



**AGENDA
CITY OF LAUREL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026
5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

General Items

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2026
2. EMERGENCY CALL OUT REPORT

New Business

3. NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

4. ENGINEERING SERVICES BID
5. WEST RAILROAD STORM WATER DISCUSSION - RYAN WELSH
6. CROSSWALK REPAIR ON WASHINGTON AVE IN FRONT OF LAUREL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Other Items

7. OPENINGS ON PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Announcements

8. NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, 6 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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File Attachments for Item:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2026



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FEB 9, 2026**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, 2/9/26, by Vice Chair Jodi Mackay.

Members Present: Jodi Mackay – Vice Chair, Irv Wilke, Jessica Banks, Sara Naylor, Richard Herr

Others Present: Matt Wheeler- Public Works Director

Public Input: David Carlson and Steve Carter from AE2S introduced themselves. They are engineering consultants and have an office on the west end of Billings. Have been following Public Works agendas and minutes and noted “Engineering Services” on tonight’s agenda and wanted to attend and introduce themselves.

General Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of 12/15/25. Motion made by Irv Wilke. Seconded by Richard Her. Passed 5 – 0
2. Nominate and Vote on Chair and Vice Chair
 - i. Irv nominated Jodi for Chair. Seconded by Jessica. Passed 5 – 0
 - ii. Richard nominated Irv for Vice Chair. Seconded by Jessica. Passed 5 – 0
3. Emergency Call Out Report- Report attached
Minimal calls for the reporting period – 3 in January during brief cold snap. All water related and typical for time of year and weather.

New Business:

4. Engineering Services – The City’s contract with KLJ ended, but with many subdivision requests in the works (Cherry Hills 4th filing and Casa Linda), the City entered into a short term contract with KLJ to provide contracted engineering services through April.
 - i. Matt, along with KLJ, met with the State to discuss the continued issue with handling storm water on W. Railroad. The latest proposed plan is to run storm water down Woodland to the new system at S. 4th. Woodland would receive new curb, gutter, water and sewer in this process. Ryan with KLJ estimates this to cost \$2.4 million (report attached)
 - ii. Dealing with the storm water would allow work to commence on W. Railroad. The last estimate on this was \$10 - \$11 million with the City needing to contribute around ½. The committee preciously discussed using LURA funds for a portion. The City will likely go out to bid for this project in the near future.
5. Water Usage Date Discussion – Matt recently had to pull data on the City’s water usage. In 2015, the City used 750 million gallons of water. In 2025, the City used 1.4 billion gallons of water. Currently, the City is managing production of this quantity. High use days does cause slight strain on the system.

Old Business:

6. Fire Hydrant by Middle School Update – the hydrant was repaired after a broken line last winter. However, the area around it which is a crosswalk, pools and causes issues with standing water. There is a contract for repair but it hasn’t been completed. We will keep this on the agenda to ensure it stays on PW’s radar as we move into Spring.

Other Items: Committee discussion of roads that need addressing - may do an overlay (like recent South Side project). Committee particulary discussed W 7th Street by Town Pump and roads around old middle school. Sara asked if federal funding was possibly available to support these projects. Matt reported that KLJ is working on general funding that may support road maintenance.

No new progress on water tank. Jodi asked our public attendees (David and Steve from AE2S) if grants and funding were part of what their firm could assist customers with. David stated that they do have experience in securing funding.

Public Works has a full crew of employees.

Announcements

Next Meeting will be Monday, 3/16/26 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm