

# AGENDA CITY OF LAUREL EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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### **General Items**

- 1. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2020.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2020.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2020.
- 4. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2020.
- 5. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2021.

# **New Business**

### **Old Business**

- 6. Fire, Police, Ambulance Updates
- 7. Mill Levy Update

### **Other Items**

#### **Announcements**

8. Next Meeting

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1. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2020.

# DRAFT MINUTES EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING June 22, 2020 LAUREL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

X Bruce McGee Chair	Richard Klose
X_Irv Wilke Co Chair	<u>X</u> Heidi Sparks
Pat Kimmet	X_Taryn Massa

# **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bethany Langve, Police Chief Langve, and Fire Chief Peters.

- Motioned by Irv Wilke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hedi Sparks to approve the minutes provided from the February 24, 2020 meeting, 4 in favor, 0 opposed motion carried.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion lead by Irv Wilke on the apparent need for more traffic control at the W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Main St. It is a problem of several different levels according to Irv, with great challenge to enter traffic from W. 5<sup>th</sup> onto Main if routed that way, depending on the time of day. Discussion from the Police Chief that Main being a State Highway route that a traffic study might be in order and an appeal to the state for traffic control at the intersection in question may be in order. A next step of bringing this to the attention of the Laurel City Council by Chairman McGee was suggested and Co-chair Wilke agreed to do so in Chairman McGee planned absents.
- OLD BUSINESS: Department updates
- (1) Fire Chief Peters report (see attached) started with May 2020 headed into a terrible fire season 2020. And concluded with Covid-19 PPE are in stock for the different emergency services departments.
- **(2)** Police Chief Langve 2-3 weeks of Phase 1 Covid-19 restrictions saw 2800 plus calls to dispatch, 6 abandoned vehicles towing 30 vehicles, 467 traffic stops an armed standoff call, 8 suicide attempts, 16 thief's, a reduction in jail numbers, 176 dog complaints, with 8 dog bits, 182 officer assist, 18 hits and runs. The newest officernmember of LPD will go to academy in September, and the formation of K-9 unit by officer Jackson Booth.
- **(3)** No Ambulance Director update.

# SAFETY MILL LEVY DISCUSSION:

Questions of the committee are the cost, the big picture (actual need) for the safety mill levy. The committee would like to know if any mills that will be retiring in the future.

# **CHIEF PETERS SURVEY**

A survey created my Fire Chief Peters that was handed out to the city council was handed out to the members present at the meeting and it was requested by Chairman McGee for everyone to complete the survey and to discuss the results at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned motioned by Chairman McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Irv Wilke motion carried by 4 opposed by 0.



# AGENDA CITY OF LAUREL EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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# **General Items**

1. Approve Minutes of February 24, 2020.

# **New Business**

2. Traffic Pattern at 5th Ave and W. Main.

### **Old Business**

- 3. Fire Update
- 4. Police Update
- 5. Ambulance Update
- 6. Safety Levy Discussion

# **Other Items**

#### Announcements

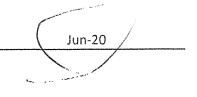
7. Next Emergency Services Meeting

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# Laurel Fire Department

Report for the Month of



Structure Fires
Wildland Fires
Extrications
Other Rescues
Alarms
Public Assist.
Other calls
Fire Prevention
Total Training
Total Maintenance
Community Service

Calls		Hours	
0		0	
5		95	
5		49	
1		18	
6 ~		41	
1		16	
7		77	
25	Totals	296	
		203	<b>6</b> (2)
		54	

250 SEVENITY STAFFING

Total 553 8 0 3

Announcements:

Structure Firefighting

Conduct all levels of Structure Firefighting to include entry and attack, ventilation, salvage, overhaul, and investigation.

A structure fire is a fire involving the structural components of various types of residential, commercial or industrial buildings.

Wildland Firefighting

Wildfire, brush fire, bush fire, desert fire, forest fire, grass fire, hill fire, peat fire, vegetation fire.

**Extrications** 

Rescue victims entrapped in automobiles, machinery, farm equipment, buildings, and trenches.

**Other Rescues** 

Rope Rescue, Water Rescue, Ice Rescue

**Alarms** 

Any false alarms or malfunctions.

Other Calls

EMS assist, Industrial or Aircraft firefighting, Vehicle Fire, Hazmat, Spills, Public safety, Investigations, gas leaks, Carbon Monoxide problems, etc.

2. Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2020.



# AGENDA CITY OF LAUREL EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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# **General Items**

1. Approval of Emergency Service Committee minutes of June 22, 2020.

# **New Business**

2. Community Survey

# **Old Business**

- 3. Fire Update
- 4. Police Update
- 5. Ambulance Update
- 6. Safety Mill Levy Discussion
- 7. Traffic Pattern Discussion

### **Other Items**

### Announcements

8. Next Emergency Services Committee Meeting August 24, 2020.

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# DRAFT MINUTES EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING July 27, 2020 6 p.m. COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

_X_Bruce McGee Chair	_X_Richard Klose
_X_Irv Wilke Co Chair	_X_Heidi Sparks
Pat Kimmet	_X_Taryn Massa

# **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Fire Chief Peters
Police Chief Langve
Acting Ambulance Director Levi Vandersloot

Public Input: None

# **General Items:**

- 1. Approval of the Minutes for June 22, 2020. There were no minutes produced no action taken
- 2. Survey provided by Chief Peters.

The survey was introduced to the committee with Chief Peters laying out the background and desired results from the survey, it was agreed upon by the committee that this would be a good tool to make changes to and submit not only for the city council input. But that it would be great to get it in front of the community as well. It was brought to the committee that Britney Moorman council admin assistant that it might be done by survey monkey.

# **Old Business:**

- 3. Chief Peters reported that Fire Department Firefighter John Woody taking leave to battle throat cancer. Summer calls and severity staffing continued while the FD shifted into a different 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in 2020.
- 4. Police Chief Langve 843 calls to dispatch was a lower number then in previous years down in other activity because of the Covid-19 Pandemic making the necessary changes to the July 4 celebration.

- 5. The Ambulance service continues to rely on its volunteers and the gap being filled in my acting ambulance director Vandersloot.
- 6. Safety Mill Levy Discussion: Nothing new to add at this time.
- 7. Traffic Pattern Discussion: Three areas and concerns came up for discussion
- A. 5<sup>th</sup> and Main challenged at times to cross or enter traffic going west with the benefit of a stop sign or light. Chief Langve addressed the fact that it is a state highway and the needed traffic study for the state to make changes, it was agreed that this topic should come up before the council in a workshop discussion, that Irv agreed to bring forward.
- B. Eleanor Roosevelt with the planned subdivision future use of the road with the increase that new housing might cause in the future.
- C. With the above the lack of sidewalk(s) for pedestrian traffic specifically the children from the mobile home park walking to and from school.
- 8. Next Emergency Services committee Meeting scheduled for August 24, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned

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3. Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2020.



# AGENDA CITY OF LAUREL EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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# **General Items**

1. Approval of Minutes

# **New Business**

### **Old Business**

- 2. Fire Update
- 3. Ambulance Update
- 4. Police Update
- 5. Safety Mill Levy Discussion
- 6. Community Survey
- 7. Traffic Pattern Discussion

# Other Items

#### Announcements

8. Next Emergency Services Committee Meeting is October 26, 2020.

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# DRAFT MINUTES EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING September 28, 2020 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce McGee Chair	_X_Richard Klose
_X_Irv Wilke Co Chair	_X_Heidi Sparks
_X_Pat Kimmet	_X_Taryn Massa
Bill Mountsier	

# **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Acting Ambulance Director? Fire Chief Brent Peters

Council Aldeman Wilke called the meeting to order. No minutes provided from previous meetings.

Report from the Fire Department of 53 total calls answered, that the 3<sup>rd</sup> installment from the CHS refinery donation of \$10,000 for extraction equipment had been received. severity staffing was ending. A thank you from the Bull Mountain wild fire operations was received by the LVFD.

The new ambulance director is planned to be in place in her new job by November 8, 2020.

Mill Levy is on hold.

Community Survey - nothing new.

Traffic Pattern  $5^{\text{th}}$  and Main, no new information.

Committee desires to extend a welcome and invitation to the New Ambulance Director to attend future meetings.

Meeting adjoured.

4. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2020.



# AGENDA CITY OF LAUREL EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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# **General Items**

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee Minutes.

