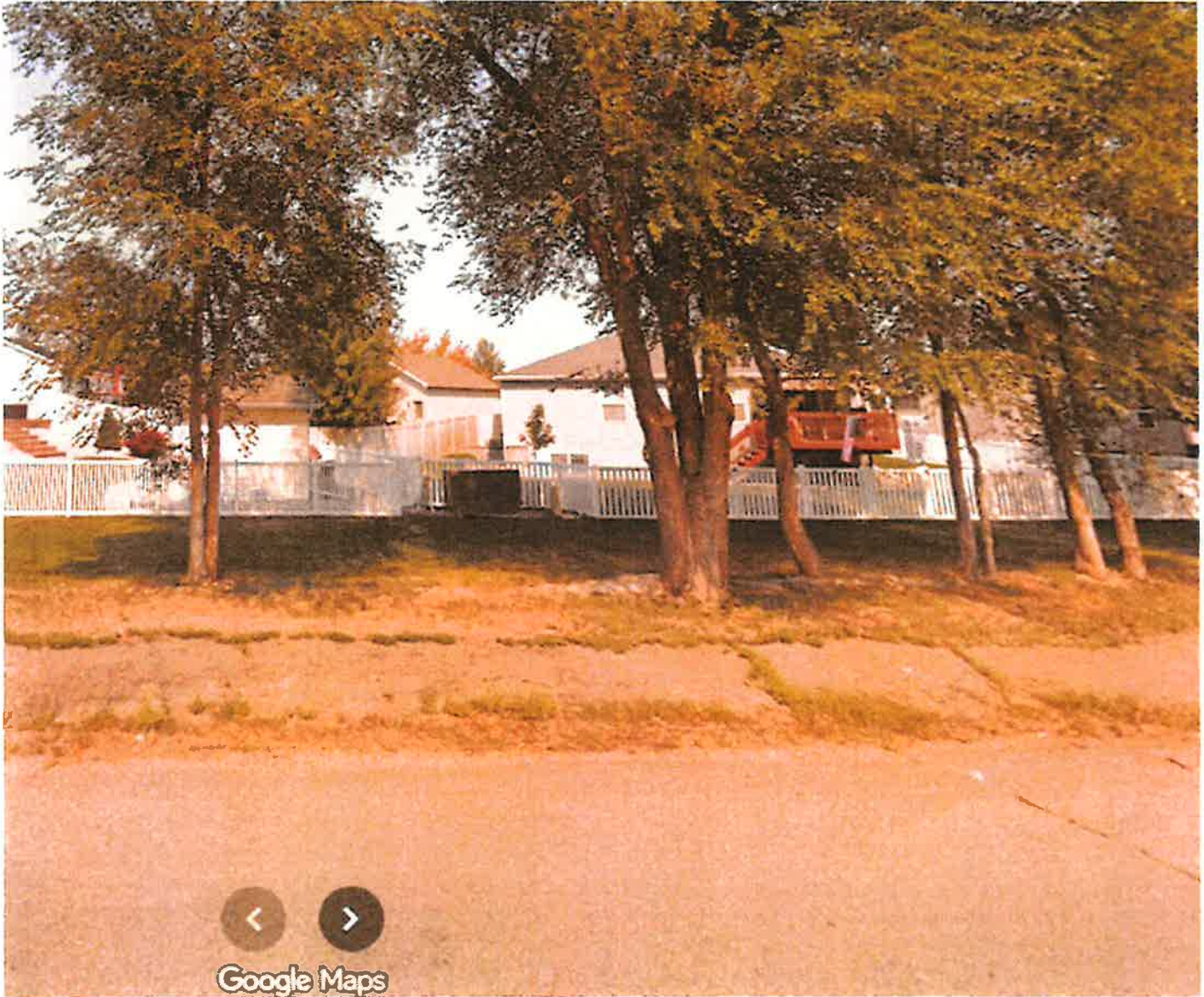
Paul asked about memorial at Library.

Next month's meeting will be on June 4, 2026.

Adjourn 6:31

Submitted Jon Rutt





File Attachments for Item:

9. Tree/Park Board Minutes of June 4, 2026.

Laurel Park-Tree Board Minutes for June 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Tom Canape in Council Chambers.

In attendance were Paul Kober, Brent Edgmond, Rene Studiner, Joe Holzwarth, Tom Canape, Richard Klose, and Jon Rutt.

Guests – Laura Kirschman, Chuck Hull, and Jack Sterling.

Public input – Chuck and Jack from Yellowstone River Research Center propose cleaning up the junk on the east side of the berm of the shooting range for the Rod and Gun Club Range. They presented a waiver of liability to the City. See attached proposal.

General Items

1. LPB Minutes for May 7, 2026 – Richard Klose moved to approve and Brent Edgmond 2nd the motion. Approved

New Business

Old Business

2. Floating Island for South Pond – City Council to review.
3. Other Parks – Going well. School gave back Fir Field, and the soccer team the “Storm” agreed to maintain. Nutting Park sprinkler contractor did a poor job.
4. Billie Riddle Splash Park Toilets – Jon Rutt made a motion to investigate installing permanent toilets at Splash Park, Richard Klose 2nd. Approved.
5. Riverside Park Campground – Slight homeless problem, police working on a solution. Otherwise, good and being used.
6. American Legion Building at Riverside Park – Nothing new
7. Riverside Hall/Lions Club – Focusing on getting it rented. Getting busier. Discussion followed about the future operation of renting.
8. Laurel Rod and Gun Club Building – Council has not moved on deciding whether the building can be used.
9. Tree Board Business – Smaller trees are available but it was decided to try for next year. The library is interested in replacing the “Elsie Johnson Memorial Tree” with a bench.

Other Items.

Discussion on Sensory Park for new W 12th Park or Murray Park. Chip Seal the walking path at South Pond.

Next month’s meeting will be on July 2, 2026.

Adjourn 6:28

Submitted Jon Rutt



Chuck
Hull

Jack
Sturbing



ROCKY MOUNTAIN
COLLEGE

Dear Laurel Public Works,

For the past 20 years, the Yellowstone River Research Center at Rocky Mountain College has conducted river cleanup work on the Yellowstone River. This is the longest running and largest river cleanup effort in the state. To date we have removed nearly 400,000 lbs. of trash. We have worked with over 30 different organizations including the City of Billings, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, Billings Bench Water Association, Yellowstone Conservation District and most recently Zoo Montana to conduct targeted cleanups at fishing access sites and tributaries of the Yellowstone River.

Much of the “trash” that we remove is considered legacy trash that was often legally placed near or in the river to stabilize banks or for easy disposal. Our goal is to work with public and private landowners/mangers to assist with removing materials that might pose a risk to river users and to keep working to restore the river health and beautify adjacent public and private lands. We do not excavate items that are stabilizing banks.

We now cover over 100 river miles from Reed Point to the Bighorn River. You can follow some of this work on Instagram: [@yellowstoneriverresearch](https://www.instagram.com/yellowstoneriverresearch). This year we have already removed more than **35,000 lbs of trash**.

We are interested in helping the Laurel Public works department remove some legacy trash items at Riverside Park. The items include old car parts, tires and other rusty metal. We will not be using heavy equipment or excavating into the ground. We will remove items on the surface with a truck mounted winch or cut items flush (see attached pictures). Ideally we will be able to back a trailer down the trail past the site with the large boulder (see attached picture). That boulder will need to be moved so we can access the site and then returned once the items are removed.

We will gladly sign indemnity waivers for any volunteers that will help remove the items. Please let us know of any questions.

Regards,

Kayhan Ostovar

Professor - Environmental Science & Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Director – [Yellowstone River Research Center](https://www.yrrc.edu/)

Email: Kayhan.ostovar@rocky.edu Ph: 406-657-1175, Instagram: [@yellowstoneriverresearch](https://www.instagram.com/yellowstoneriverresearch)



Example of some of the car parts



Trail with boulder that will need to be moved for trailer loading access

City of Laurel

Public Works Department

115 West 1ST Street

Laurel, MT 59044

Indemnification:

The parties agree that the volunteer, shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City, it's agents, employees and officials, against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, cost expenses, liability or judgement for personal injury, death or property damages caused by the negligence of the applicant, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incidental to the maintenance work being conducted within the park.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

(Guardian/Parent) if volunteer is under 18.

Contact Information

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

File Attachments for Item:

10. Resolution No. R26-32: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Conditional Use Permit For Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Based Upon The Recommendation Of The Laurel Zoning Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. R26-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR LOVE’S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORES, BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAUREL ZONING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel has adopted zoning regulations pursuant to §76-2-301, et seq., MCA, establishing standards for land use, building, and development within the City;

WHEREAS, Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores, through its authorized agent, submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit for recreational vehicle parking in the Highway Commercial (HC) zoning district, located in Westbrook Subdivision, Lot 7A1, Amended Tract 6A and 7A and a portion of Tract 5 less Highway right-of-way in Section 17, Township 02 South, Range 24 East, P.M.M., City of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana;

WHEREAS, the Laurel Zoning Commission held its duly noticed public hearing on May 20, 2026, reviewed the application, supporting documentation, and public comment, and adopted findings of fact in accordance with the Standard of Review established by the City Council;

WHEREAS, the Laurel Zoning Commission, on a unanimous vote, found that the application and supporting documentation meet or exceed the Standard of Review and recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit for Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this matter by way of public hearing on the 23rd day of June 2026 at 6:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Zoning Commission’s recommendation, findings of fact, and supporting documentation, and determined that the application meets the requirements of the Laurel Zoning Regulations, including consistency with the Growth Policy, compatibility with surrounding uses, minimization of adverse impacts, protection of public health and safety, and compliance with applicable codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, as follows:

1. The Conditional Use Permit application of Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores for recreational vehicle parking in the Highway Commercial zoning district is hereby APPROVED.
2. This approval is subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of the Laurel Municipal Code, zoning regulations, and the following conditions

deemed necessary by the City to preserve public health, safety, and welfare as follows.

- a. That the development of the RV Park shall be in accordance with the plans, specifications, and design documents submitted for review except as modified by these conditions.
- b. That a Revised Preliminary Plat showing the details of the RV Park layout, spaces, amenities, utilities, and support buildings shall be filed with the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder.
- c. That the provision of water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, solid waste, and fire flow shall be reviewed and approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.
- d. That the proposed RV Park shall be licensed by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services prior to opening.
- e. That an approach permit to 19th Avenue West shall be issued for the proposed RV Park by the Montana Department of Transportation.
- f. That the Conditional Use Permit is for the construction of a 24 Unit Recreational vehicle Park within the Laurel Highway Commercial Zoning District.
- g. That all public and private infrastructure, including landscaping shall be installed prior to the opening of the RV Park to the public.
- h. That the Conditional Use Permit is valid for three years from the date of issuance to facilitate construction of the facility. If completed within the time specified, the permit shall run with the land as provided in the Laurel Municipal Code.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of June 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel the 23rd day of June 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

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Office of the City Planner

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REPORT CUP-26-01
Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores
RV Park – Highway Commercial District
May 21, 2026**

BACKGROUND:

The City of Laurel has had zoning since the early 1970's as authorized by §76-2-301 et. seq MCA. These regulations set minimum and maximum standards for all lands located with the jurisdiction of the City of Laurel. These regulations establish standards for the height, bulk, and location of structures as well as the intended use of to property.

The subject property was recently annexed into the City of Laurel and was assigned the initial zoning of Highway Commercial (HC).

The application materials address several other points that outline the anticipated benefits of the project. The application materials are incorporated into this report by reference.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Westbrook Subdivision, Lot 7A1, Amended Tract 6A and 7A and a portion of Tract 5 less Highway right-of-way in Section 17, Township 02 South, Range 24 East, P.M.M., City of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana.

APPLICANT(S):

Love's Travel Stops & Community Stores, Corporate Office
10601 N Pennsylvania Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

AGENT:

JSA Civil
Charlie Severs, PE
111 Tumwater BLVD SE, Ste B203
Tumwater WA 98501

EXISTING CONDITION:

The subject property is a platted subdivision within the City of Laurel. The property is undeveloped and is intended to be served by private extensions to public water and sewer, streets, and solid waste collection will be public. The property is 34.239 acres in size. This project will be located on the west side of the I-90 interchange.

PROCESS:

- The application for a Conditional Use was submitted on March 20, 2026, and is scheduled for review and recommendation on April 15, 2026 by the Laurel Zoning Commission.
- The Zoning Commission following the Public Comment must adopt findings of fact and issue a formal recommendation to the City Council on the requested conditional use. The Zoning Commission may propose conditions or modifications to the request so long as the findings of fact support the condition(s).
- Those findings of fact and conclusions as well as the record minutes of the public comments will be submitted to the City Council for consideration, hearing and final decision.
- The City Council will consider the Zoning Commission recommendation, findings of fact, and any conditions mitigating the impacts associated with the request.

ZONES INVOLVED: Existing and Proposed

- HC – Highway Commercial District.
 - Recreational Vehicle camping is a Conditionally Permitted use in the HC District.

RATIONAL NEXUS FOR CONDITIONAL USES:

“Conditional Use” The purpose of Conditional Uses is to allow uses that may be suitable in some but not all locations in the zoning district in which they are allowed or require special consideration because of unusual operational or physical characteristics or must be designed and developed with conditions to assure compatibility

Findings of Fact: Standard of Review – REQUIRED.

Approval or Conditional Approval of a Conditional Use shall require the Planning Board and City Council to consider and address each of the following Findings of Fact:

CONSISTENT WITH GROWTH POLICY

The Conditional Use is consistent with the policies, goals, objectives, and strategies of the Laurel Growth Policy.

COMPATIBILITY

The Conditional Use is compatible with the character of the immediate vicinity including the bulk, scale, and general appearance of neighboring buildings and uses.

MINIMIZES ADVERSE IMPACT

The design, development, and operation of the Conditional Use minimizes and mitigate adverse effects, including visual impact of the proposed use on adjacent lands.

MINIMIZES ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The development and operation of the proposed Conditional Use minimizes adverse environmental impacts. Environmental resources to be assessed include, but are not limited to wetlands, riparian areas, steep slopes, mature vegetation, and the floodplain.

IMPACT ON PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The Conditional Use does not have a significant adverse impact on public facilities and services, including, but not limited to, transportation systems, potable water and wastewater facilities, storm drainage, solid waste and recycling, parks, trails, sidewalks, schools, police, fire, and EMT facilities.

HAZARD, NUISANCE

The proposed Conditional Use will not create a hazard to persons or property and will not create a nuisance arising from, but not limited to traffic, noise, smoke, odors, dust, vibration, or illumination.

OTHER CODES

The Conditional use complies with all applicable City codes and ordinances.

CONDITIONS

Conditions or restrictions may be placed on the approval of a Conditional Use. Such items include but are not limited to:

- A. OPEN SPACES; AND
- B. BUFFERS; AND
- C. FENCES; AND
- D. WALLS; AND
- E. REQUIRING INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPING; AND
- F. REQUIRING STREET DEDICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS; AND
- G. REGULATING POINTS OF VEHICULAR INGRESS AND EGRESS; AND
- H. REGULATING TRAFFIC CIRCULATION; AND
- I. REGULATING SIGNS; AND
- J. REGULATING HOURS OF OPERATION AND METHODS OF OPERATIONS; AND
- K. CONTROLLING POTENTIAL NUISANCES; AND
- L. PRESCRIBING STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS; AND
- M. PRESCRIBING DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULES AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; AND
- N. SUCH OTHER CONDITIONS AS THE COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY OF THE USE WITH SURROUNDING

DEVELOPMENTS AND USES AND TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH,
SAFETY, AND WELFARE.

EXPIRATION

A Conditional Use shall expire one (1) year from the date of approval if the next logical step in the development process is not commenced. The next step in the development process includes but is not limited to applying for a building permit, commencing the use, or applying for a Development Permit.

