



**AGENDA
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023
6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

NEXT RES. NO.
R23-45

NEXT ORD. NO.
O23-01

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. Once again, each speaker is limited to three minutes.

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

1. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2023.

Correspondence

2. Primary Election Correspondence
3. Linda Frickel Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Resignation.
4. Police Monthly Report - June 2023.

Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Public Hearing

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.*

5. Claims entered through July 7, 2023.
6. Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/25/2023 totaling \$186,247.55.

Ceremonial Calendar

Reports of Boards and Commissions

7. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 27, 2023.

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

8. Appointment of Anthony Contreras, Dallas Contreras, and Kaleigh Olson to the Laurel Emergency Medical Services.
9. Appointment of LuAnne Engh to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026.

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**

The City makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this meeting. Persons needing accommodation must notify the City Clerk's Office to make needed arrangements. To make your request known, please call 406-628-7431, Ext. 2, or write to City Clerk, PO Box 10, Laurel, MT 59044, or present your request at City Hall, 115 West First Street, Laurel, Montana.

DATES TO REMEMBER

File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2023.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

June 27, 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 27, 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

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 June 13, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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:

- Esther Graesser Correspondence
- Jon Klasna Reappointment to City/County Planning Board.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through June 23, 2023.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 6/11/2023 totaling \$236,564.23.**

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 June 13, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of May 15, 2023.
- Tree Board Minutes of April 20, 2023.
- City/Council Planning Board Minutes of May 17, 2023.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of May 22, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of March 14, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of April 11, 2023.
- Library Board Minutes of May 9, 2023.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

Council Minutes of June 27, 2023

Cheryl Hill, Amy Mullaney, and Cami Nelson announced that Billie Riddle Splash Park was awarded the T-Mobil Hometown Grant of \$50,000. This project was one of 25 awarded projects. There were 600 applications. This project also received the largest award of the 25 projects awarded. There will be a check presentation on July 6th at 5:00 p.m. at Firemen's Park.

The Mayor and Council thanked them for their hard work in fundraising for the Billie Riddle Splash Park.

Steve Krum, 249 24th Avenue W., urged the City and Council to request an Environmental Impact Statement over an Environmental Assessment. Requests are due by July 30, 2023, to the DEQ. Mr. Krum shared his letter, see attached, to the DEQ.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

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

Motion by Council Member Mackay to allow Council Member Sparks to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days. (LMC 2.12.060), 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. R23-43: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing Adopting The City Of Laurel Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion by Council Member Herr to approve Resolution No. R23-43, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was questioned if the tennis courts are demolished, will that become grass, or are there other plans for that area. It was clarified this is a living document, and the City can make changes as needed. The plan, for now, is to make that area grassy. At one point, the Park Board was approached by a group that wanted to bring Pickle Ball courts to town. The City has not received an update on that project.

It was questioned whether the new garbage truck needed to be replaced via this plan. It was clarified that the age and repair costs associated with a vehicle would determine replacement.

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): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Recently Council Member Klose attended the Montana American Legion Conference in Lewistown. While there, he saw the attached display depicting the 660 veterans lost each month due to suicide. He had the opportunity to bring this display to Laurel before it travels to North Dakota. The display will be placed in Firemen's Park tomorrow through Saturday.

Mayor Waggoner stated he contacted local, new agencies to help bring more light to the number of veterans lost each month.

Anyone interested in helping set up this display can arrive at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

MAYOR UPDATES:

Mayor Waggoner stated that the Water Plant was closed as a precautionary measure until more information available on the impact of the derailment was known. The Refinery offered to test the water every 30 minutes and never saw any chemicals enter our water plant. All staff handled this situation very well.

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UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Eaton 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 6:50 p.m.



Brittney Mootman, Council Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 11th day of July 2023.

Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:

Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

June 25, 2023

Send Comments to :DEQ-ARMB-Admin@mt.gov

Mr. Mayor Council Members,

I am here asking you all as a group or individuals to consider sending in comments requesting the DEQ to do an EIS review instead of an EA as the issues involving this plant are much greater than the EA covered. An EIS "Environmental Impact Statement" goes into greater detail and depth of the impact a plant of this site would have on community and all those downwind of this plant site.

A request from the City Council and Laurel would carry much more weight and give our community a greater chance to get all the facts about this plant and the possible impacts to us all.

Please consider putting in a comment on or before July 3 and request an EIS to be done. Below are my comments to the DEQ.

Steve Krum
249 24th Avenue West
Laurel, Montana 59044

JMerkel@mt.gov DEQ:

"Comments on the Environmental Assessment for Laurel Generating Station (MAQP: #5261-00),"

Judge Moses was correct in issuing the injunction to stop the illegal building of the Laurel generating station by NWE because the DEQ failed to consider and address the impact of greenhouse gases, lighting, and other significant impacts on the community. There are more GHG's involved than just CO2.

Because the original EA was done with very little notice to the community of Laurel and the Safety and Health of the community was never addressed locally by either NWE or the DEQ, per Judge Moses' injunction, the DEQ needs to explain to the community why a plant that is designed to convert a regulated greenhouse gas, creates hazardous cancer-causing chemicals in that process, plant then becomes classified as a "Major Source of Hazardous Air Pollutants" was never addressed in the EA, or an EIS completed.

How a plant emitting regulated greenhouse gases, PM^{2.5} PM¹⁰, 200+ tons of PM's and cancer-causing Hazardous Air Pollutants never required an Environmental Impact Statement.

The DEQ also allows NWE's plant to be out-of-spec with air emissions the equivalent of ~565 days of time in a 12-month period, does this added additional pollution to the community create an even greater risk to our families than currently being stated? Will the plant emit even more than the stated 5 times the single source HAP emissions and more than 4 times the combined source emissions of HAP's while

being out-of-spec? The EA did not address the impact of being out-of-spec, shouldn't an EIS be done to include this?

Why the DEQ never set foot on site to do a proper evaluation of what the actual lighting is at night and the impact of this added lighting on the nearby neighborhood, as the neighborhood is actually closer to the plant than stated by NWE? But now, the DEQ appears to be accepting poor night photos of lighting in the distance from NWE that have no impact on the neighborhood to the south to determine what the impact this plant will have on the surrounding neighbors. The minimal construction lighting to this point has been significant already and it is supposed to be only pointing at the project. The plant lighting as a whole will be much more significant than what is currently being used during construction. Lighting does impact sleep and is a health issue when it continues in perpetuity. The lighting of this plant will have a long-term impact on the neighborhood to the south of the plant, the DEQ needs to do field studies now without any lighting so they have a real reference to measure against what actually happens when the plant is built and is lit for all eternity for some of the folks living next to it.

In addition, neither Judge Moses' nor the DEQ were given correct information as to the footprint of the plant and its boundaries now that it has been built. The estimated 65dB will be leaving NWE property much sooner than stated in NWE's noise statement. DEQ needs to verify the data on the cumulative impact of a plant of this size with so many pieces of equipment all making noise to the people and businesses around the plant. NWE recently sent out a flier to the residents of Laurel referencing all the noise making pieces of equipment that will actually be in the plant and now that we know the statement about 600 feet in all directions around the engine house is not correct, what is the real cumulative noise impact going to be from the NWE site? Yes there is mitigation on some of the equipment, but the NWE flier data did leave out the most critical pieces of equipment and does not even speak to the noise that will be coming from the 18 9.7Mwe electric generators and the firing of the 18 internal combustion engines, 234000 HP total. What is the real impact off site when the plant is put online? All frequencies of NOISES need to be addressed. DEQ accepting an "estimate" of the noise impact of a plant of this size on the surrounding community without any confirmed data from all the various pieces of equipment involved is wrong and appears to be suspicious and possibly very harmful to the people around the plant.

NWE had trouble in a local residential neighborhood keeping transformer noise mitigated, this plant is too big to get wrong on noise abatement and come back in and fix, won't work here. Cheaper for them to move it now than after it is completed.

Not doing an EIS would be a total disregard of personal and property rights for my daughter's family and the community around the plant if the DEQ is wrong on any of these issues and an EIS has not been done. It would be negligent on the DEQ to not do an EIS on a plant of this size based on DEQ's own history. Big projects require EISs' and this is a big project. Not doing an EIS on a project of this size by the DEQ

may make the taxpayer liable for any losses NWE incur because of DEQs' failure to do a complete review, an EIS.

All of these issues should have required and EIS, Environmental Impact Statement. We all have the right to know the "True Impact" of this plant on our community, our Children and Our Grandchildren and should be allowed to see the results of a proper review, EIS. Or are the communities of Laurel and Billings and everyone downwind and around the plant going to be sacrificed for NWE profits by the DEQ?

Will this plant create an increase in cancer in our community because of Green House Gas, HAP's and PM's?

Will the neighborhoods around the plant live with excessive lighting forever which can and will cause health issues because of the massive plant size?

Will we never have peace and quiet in our community again because the DEQ failed to require complete data of this plants noise making potential?

Are Our children, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, grandparents, and the most vulnerable being sacrificed for money by the DEQ?

DEQ, please do a complete review on these issues and get the real facts and impacts of this plant by doing an "Environmental Impact Statement, EIS", not a quick office desk "Environmental Assessment, EA" review with only data from the owner that does not address these issues at ALL.

Where's the facts, where is the real data, the Laurel and Billings Communities have the right to know.

Steve Krum
249 24th Avenue West
Laurel, Montana 59044

FLAGS FOR FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS

THESE 660 FLAGS
REPRESENT THE
NUMBER OF VETERANS
WHO DIE BY THEIR OWN
HAND EVERY MONTH

 Veterans
CrisisLine
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

 Text to
838255



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July 6th 5:00pm

Fireman's Park (108 E Main St)

File Attachments for Item:

2. Primary Election Correspondence



Yellowstone County
ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

(406) 256-2742
(406) 254-7940 (FAX)

P.O. Box 35002
Billings, MT 59107-5002
elections@yellowstonecountymt.gov

June 19, 2023

Kelly Strecker
Laurel City Clerk
City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Laurel
PO Box 10
Laurel, MT 59044

Ms. Strecker,

In accordance with 13-14-115, MCA, I have determined that the September 12, 2023, municipal primary election for the City of Laurel will not be held due to a lack of candidates. The following offices are affected: the office of City Council for Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4.

However, the governing body may still require that a primary election be held for a nonpartisan office if it passes a resolution not more than 10 days after the close of filing. Filing closed today at 5 p.m.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.V. Aldrich", is written over a horizontal line.

K.V. Aldrich

File Attachments for Item:

3. Linda Frickel Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Resignation.

LINDA FRICKEL

P.O. BOX 1092

LAUREL, MT 59044

JUNE 15,2023

MAYOR WAGGONER

CITY OF LAUREL

DEAR MAYOR WAGGONER

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE UP MY POSITION ON THE LURA BOARD AS OF JUNE 20TH.

I HAVE BEEN ON THE COMMITTEE SINCE IT STARTED IN 2007. I FEEL WE DID SOME GREAT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BUSINESSES OF LAUREL WITH THE FAÇADES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE S IN TOWN. I DO NOT LIKE THE WAY IT NOW HAS TO BE RUN AND FEEL IT IS FUTILE TO STAY ON THIS COMMITTEE. I RECOMMEND THAT MARTY SPALINGER TAKE MY PLACE AS SHE HAS A BUSINESS IN TOWN AND COULD VOTE ON PROJECTS. I WISH THE LURA GROUP NOTHING BUT GOOD. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE PART OF THIS FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS.

SINCERELY,


LINDA FRICKEL

File Attachments for Item:

4. Police Monthly Report - June 2023.



Laurel Police Department

215 W. 1st Street Laurel, Mt. 59044 ▪ Phone 406-628-8737 ▪ Fax 406-628-4641

Total Calls

Printed on June 30, 2023

[CFS Date/Time] is between '2023-05-22 00:00' and '2023-06-24 23:59' and

[Primary Incident Code->Code : Description] All

Code : Description

Totals

10-15 : With Prisoner	0	0
: Abandoned Vehicle	18	18
: Agency Assist	92	92
: Alarm - Burglary	12	12
: Alarm - Fire	6	6
AMB : Ambulance	106	106
: Animal Complaint	12	12
: Area Check	10	10
: Assault	6	6
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	6	6
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	0	0
: Child Abuse/Neglect	2	2
: Civil Complaint	7	7
: Code Enforcement Violation	45	45
: Counterfeiting	0	0

Code : Description	Totals	
: Criminal Mischief	6	6
: Criminal Trespass	5	5
: Cruelty to Animals	2	2
: Curfew Violation	6	6
: Discharge Firearm	3	3
: Disorderly Conduct	11	11
: Dog at Large	35	35
: Dog Bite	3	3
DUI : DUI Driver	13	13
: Duplicate Call	7	7
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	11	11
: Fight	6	6
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	12	12
: Fireworks	2	2
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	13	13
: Fraud	7	7
: Harassment	6	6
: Hit & Run	6	6
: Identity Theft	1	1

Code : Description	Totals	
: Indecent Exposure	1	1
: Insecure Premises	2	2
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	2	2
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	0	0
: Loitering	3	3
: Lost or Stray Animal	19	19
: Lost Property	6	6
: Mental Health	4	4
: Missing Person	4	4
: Noise Complaint	5	5
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	1	1
: Parking Complaint	20	20
: Possession of Alcohol	0	0
: Possession of Drugs	2	2
: Possession of Tobacco	1	1
: Privacy in Communications	2	2
: Prowler	0	0
: Public Assist	55	55
: Public Safety Complaint	16	16

Code : Description	Totals	
: Public Works Call	32	32
: Report Not Needed	9	9
: Robbery	0	0
: Runaway Juvenile	2	2
: Sexual Assault	2	2
: Suicide	0	0
: Suicide - Attempt	0	0
: Suicide - Threat	4	4
: Suspicious Activity	177	177
: Suspicious Person	20	20
: Theft	27	27
: Threats	0	0
: Tow Call	2	2
: Traffic Accident	20	20
: Traffic Hazard	3	3
: Traffic Incident	20	20
: TRO Violation	0	0
: Truancy	0	0
T/S : Traffic Stop	163	163
: Unattended Death	0	0
: Unknown - Converted	0	0

Code : Description		Totals	
:	Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
:	Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
:	Vicious Dog	3	3
:	Warrant	16	16
:	Welfare Check	14	14
Totals		1134	1134

File Attachments for Item:

7. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of June 27, 2023.

**Minutes of City of Laurel
Budget/Finance Committee
Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

Members Present: Richard Klose, Emelie Eaton, Heidi Sparks (5:45 p.m.), Michelle Mize

Others Present: Kelly Strecker, Mayor Dave Waggoner

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 June 13, 2023, Budget and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Emelie Eaton moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023. Michele Mize seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed 3-0.
2. Review and approve purchase requisitions. There were two purchase requisitions presented to the committee for approval. The first one was a new repeater for the 911 system in the amount of \$6001.40. The second one is for the battery and battery backup system for the repeater. The backup system will be split between the police department and the ambulance department. The cost of the battery backup is \$5431.00. Emelie Eaton moved to approve both purchase requisitions. Michelle Mize seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed 4-0.
3. Review and recommend approval to Council; claims entered through June 30, 2023. Emelie Eaton moved to approve the claims and check the register for claims entered through June 30, 2023. Heidi Sparks seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed 4-0.
4. Review and approve Payroll Register for the pay period ending June 11, 2023, totaling \$236,564.23. Richard Klose moved to approve the payroll register for the pay period ending June 11, 2023, in the amount of \$236,564.23. Emelie Eaton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed 4-0.

New Business –

Old Business –Update on sign for kiosk at cemetery. The committee agreed to move this item to the next meeting.

Other Items –

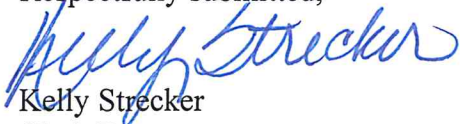
1. Review Comp/OT reports for the pay period ending June 11, 2023.
2. Mayor Update – Mayor stated that with the train derailment, the city opted to shut down the water plant as a precaution until further investigation. At the time of the shut down the railroad was not sure if anything had spilled into the river. The mayor stated that DEQ tested the water every hour, to make sure it was safe. The mayor spoke with CHS, and they agreed to be very careful to conserve water, while the water plant was shut down.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Update-Kelly stated that she and the mayor are holding budget meetings with all department heads this week. Kelly said that she has been working on the general fund budget but will not know what the mill amounts are until the first week of August. Kelly stated that union negotiations start tomorrow June 28, 2023.

Announcements –

4. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held on July 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm.
5. Richard Klose is scheduled to review claims for the next meeting.

Meeting 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Strecker
Clerk Treasurer

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:

8. Appointment of Anthony Contreras, Dallas Contreras, and Kaleigh Olson to the Laurel Emergency Medical Services.



**CITY OF LAUREL
MONTANA**
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
215 W 1ST ST
LAUREL, MONTANA – 59044
OFFICE: (406) 628 – 1611 | DISPATCH: (406) 628 - 8737



July 5, 2023

Dear Mayor and City Council,

We are excited to announce that we have 3 EMS providers interested in joining our service as a volunteer. We have interviewed the following people and would be excited to bring them onto our team.

- Anthony Contreras, EMT. Tony is a newly certified EMT who grew up and still resides in Laurel and is anxious to help patients in our community.
- Dallas Contreras, EMT. Dallas is a newly certified EMT. He grew up in Laurel as well and is excited to gain experience as an EMT and help the citizens of our community.
- Kaleigh Olson, EMT. Kaleigh is a newly certified EMT. She is very excited at the opportunity to join our service.

I believe they would all fit in well with our team and be an asset to our service.

If the candidates are granted Council and Mayor approval, we will begin conducting their background checks and bring them on the team to start their training.

Thank you very much for your consideration regarding these candidates.

Lyndy Gurchiek, NRP, Director
Laurel EMS
215 W 1st Street
Laurel, MT 591044
lgurchiek@laurel.mt.gov
406-860-8233

File Attachments for Item:

9. Appointment of LuAnne Engh to the Tree Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026.

July 7, 2023

Mayor
City of Laurel
Laurel, MT 59044

Re: Tree Board appointment

Dear Mayor:

I have been on the Laurel Tree Board for 10 years. I have enjoyed my time serving on the board and working with the city staff and board members. We have accomplished planting many trees through the city through Arbor Day but also helping to educate the public about maintaining the trees.

I would like to serve only one more year. I'm hoping to recruit new members to continue the annual Arbor Day celebration.

LuAnne Engh
406-698-0121