# **New Business**

2. Safety Mill Levy Discussion and Ideas for Promotion.

# **Old Business**

- 3. Survey of Cheif Peters given to Council and Emergency Services Committee Members, report and future plan.
- 4. Ambulance Update
- 5. Fire Cheif Update
- 6. Police Cheif Update

### Other Items

# **Announcements**

7. Next Emergency Services Committee Meeting November 23, 2020.

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# DRAFT MINUTES EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING October 26, 2020 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

_X_Bruce McGee Chair	Richard Klose
_X_Irv Wilke Co Chair	_X_Heidi Sparks
Pat Kimmet	_X_Taryn Massa
Bill Mountsier	

# **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Admin. Assistant Firefighter Shawn McCleary Lyndy Gurcheik New Ambulance Director

Public Input: None

# **General Items:**

1. Approval of the minutes no minutes to approve.

# **New Business:**

1. Discussion of the possibility of an altered change and need at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and W. Main St. and Police Chief Langive and Fire Chief Peters provided insight to working with the Montana Dept. of Transportation.

### **Old Business:**

- Report of Admin Assistant Firefighter Shawn McCleary with hours of Severity Staffing 803 total hours of response from the LVFD. He reported 35 calls, which included 1 structure fire in city, 1 outside of the city 6 alarm calls a total of 1,087 hours of which 260 was training additional severity staffing (the program that helps keep grass and brush fires small, and 26 hours maintenance. September averaged higher calls for the month with 381 calls for the year to date.
- Introduction of the soon to be Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurcheik here first day of employment scheduled for November 9, 2020. Early concerns are staffing problems and building on the service what has been done. Future desire for ALS services.
- Discussion for advertising and development of a tag line for the future planned safety mill levy for the ambulance service. Proposed "They help us in our hour of need, can we help them in theirs." Ideas of mailing that explain the the need and to reach success of the safety mill levy.

Ideas of what might help information in the water billing and the city website. Outlook advertising bench and billborad ads. Development of goals, a budget, social media, and word of mouth campaigns and presentations to different clubs and groups to promote the safety mill levy.

- Short list Information needed by the committee to advance the safety mill levy are the time frame and all laws concerning the tax levies.
- Meeting adjourned.

5. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2021.



# CITY OF LAUREL EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES MONDAY, February 22,2021 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

_X_Bruce McGee Chair	XRichard Klose
_X_Irv Wilke Co Chair	XHeidi Sparks
Pat Kimmet	XTaryn Massa
Bill Mountsier	

# **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurcheik, Fire Chief Peters, Police Chief Langve.

**Public Input:** None

# **General Items:**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman McGee.
- 2. Past draft minutes for September 28 and October 26 distributed to committee members and others present for review and future approval at the March 29, 2021 meeting.

# 3. New Business: None.

- 4. Report from Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurcheik: (see attached). Director Gurcheik concluded her report with suggesting that the safety mill levy should remain with the committee to accomplish for the ambulance service. When asked for direction from the committee what to include in future reports, Council Member Sparks asked for updated information on outstanding collections due the Ambulance service. Councilman member Klose desired to know the equipment needs of the Ambulance service. Driector Gurcheik report was appreciated and told so by both Council Members Sparks, Wilke and Klose.
- 5. Report from Police Langve: Calls 690 to Dispatch in FAP. 657 to PD for an increase of 13% over same period in 2020. A 32% increase in crime, more crime and more violent crime. 40 lost and missing animals this has improved in the community.

Parking violations always needs attention. And increase in Mutual aid calls over same period as

last year. 5 DUI's including the 1<sup>st</sup> and Main injury accident, 37 mental health calls in same period, 45 public assist, 78 suspicious 28, thefts, 24 accidents, 10 traffic hazards, 15 traffic incidents, 76 officer initiated officer traffic stops, 3 unattended deaths, sexual assaults 3, child neglect cased for the detective, fraud case working with state, public assist, time consuming, suspect generated. Vehicles seized average at least 1 a week. Uptick in crime in the numbers.

10 year plan may include double the number in staffing, and improvement in FAP building.

Communications improving, repeaters coming, portables in place, a lot of old equipment removed, new rack and equipment change in equipment room.

FAP building needing roof repair, Chief reports some leakage, desire not to have new expensive equipment damaged because a roof leaks, also space growth needed. Long term goals to address these issues, public support will be necessary for this. Growth is good and coming new subdivisions mental health issues last Saturday example of domestic dispute when subject challenged officers to commit aid them in committing suicide by cop.