ISSUES:

- The waterline serving the proposed development has not yet been accepted by the City of Laurel.
- Information on the line has been supplied to the City but acceptance has not occurred.
- The water pressure on the private main extension are perilously low >30 psi and will require the installation of a booster system to meet fire flows. This situation will be examined by MDEQ as part of their required review process.
- The problem is not the quantity of water but the pressures resulting from demands.
- The reports and documentation submitted by JSA Civil are incorporated into this report and made a part by reference.
- Love's has never made a secret of the intended use of this property as an RV Park

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Board and Zoning Commission recommends that the City Council consider each of the seven (7) criteria individually adopt findings related to each criterion and then based on the findings, take final action on the requested conditional use permit.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS:

1. That the development of the RV Park shall be in accordance with the plans, specifications, and design documents submitted for review except as modified by these conditions.
2. That a Revised Preliminary Plat showing the details of the RV Park layout, spaces, amenities, utilities, and support buildings shall be filed with the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder.
3. That the provision of water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, solid waste, and fire flow shall be reviewed and approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.
4. That the proposed RV Park shall be licensed by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services prior to opening.
5. That an approach permit to 19th Avenue West shall be issued for the proposed RV Park by the Montana Department of Transportation.
6. That the Conditional Use Permit is for the construction of a 24 Unit Recreational vehicle Park within the Laurel Highway Commercial Zoning District.

7. That all public and private infrastructure, including landscaping shall be installed prior to the opening of the RV Park to the public.
8. That the Conditional Use Permit is valid for three years from the date of issuance to facilitate construction of the facility. If completed within the time specified, the permit shall run with the land as provided in the Laurel Municipal Code.

File Attachments for Item:

11. Resolution No. R263-33: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Task Order And All Related Documents For The On-Call Engineering By And Between The City Of Laurel And Morrison-Maierle

RESOLUTION NO. R26-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE TASK ORDER AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE ON-CALL ENGINEERING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUREL AND MORRISON-MAIERLE

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Task Order and all related documents, by and between the City of Laurel and Morrison-Maierle., for the on-call engineering, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Task Order and all related documents, by and between the City of Laurel and Morrison-Maierle.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of June 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 23rd day of June 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

Task Order

In accordance with Paragraph 1.01 of the Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services – Task Order Edition, dated 5/26/2026 ("Agreement"), Owner and Engineer agree as follows:

1. Background Data

- a. Effective Date of Task Order: 6/23/2026
- b. Owner: City of Laurel
- c. Engineer: Morrison-Maierle
- d. Specific Project (title): On-Call General Assistance
- e. Specific Project (description): Engineer shall provide specific services as requested by the City of Laurel, in writing.

2. Services of Engineer

A. The specific services to be provided or furnished by Engineer under this Task Order are:

- as follows: Engineer shall provide specific services as requested and authorized by the City of Laurel Public Works staff via email or other written communication. Each request shall define the scope, schedule expectations, and any budget limitations, and shall constitute authorization to proceed unless otherwise stated.

3. Additional Services

B. Additional Services that may be authorized or necessary under this Task Order are:

- as follows: Engineer shall provide specific Additional Services as requested and authorized by the City of Laurel Public Works staff via email or other written communication. Each request shall define the scope, schedule expectations, and any budget limitations, and shall constitute authorization to proceed unless otherwise stated.

4. Owner's Responsibilities

Owner shall have those responsibilities set forth in Article 2 of the Agreement and in Exhibit B, subject to the following: *None*

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5. Task Order Schedule

In addition to any schedule provisions provided in Exhibit A or elsewhere, the parties shall meet the following schedule: The schedule shall be as agreed to in writing for each individual on-call work task requested.

6. Payments to Engineer

A. Owner shall pay Engineer for services rendered under this Task Order as follows:

The total compensation for services identified under this Task Order is estimated to be \$50,000 per year. Council approval is required for any services exceeding \$50,000 in one year. Based on the following assumed distribution:

Description of Service	Amount	Basis of Compensation
1. On-Call General Assistance	\$50,000	Hourly Rates or as agreed per task
TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$50,000	Hourly Rates or as agreed per task

Services shall be performed on either an Hourly Rate or Lump Sum basis in accordance with the rate schedule included in the Agreement and as described in Exhibit C of the Master Agreement.

For hourly rate work, the hourly rates and expenses for Engineering Services may be adjusted annually, and such adjusted rates will be utilized for those Basic Services and Additional Services utilizing the Hourly Rate method of payment. Owner shall pay Engineer for services at the current Standard Billing Rates in effect at the time of the work request.

In some cases, Owner and Engineer may agree on a Lump Sum for specific tasks. This will be defined in writing at the time the task is authorized.

7. **Consultants retained as of the Effective Date of the Task Order:** None. May be defined on a task by task basis, if needed.
8. **Other Modifications to Agreement and Exhibits:** None
9. **Attachments:** Current Hourly Rates, effective through December 31, 2026.
10. **Other Documents Incorporated by Reference:** None

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11. Terms and Conditions

Execution of this Task Order by Owner and Engineer shall make it subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement (as modified above), which Agreement is incorporated by this reference. Engineer is authorized to begin performance upon its receipt of a copy of this Task Order signed by Owner.

The Effective Date of this Task Order is 6/23/2026.

OWNER:

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

ENGINEER:

By: Jill A. Cook

Print Name: Jill A. Cook, PE

Title: Vice President

Engineer License or Firm's Certificate No. (if required): 19585 PE

State of: MT

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR TASK ORDER:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR TASK ORDER:

Name: Kurtis DeShaw

Title: Project Manager

Address: 315 N 25th St, Suite 102

E-Mail Address: kdeshaw@m-m.net

Phone: 406-237-1251

Task Order Form

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File Attachments for Item:

12. Resolution R26-34: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Laurel Airport Authority.

RESOLUTION NO. R26-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES FOR THE LAUREL AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Agreement for Provision of Fire Services for the Laurel Airport Authority (hereinafter “Airport Authority”), by and between the City of Laurel (hereinafter “the City”) and Airport Authority, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Agreement for Provision of Fire Services with Airport Authority on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of June 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 23rd day of June 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

Kris R. Vogeles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 11, 2026

Fire District: Laurel Airport Authority

Dear Laurel Airport Authority,

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Laurel have discussed the upcoming Fire service contracts and other services for the Rural Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas.

We would like to continue to offer you a contract with a 10% increase from last year. This increase is a result of the rising costs of expenses associated with the Fire Service. These include fire apparatus - both new equipment and the maintenance and repair of existing apparatus, personal protective equipment, fuel costs and equipment purchase to maintain and provide highly effective fire services for our districts. The proposed payment would be as follows:

Contract Year	Last Contract		% +/-	Increase/ Decrease		Last Contract	=	Annual Payment
2026-27	\$6,620.68	x	10.00	\$662.09	+	\$6,620.68	=	\$7,282.75

Enclosed, you will find the contract for the next year of service. If your Board of Directors accepts this contract amount, please sign and return to the following by May 30, 2026:

Brittney Harakal
Council Administrative Assistant, P O Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

The City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department are requesting that the new contracts be finalized and ready, to be presented to the City of Laurel Council before the end of the fiscal year. If you feel that the new rate is unjust and would like to meet with myself or the City of Laurel Mayor, please contact me and arrange a date and time at your convenience to meet.

Thank you for your support. If there is anything we can do to help support Fire District 7, please don't hesitate to call us. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

J W Hopper
Fire Chief,
Laurel Fire Department
jwhopper@laurel.mt.gov
406-628-4911

**AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES
FOR
THE LAUREL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2026, by and between the City of Laurel, Montana, a municipal corporation (hereinafter “the City”) and the Laurel Airport Authority (hereinafter “the Laurel Airport Authority”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the City maintains the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter “the LVFD”) and is willing to provide fire protection, prevention, and investigation services to properties within the Laurel Airport Authority at the same level as such services are provided to properties within the limits of the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is the Laurel Airport Authority boundary description and map;

WHEREAS, the Laurel Airport Authority desires to obtain the said fire services from the City by entering into a contract with the City for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. SERVICES

The City will furnish the following services to properties and residents within the Laurel Airport Authority at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City:

- a. fire protection and suppression;
- b. fire prevention

The City further agrees to provide grassland, rangeland, and timberland fire protection services to properties located within the Laurel Airport Authority, at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City.

It is mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the amount of equipment, the type of equipment, the number of personnel dispatched, the manner of fighting the fire or explosion, etc., shall be in the sole discretion of the City and its personnel.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that, in the event fire, explosion, or emergency calls shall occur simultaneously in the Laurel Airport Authority and within the City’s municipal boundaries, the City shall have priority in using its equipment and manpower to protect the City property first, and that protection of City inhabitants and property shall have preference and priority over any call or demand of the Laurel Airport Authority.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the Fire Marshall of the LVFD shall conduct the investigation of all fires and/or explosions within the organized fire district and be independently responsible for determining the cause, origin, and circumstances of the same.

The Laurel Airport Authority agrees to cooperate with the City and the LVFD in the inspection of the property to be protected and to cooperate in reducing fire risks as may be suggested from time to time by LVFD personnel and/or the City and/or State Fire Inspector.

2. SERVICE AREA

Fire services will be provided to all properties located within the boundaries of the Laurel Airport Authority as specified in the Agreement, and as amended from time to time by agreement of the parties. Any enlargement of the Laurel Airport Authority will not receive fire service unless approved in writing by the City. The hydrants and water system used for fire suppression by the City will be the sole responsibility for maintenance, care, and upkeep of the Laurel Airport Authority.

3. EFFECTIVE

This Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2026, and shall terminate on June 30, 2027, subject to the provisions of Section 4.

4. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

This Agreement may be renewed, with the terms and conditions of the renewal Agreement to be as mutually agreed upon by the parties or, prior to expiration, this agreement may be extended for one or more thirty-day period(s) to provide the parties the opportunity to negotiate a new agreement. The parties may extend the agreement in writing, accepted, and signed by both the City's Mayor and an authorized official/agent of the Laurel Airport Authority.

5. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

The fees for providing services for this Agreement shall be:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: \$7,282.75

One-half of the said fees shall be paid on or before December 31, 2026. The remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, 2027.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The City will furnish an annual written report to the Laurel Airport Authority, which will include the number and type of incidents responded to within the Laurel Airport Authority by City personnel.

7. MODIFICATION

This Agreement cannot be modified or amended except in writing executed by the parties.

8. TERMINATION

Termination of this Agreement occurs either 1) upon mutual agreement of the parties or 2) upon the termination date contemplated herein. If either party wishes to terminate this Agreement before the termination date, such party shall give written notice to the other party to respond, with the other party's consent or objection, no less than thirty (30) days before the proposed termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LAUREL

LAUREL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mayor

By _____

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer



LAUREL FIRE

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March 25, 2024

Fire District: Laurel Airport Authority

Dear Laurel Airport Authority Chairperson,

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Laurel have discussed the upcoming Fire District contracts and other services for the Rural Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas.

We would like to continue to offer you a contract for 2024-25. There was a 25% increase in the contract amount last year (2023-24). This year, however, we are pleased to maintain and provide our highly effective fire services to you at 0% increase, thereby maintaining the annual payment at the current level.

The proposed payment would be as follows:

Contract Year	Last Contract		% +/-	Increase/ Decrease		Last Contract		Annual Payment
2024-2025	\$6,620.68	x	0	\$0.00	+	\$6,620.68	=	\$6,620.68

Enclosed, you will find the contract for the next year of service. If your Board of Directors accepts this contract amount, please sign and return to the following by April 30, 2024:

Brittney Harakal
Council Administrative Assistant,
P O Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

The City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department are requesting that the new contracts be finalized and ready, to be presented to the City of Laurel Council before the end of the fiscal year. If you feel that the new rate is unjust and would like to meet with myself or the City of Laurel Mayor, please contact me and arrange a date and time at your convenience to meet.

Thank you for your support. If there is anything we can do to help support the Fire District of Laurel Airport Authority, please don't hesitate to call us. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

J W Hopper
Fire Chief, Laurel Fire Department
jwhopper@laurel.mt.gov
406-628-4911

**AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES
FOR
THE LAUREL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2024, by and between the City of Laurel, Montana, a municipal corporation (hereinafter “the City”) and the Laurel Airport Authority (hereinafter “the Laurel Airport Authority”).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City maintains the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter “the LVFD”) and is willing to provide fire protection, prevention, and investigation services to properties within the Laurel Airport Authority at the same level as such services are provided to properties within the limits of the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is the Laurel Airport Authority boundary description and map;

WHEREAS, the Laurel Airport Authority desires to obtain the said fire services from the City by entering into a contract with the City for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. SERVICES

The City will furnish the following services to properties and residents within the Laurel Airport Authority at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City:

- a. fire protection and suppression;
- b. fire prevention; and
- c. fire investigations.

The City further agrees to provide grassland, rangeland, and timberland fire protection services to properties located within the Laurel Airport Authority, at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City.

It is mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the amount of equipment, the type of equipment, the number of personnel dispatched, the manner of fighting the fire or explosion, etc., shall be in the sole discretion of the City and its personnel.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that, in the event fire, explosion, or emergency calls shall occur simultaneously in the Laurel Airport Authority and within the City’s municipal boundaries, the City shall have priority in using its equipment and manpower to protect the City property first, and that protection of City inhabitants and property shall have preference and priority over any call or demand of the Laurel Airport Authority.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the Chief of the LVFD shall conduct the investigation of all fires and/or explosions within the organized fire district and be independently responsible for determining the cause, origin, and circumstances of the same.

The Laurel Airport Authority agrees to cooperate with the City and the LVFD in the inspection of the property to be protected and to cooperate in reducing fire risks as may be suggested from time to time by LVFD personnel and/or the City and/or State Fire Inspector.

2. SERVICE AREA

Fire services will be provided to all properties located within the boundaries of the Laurel Airport Authority as specified in the Agreement, and as amended from time to time by agreement of the parties. Any enlargement of the Laurel Airport Authority will not receive fire service unless approved in writing by the City. The hydrants and water system used for fire suppression by the City will be the sole responsibility for maintenance, care, and upkeep of the Laurel Airport Authority.

3. EFFECTIVE

This Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2024, and shall terminate on June 30, 2025, subject to the provisions of Section 4.

4. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

This Agreement may be renewed, with the terms and conditions of the renewal Agreement to be as mutually agreed upon by the parties or, prior to expiration, this agreement may be extended for one or more thirty-day period(s) to provide the parties the opportunity to negotiate a new agreement. The parties may extend the agreement in writing, accepted, and signed by both the City's Mayor and an authorized official/agent of the Laurel Airport Authority.

5. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

The fees for providing services for this Agreement shall be:

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025: \$6,620.68

One-half of the said fees shall be paid on or before December 31, 2024. The remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, 2025.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The City will furnish an annual written report to the Laurel Airport Authority, which will include the number and type of incidents responded to within the Laurel Airport Authority by City personnel.

7. MODIFICATION

This Agreement cannot be modified or amended except in writing executed by the parties.

8. TERMINATION

Termination of this Agreement occurs either 1) upon mutual agreement of the parties or 2) upon the termination date contemplated herein. If either party wishes to terminate this Agreement before the termination date, such party shall give written notice to the other party to respond, with the other party's consent or objection, no less than thirty (30) days before the proposed termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LAUREL

LAUREL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Dave Waggoner, Mayor

By _____

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

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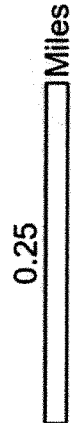
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File Attachments for Item:

13. Resolution No. R26-35: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Yellowstone Boys And Girls Ranch.

RESOLUTION NO. R26-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES FOR THE YELLOWSTONE BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Agreement for Provision of Fire Services for the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (hereinafter “YBGR”), by and between the City of Laurel (hereinafter “the City”) and YBGR, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Agreement for Provision of Fire Services with YBRG on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of June 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 23rd day of June 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 11, 2026

Fire District: Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch

Dear Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch Chairperson,

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Laurel have discussed the upcoming Fire service contracts and other services for the Rural Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas.

We would like to continue to offer you a contract with a 10% increase from last year. This increase is a result of the rising costs of expenses associated with the Fire Service. These include fire apparatus - both new equipment and the maintenance and repair of existing apparatus, personal protective equipment, fuel costs and equipment purchase to maintain and provide highly effective fire services for our districts. The proposed payment would be as follows:

Contract Year	Last Contract		% +/-	Increase/ Decrease		Last Contract		Annual Payment
2026-27	\$13,640.94	x	10.00	\$1,364.09	+	\$13,640.94	=	\$15,005.03

Enclosed, you will find the contract for the next year of service. If your Board of Directors accepts this contract amount, please sign and return to the following by May 30, 2026:

Brittney Harakal
Council Administrative Assistant, P O Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

The City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department are requesting that the new contracts be finalized and ready, to be presented to the City of Laurel Council before the end of the fiscal year. If you feel that the new rate is unjust and would like to meet with myself or the City of Laurel Mayor, please contact me and arrange a date and time at your convenience to meet.

Thank you for your support. If there is anything we can do to help support Fire District 7, please don't hesitate to call us. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

J.W. Hopper
Fire Chief,
Laurel Fire Department
jwhopper@laurel.mt.gov
406-628-4911

**AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES
FOR
THE YELLOWSTONE BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2026, by and between the City of Laurel, Montana, a municipal corporation (hereinafter “the City”) and the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (hereinafter “YBGR”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the City maintains the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter “the LVFD”) and is willing to provide fire protection, prevention, and investigation services to properties within YBGR at the same level as such services are provided to properties within the limits of the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is YBGR’s boundary description and map;

WHEREAS, YBGR desires to obtain the said fire services from the City by entering into a contract with the City for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. SERVICES

The City will furnish the following services to properties and residents within YBGR at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City:

- a. fire protection and suppression;
- b. fire prevention; and
- c. fire investigations.

The City further agrees to provide grassland, rangeland, and timberland fire protection services to properties located within YBGR, at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City.

It is mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the amount of equipment, the type of equipment, the number of personnel dispatched, the manner of fighting the fire or explosion, etc., shall be in the sole discretion of the City and its personnel.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that, in the event fire, explosion, or emergency calls shall occur simultaneously in YBGR and within the City’s municipal boundaries, the City shall have priority in using its equipment and manpower to protect the City property first, and that protection of City inhabitants and property shall have preference and priority over any call or demand of YBGR.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the Fire Marshall of the LVFD shall conduct the investigation of all fires and/or explosions within the organized fire district and be independently responsible for determining the cause, origin, and circumstances of the same.

YBGR agrees to cooperate with the City and the LVFD in the inspection of the property to be protected and to cooperate in reducing fire risks as may be suggested from time to time by LVFD personnel and/or the City and/or State Fire Inspector.

2. SERVICE AREA

Fire services will be provided to all properties located within the boundaries of YBGR as specified in the Agreement, and as amended from time to time by agreement of the parties. Any enlargement of YBGR will not receive fire service unless approved in writing by the City. The hydrants and water system used for fire suppression by the City will be the sole responsibility for maintenance, care, and upkeep of YBGR.

3. EFFECTIVE

This Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2026, and shall terminate on June 30, 2027, subject to the provisions of Section 4.

4. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

This Agreement may be renewed, with the terms and conditions of the renewal Agreement to be as mutually agreed upon by the parties or, prior to expiration, this agreement may be extended for one or more thirty-day period(s) to provide the parties the opportunity to negotiate a new agreement. The parties may extend the agreement in writing, accepted and signed by both the City's Mayor and an authorized official/agent of YBGR.

5. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

The fees for providing services for this Agreement shall be:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: \$15,005.03.

One-half of the said fees shall be paid on or before December 31, 2026. The remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, 2027.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The City will furnish an annual written report to YBGR, which will include the number and type of incidents responded to within YBGR by City personnel.

7. MODIFICATION

This Agreement cannot be modified or amended except in writing executed by the parties.

8. TERMINATION

Termination of this Agreement occurs either 1) upon mutual agreement of the parties or 2) upon the termination date contemplated herein. If either party wishes to terminate this Agreement before the termination date, such party shall give written notice to the other party to respond, with the other party's consent or objection, no less than thirty (30) days before the proposed termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LAUREL

YELLOWSTONE BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

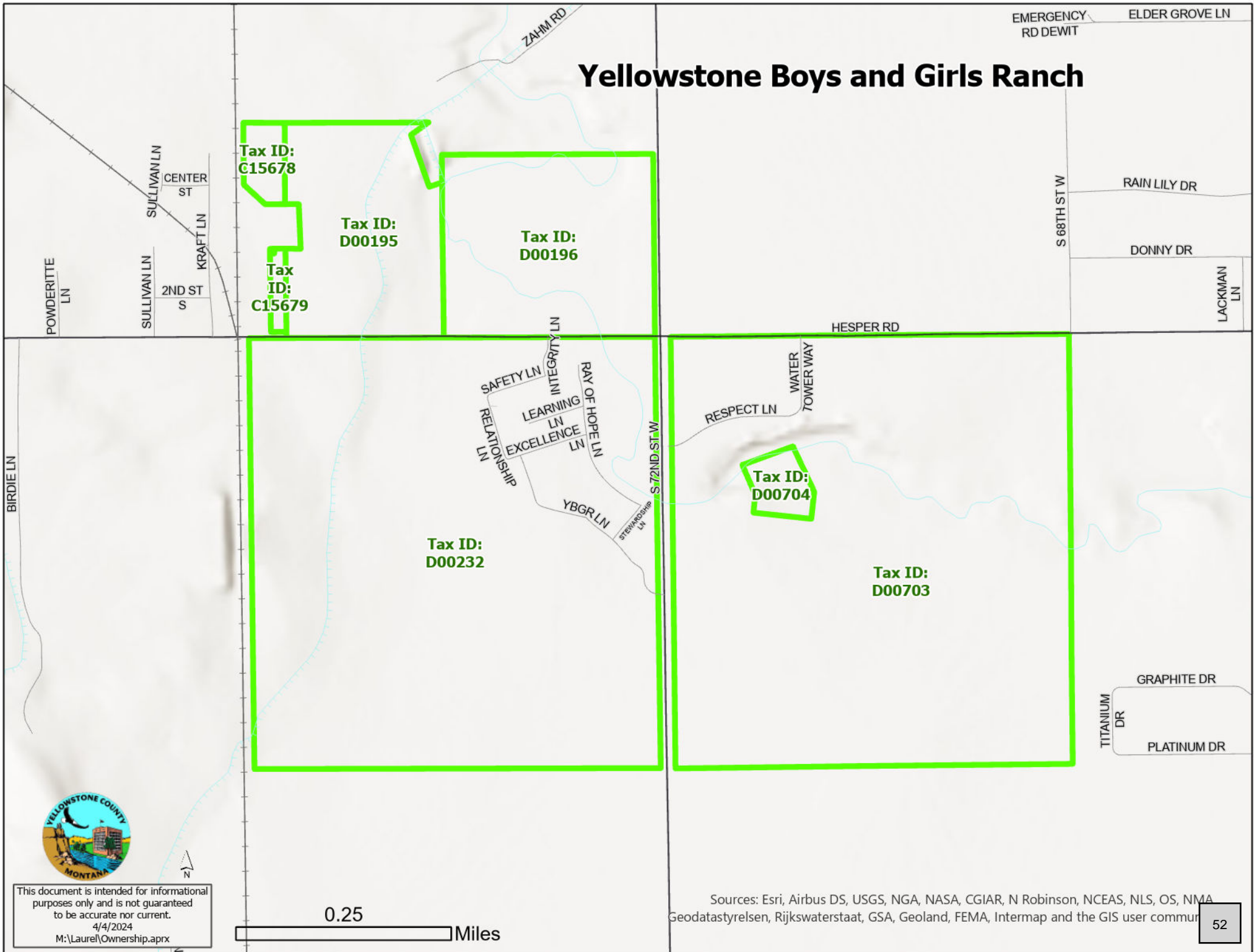
Mayor

By _____

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch



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File Attachments for Item:

14. Resolution R26-36: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 5.

RESOLUTION NO. R26-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES FOR THE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 5.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Agreement for Provision of Fire Services for the Rural Fire District 5 (“Fire District 5”), by and between the City of Laurel (hereinafter “the City”) and Fire District 5, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Agreement for Provision of Fire Services with Fire District 5 on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of June 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 23rd day of June 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

215 WEST 1ST STREET • LAUREL, MT • 59044
OFFICE 406.628.4911 • FAX 406.628.2185

May 11, 2026

Fire District: 5
Attn: Mr. John Rutt

Dear Mr. Rutt,

Laurel Fire Rescue and the City of Laurel have discussed the upcoming fire service contracts and other services for the Rural Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas.

We would like to continue to offer you a contract for 2026-27. This year, we are pleased to maintain and provide our fire services to you at 0% increase, thereby maintaining the annual payment at the current level.

The proposed payment would be as follows:

Contract Year	Last Contract		% +/-	Increase/ Decrease		Last Contract	=	Annual Payment
2026-27	\$21,127.96	x	0	\$0.00	+	\$21,127.96	=	\$21,127.96

Enclosed, you will find the contract for the next year of service. If your Board of Directors accepts this contract amount, please sign and return to the following by May 30, 2026:

Brittney Harakal
Council Administrative Assistant, P O Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

The City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department are requesting that the new contracts be finalized and ready, to be presented to the City of Laurel Council before the end of the fiscal year. If you feel that the new rate is unjust and would like to meet with myself or the City of Laurel Mayor, please contact me and arrange a date and time at your convenience to meet.

Thank you for your support. If there is anything we can do to help support Fire District 7, please don't hesitate to call us. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

J.W. Hopper
Fire Chief,
Laurel Fire Department
jwhopper@laurel.mt.gov
406-628-4911

**AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES
FOR
THE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 5**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2026, by and between the City of Laurel, Montana, a municipal corporation (hereinafter “the City”) and the Rural Fire District 5 (hereinafter “the Fire District”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the City maintains the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter “the LVFD”) and is willing to provide fire protection, prevention, and investigation services to properties within the Fire District at the same level as such services are provided to properties within the limits of the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is the Fire District boundary description and map;

WHEREAS, the Fire District desires to obtain the said fire services from the City by entering into a contract with the City for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. SERVICES

The City will furnish the following services to properties and residents within the Fire District at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City:

- a. fire protection and suppression;
- b. fire prevention; and
- c. fire investigations.

The City further agrees to provide grassland, rangeland, and timberland fire protection services to properties located within the Fire District, at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City.

It is mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the amount of equipment, the type of equipment, the number of personnel dispatched, the manner of fighting the fire or explosion, etc., shall be in the sole discretion of the City and its personnel.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that, in the event fire, explosion, or emergency calls shall occur simultaneously in the Fire District and within the City’s municipal boundaries, the City shall have priority in using its equipment and manpower to protect the City property first, and that protection of City inhabitants and property shall have preference and priority over any call or demand of the Fire District.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the Fire Marshall of the LVFD shall conduct the investigation of all fires and/or explosions within the organized fire district and be independently responsible for determining the cause, origin, and circumstances of the same.

The Fire District agrees to cooperate with the City and the LVFD in the inspection of the property to be protected and to cooperate in reducing fire risks as may be suggested from time to time by LVFD personnel and/or the City and/or State Fire Inspector.

2. SERVICE AREA

Fire services will be provided to all properties located within the boundaries of the Fire District as specified in the Agreement, and as amended from time to time by agreement of the parties. Any enlargement of the Fire District will not receive fire service unless approved in writing by the City. The hydrants and water system used for fire suppression by the City will be the sole responsibility for maintenance, care, and upkeep of the Fire District.

3. EFFECTIVE

This Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2026, and shall terminate on June 30, ~~2026~~2027, subject to the provisions of Section 4.

4. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

This Agreement may be renewed, with the terms and conditions of the renewal Agreement to be as mutually agreed upon by the parties or, prior to expiration, this agreement may be extended for one or more thirty-day period(s) to provide the parties the opportunity to negotiate a new agreement. The parties may extend the agreement in writing, accepted, and signed by both the City's Mayor and an authorized official/agent of the Fire District.

5. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

The fees for providing services for this Agreement shall be:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026: \$21,127.96.

One-half of the said fees shall be paid on or before December 31, 2026. The remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, ~~2026~~2027.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The City will furnish an annual written report to the Fire District, which will include the number and type of incidents responded to within the Fire District by City personnel.

7. MODIFICATION

This Agreement cannot be modified or amended except in writing executed by the parties.

8. TERMINATION

Termination of this Agreement occurs either 1) upon mutual agreement of the parties or 2) upon the termination date contemplated herein. If either party wishes to terminate this Agreement before the termination date, such party shall give written notice to the other party to respond, with the other party's consent or objection, no less than thirty (30) days before the proposed termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LAUREL

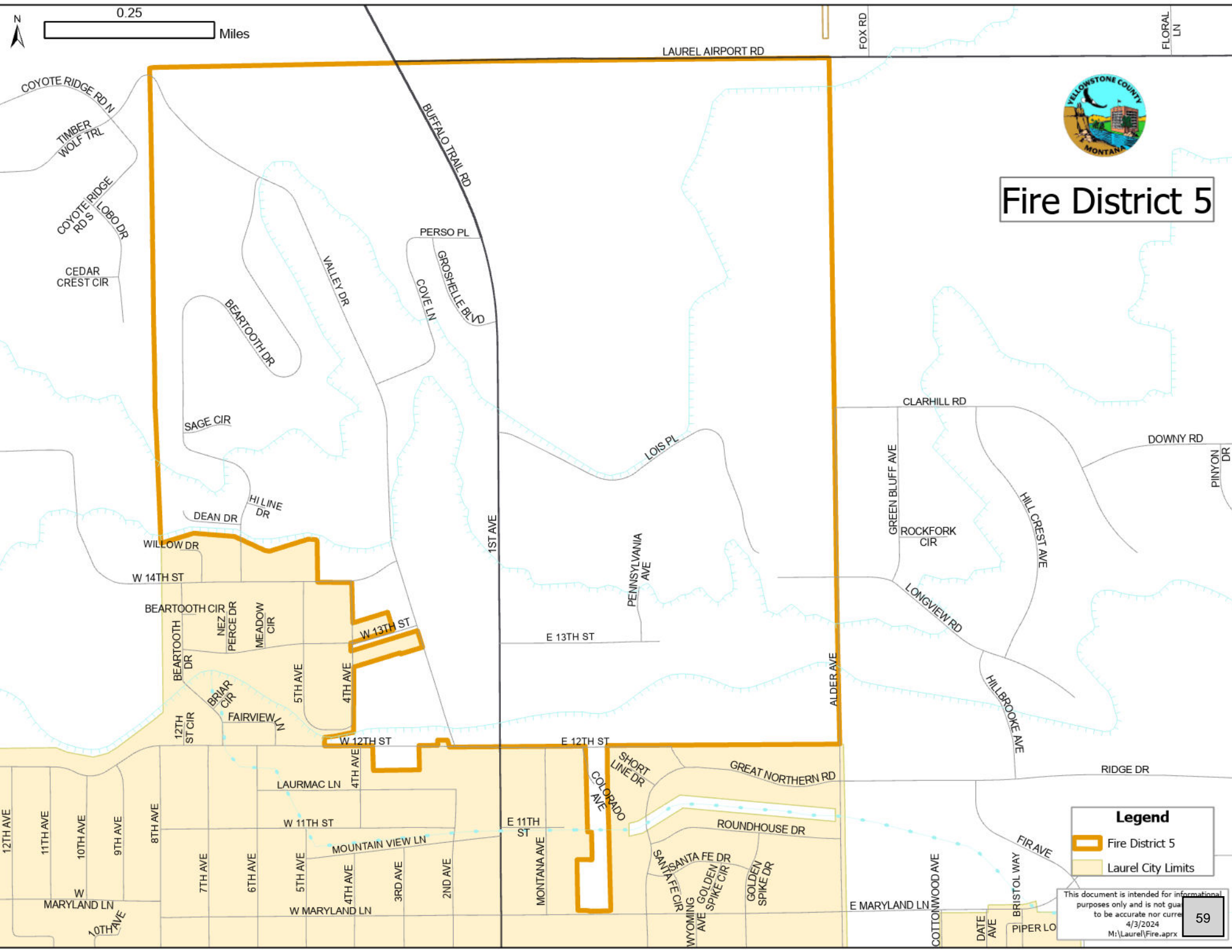
FIRE DISTRICT

Mayor

By _____

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer



Fire District 5

Legend

- Fire District 5
- Laurel City Limits

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File Attachments for Item:

15. Resolution No. R26-37: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 8.

RESOLUTION NO. R26-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES FOR THE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 8.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Agreement for Provision of Fire Services for the Rural Fire District 8 (“Fire District 8”), by and between the City of Laurel (hereinafter “the City”) and Fire District 8, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Agreement for Provision of Fire Services with Fire District 8 on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of June 2026, by Council Member ____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 23rd day of June 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

Kris, R. Vogeles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

215 WEST 1ST STREET • LAUREL, MT • 59044
OFFICE 406.628.4911 • FAX 406.628.2185

May 11, 2026

Fire District: 8

Dear Fire District 8 Chairperson,

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Laurel have discussed the upcoming Fire service contracts and other services for the Rural Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas.

We would like to continue to offer you a contract with a 10% increase from last year. This increase is a result of the rising costs of expenses associated with the Fire Service. These include fire apparatus - both new equipment and the maintenance and repair of existing apparatus, personal protective equipment, fuel costs and equipment purchase to maintain and provide highly effective fire services for our districts. The proposed payment would be as follows:

Contract Year	Last Contract		% +/-	Increase/ Decrease		Last Contract	=	Annual Payment
2026-27	\$8,915.24	x	10.00	\$891.52	+	\$8,915.24	=	\$9,806.76

Enclosed, you will find the contract for the next year of service. If your Board of Directors accepts this contract amount, please sign and return to the following by May 30, 2026:

Brittney Harakal
Council Administrative Assistant, P O Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

The City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department are requesting that the new contracts be finalized and ready, to be presented to the City of Laurel Council before the end of the fiscal year. If you feel that the new rate is unjust and would like to meet with myself or the City of Laurel Mayor, please contact me and arrange a date and time at your convenience to meet.

Thank you for your support. If there is anything we can do to help support Fire District 7, please don't hesitate to call us. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

J W Hopper
Fire Chief,
Laurel Fire Department
jwhopper@laurel.mt.gov
406-628-4911

**AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES
FOR
THE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 8**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2026, by and between the City of Laurel, Montana, a municipal corporation (hereinafter “the City”) and the Rural Fire District 8 (hereinafter “the Fire District”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the City maintains the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter “the LVFD”) and is willing to provide fire protection, prevention, and investigation services to properties within the Fire District at the same level as such services are provided to properties within the limits of the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is the Fire District boundary description and map;

WHEREAS, the Fire District desires to obtain the said fire services from the City by entering into a contract with the City for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. SERVICES

The City will furnish the following services to properties and residents within the Fire District at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City:

- a. fire protection and suppression;
- b. fire prevention; and
- c. fire investigations.

The City further agrees to provide grassland, rangeland, and timberland fire protection services to properties located within the Fire District, at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the Fire Districts served by the City.

It is mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the amount of equipment, the type of equipment, the number of personnel dispatched, the manner of fighting the fire or explosion, etc., shall be in the sole discretion of the City and its personnel.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that, in the event fire, explosion, or emergency calls shall occur simultaneously in the Fire District and within the City’s municipal boundaries, the City shall have priority in using its equipment and manpower to protect the City property first, and that protection of City inhabitants and property shall have preference and priority over any call or demand of the Fire District.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the Fire Marshall of the LVFD shall conduct the investigation of all fires and/or explosions within the organized fire district and be independently responsible for determining the cause, origin, and circumstances of the same.

The Fire District agrees to cooperate with the City and the LVFD in the inspection of the property to be protected and to cooperate in reducing fire risks as may be suggested from time to time by LVFD personnel and/or the City and/or State Fire Inspector.

2. SERVICE AREA

Fire services will be provided to all properties located within the boundaries of the Fire District as specified in the Agreement, and as amended from time to time by agreement of the parties. Any enlargement of the Fire District will not receive fire service unless approved in writing by the City. The hydrants and water system used for fire suppression by the City will be the sole responsibility for maintenance, care, and upkeep of the Fire District.

3. EFFECTIVE

This Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2026, and shall terminate on June 30, 2027, subject to the provisions of Section 4.

4. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

This Agreement may be renewed, with the terms and conditions of the renewal Agreement to be as mutually agreed upon by the parties or, prior to expiration, this agreement may be extended for one or more thirty-day period(s) to provide the parties the opportunity to negotiate a new agreement. The parties may extend the agreement in writing, accepted, and signed by both the City's Mayor and an authorized official/agent of the Fire District.

5. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

The fees for providing services for this Agreement shall be:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: \$9,806.76.

One-half of the said fees shall be paid on or before December 31, 2026. The remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, 2027.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The City will furnish an annual written report to the Fire District, which will include the number and type of incidents responded to within the Fire District by City personnel.

7. MODIFICATION

This Agreement cannot be modified or amended except in writing executed by the parties.

8. TERMINATION

Termination of this Agreement occurs either 1) upon mutual agreement of the parties or 2) upon the termination date contemplated herein. If either party wishes to terminate this Agreement before the termination date, such party shall give written notice to the other party to respond, with the other party's consent or objection, no less than thirty (30) days before the proposed termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LAUREL

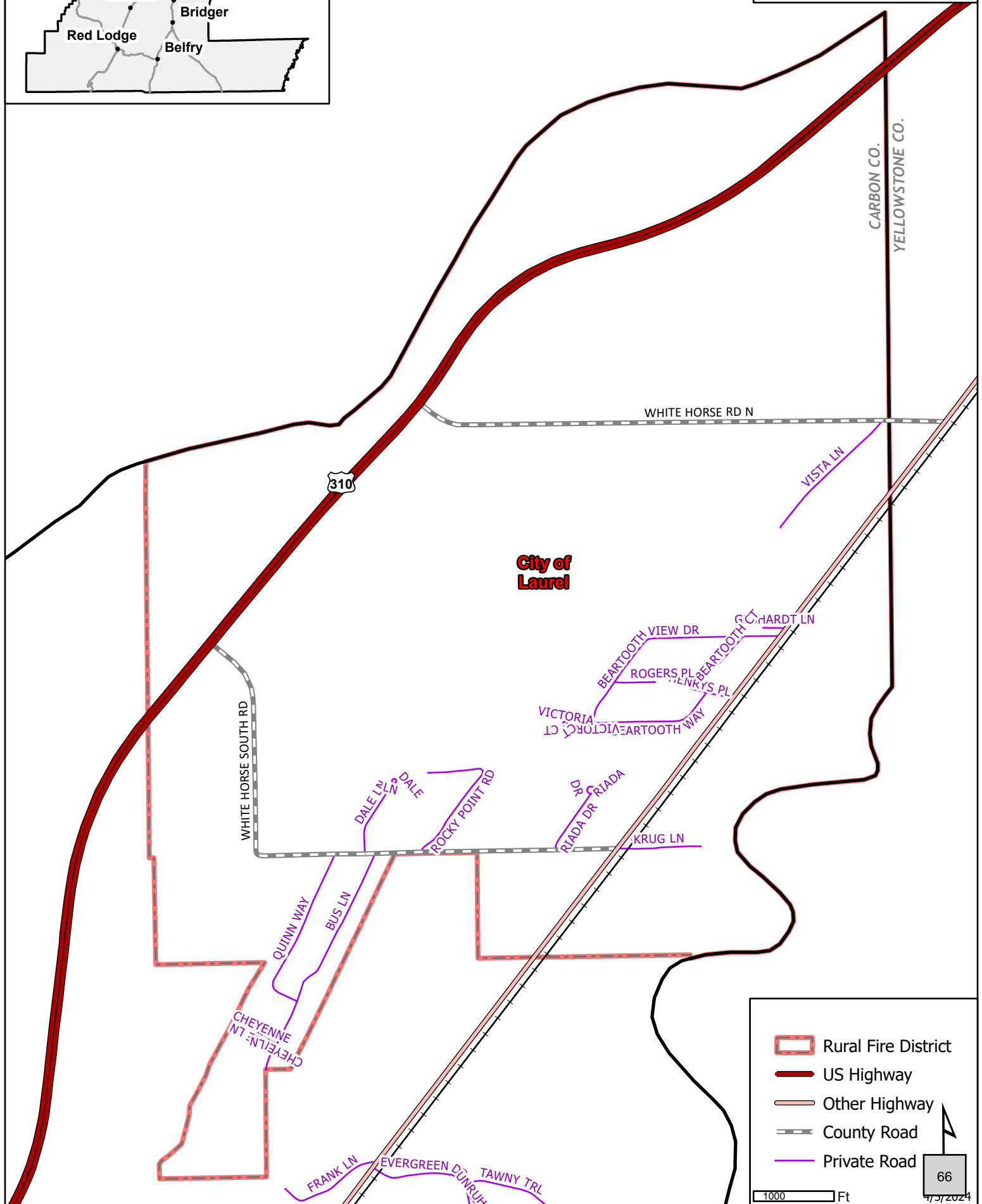
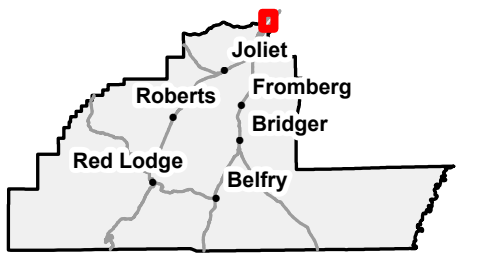
FIRE DISTRICT

Mayor

By _____

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer



City of Laurel

- Rural Fire District
- US Highway
- Other Highway
- County Road
- Private Road

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File Attachments for Item:

16. Resolution No. R26-38: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Laurel Urban Fire Services Area.

RESOLUTION NO. R26-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES FOR THE LAUREL URBAN FIRE SERVICES AREA.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Agreement for Provision of Fire Services for the Laurel Urban Fire Services Area (“LUFSA”), by and between the City of Laurel (hereinafter “the City”) and LUFSA, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Agreement for Provision of Fire Services with LUFSA on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of June 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 23rd day of June 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

215 WEST 1ST STREET • LAUREL, MT • 59044
OFFICE 406.628.4911 • FAX 406.628.2185

May 11, 2026

Fire District: Laurel Urban Fire Service Area (LUFSA)
Attn: Mr. Mark Caron

Dear Mr. Caron,

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Laurel have discussed the upcoming Fire service contracts and other services for the Rural Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas.

We would like to continue to offer you a contract with a 10% increase from last year. This increase is a result of the rising costs of expenses associated with the Fire Service. These include fire apparatus - both new equipment and the maintenance and repair of existing apparatus, personal protective equipment, fuel costs and equipment purchase to maintain and provide highly effective fire services for our districts. The proposed payment would be as follows:

Contract Year	Last Contract		% +/-	Increase/ Decrease		Last Contract		Annual Payment
2026-27	\$113,006.59	x	10.00	\$11,300.66	+	\$113,006.59	=	\$124,307.25

Enclosed, you will find the contract for the next year of service. If your Board of Directors accepts this contract amount, please sign and return to the following by May 30, 2026:

Brittney Harakal
Council Administrative Assistant, P O Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

The City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department are requesting that the new contracts be finalized and ready, to be presented to the City of Laurel Council before the end of the fiscal year. If you feel that the new rate is unjust and would like to meet with myself or the City of Laurel Mayor, please contact me and arrange a date and time at your convenience to meet.

Thank you for your support. If there is anything we can do to help support Fire District 7, please don't hesitate to call us. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

J W Hopper
Fire Chief,
Laurel Fire Department
jwhopper@laurel.mt.gov
406-628-4911

**AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES
FOR
THE LAUREL URBAN FIRE SERVICE AREA (LUFSA)**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2026, by and between the City of Laurel, Montana, a municipal corporation (hereinafter “the City”) and the Laurel Urban Fire Service Area (hereinafter “the LUFSA”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the City maintains the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter “the LVFD”) and is willing to provide fire protection, prevention, and investigation services to properties within the LUFSA at the same level as such services are provided to properties within the limits of the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is the LUFSA boundary description and map;

WHEREAS, the LUFSA desires to obtain the said fire services from the City by entering into a contract with the City for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. SERVICES

The City will furnish the following services to properties and residents within the LUFSA at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the City:

- a. fire protection and suppression;
- b. fire prevention; and
- c. fire investigations.

It is mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the amount of equipment, the type of equipment, the number of personnel dispatched, the manner of fighting the fire or explosion, etc., shall be in the sole discretion of the City and its personnel.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that, in the event fire, explosion, or emergency calls shall occur simultaneously in the LUFSA and within the City’s municipal boundaries, the City shall have priority in using its equipment and manpower to protect the City property first, and that protection of City inhabitants and property shall have preference and priority over any call or demand of the LUFSA.

It is further mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the Fire Marshall of the LVFD shall conduct the investigation of all fires and/or explosions within the organized LUFSA and be independently responsible for determining the cause, origin, and circumstances of the same.

The LUFSA agrees to cooperate with the City and the LVFD in the inspection of the property to be protected and to cooperate in reducing fire risks as may be suggested from time to time by LVFD personnel and/or the City and/or State Fire Inspector.

2. SERVICE AREA

Fire services will be provided to all properties located within the boundaries of the LUFSA as specified in the Agreement, and as amended from time to time by agreement of the parties. Any enlargement of the LUFSA will not receive fire service unless approved in writing by the City. The hydrants and water system used for fire suppression by the City will be the sole responsibility for maintenance, care, and upkeep of the LUFSA.

3. EFFECTIVE

This Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2026, and shall terminate on June 30, 2027, subject to the provisions of Section 4.

4. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

This Agreement may be renewed, with the terms and conditions of the renewal Agreement to be as mutually agreed upon by the parties or, prior to expiration, this agreement may be extended for one or more thirty-day period(s) to provide the parties the opportunity to negotiate a new agreement. The parties may extend the agreement in writing, accepted, and signed by both the City's Mayor and an authorized official/agent of LUFSA.

5. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

The fees for providing services for this Agreement shall be:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: \$124,307.25.

One-half of the said fees shall be paid on or before December 31, 2026. The remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, 2027.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The City will furnish an annual written report to LUFSA, which will include the number and type of incidents responded to within the LUFSA by City personnel.

7. MODIFICATION

This Agreement cannot be modified or amended except in writing executed by the parties.

8. TERMINATION

Termination of this Agreement occurs either 1) upon mutual agreement of the parties or 2) upon the termination date contemplated herein. If either party wishes to terminate this Agreement before the termination date, such party shall give written notice to the other

party to respond, with the other party's consent or objection, no less than thirty (30) days before the proposed termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LAUREL

LUFSA

Mayor

By _____

ATTEST:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

Laurel FSA (LUFSA)



South Fork Canyon Creek

Cove Ditch

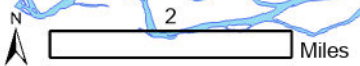
Canyon Creek

Big Ditch

HIGHWAY 10 W



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Legend

- Laurel FSA (LUFSA)
- Laurel City Limits
- County Line

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