Chief Langve gave a verbal report of the time involved in evidence gathering and chasing leads in crimes from DUI to thief, and how he is trying to schedule officers for coverage while preforming needed activity o mentioned crime. Committee member Massa asked if ambulance personal can preform blood draws in DUI cases, and the Ambulance Director stated no that was not possible to save time.

Chief Langve concluded with the pride he has in his officers and the job they are doing. Council member Sparks offered Chief Langve congrads on the new K9 officer that will be coming on board. Chief Langve praised Officer Booth for his effort to raise the money and to launch the K9 program.

Chief Langve also reported on his vehicles may come in the future from used sources, and the parking challenges at FAP.

Council Member Sparks also asked about older school buildings maybe coming available that the PD could use. Chief Langve responded that South School might be the only building in the future not knowing the school district plans and South School is not located very well. Investment in the future needed for the future. Growth and what comes with it is not going away.

6. Report from Fire Chief Peters ending January 21, 2021 (see attached). The Chief noted that Billings recently fighting 3 structure fires at once requested LVFD to cover the Billings West end.

Command rig repair after recent accident to slow traffic down more for safety of emergency services responders with additional purchases of traffic cones etc. to make it safer. The command rig will be out of service for repairs when the weather is less winter. Questions from members, Councilman member Klose commented on the unsafe driving that occurs around traffic accidents. Chief Peters cited the currant law in Montana on accident traffic control law and possible future changes.

Council member Sparks asked about the House Bill under consideration, Chief Peters believed it was HB 158 and she appreciated sitting in the incident meeting after the accident involving the crash into the Command rig.

Chief Peters responded with his desire to make classroom training by zoom available to council members to see, and his personal views on the equipment in trucks to do the job and understanding of what will do the job the best.

- 7. Safety Mill Levy, report by Chairman McGee that nothing new has come about from the Mayor or city to Chairman McGee, he requested that he be allowed to bring it up for a workshop item to gain information, and the committee agreed to allow Chairman McGee to bring it forward at the next Council meeting for the workshop following a discussion.
- 8. Committee members thanked all the Department Heads for their report, and Ambulance director Gurcheik gave praise to the other Department members for their help in ambulance calls.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman McGee



# **Laurel Emergency Services:**

The department's response area encompasses roughly 205 square miles of Yellowstone County, responding to Homeward Park area to the North, Fort Rockvale to the south, 72<sup>nd</sup> Street West to the east and the county line to the west.

Laurel EMS provides emergency care and transport of the sick and injured, care at special event standbys and public education programs. In February of 2020, the department moved to a part paid, part volunteer service. We currently have a staff of 1 Director, 5 full time providers and 15 volunteer providers. We also rely heavily on the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department for "fire drivers" to respond during emergent calls to assist with driving the ambulance.

#### Responses:

# 2018

929 requests for service

254 times LEMS was unavailable

103 times AMR was unavailable\*

\*When AMR is unavailable, mutual aid will be Park City, Columbus, Joliet possibly even Red Lodge. The wait for any mutual aid, after called, will typically be a minimum of 25 minutes and up to an hour or more

# 2019

953 requests for service

233 times LEMS was unavailable

115 times AMR was unavailable\*

226 responses in Ward 5 = 24% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

# 2020

1090 requests for service

159 times LEMS was unavailable

72 times AMR was unavailable\*

288 responses in Ward 5 = 27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

# Response Breakdown 2020:

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Requests	1090	
Missed Calls	159 = 15%	
Shortest Delay	5 minutes	
Longest Delay	4 hours	
Average Delay	30 minutes	
Fire Driver Available	149 times	
QRU Response With 1 Provider	51 time	
On A Previous Call	22 time	
No Crew / Provider Available	87 times	
AMR Transported	84 times	
Columbus Transported	19 times	
Park City Transported	16 times	
Joliet Transported	1 time	
HELP Flight Transported	1 time	
POV Transport	25 times	
LPD Transported	9 times	
YCSO Transported	1 time	



# Laurel Fire Department

Report for the Month of	Jan-21
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Structure Fires
Wildland Fires
Extrications
Medical
Alarms
Public Assist
Vehicle Fires
Other calls
Fire Prevention
Total Training
Total Maintenance
Community Service

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Calls		Hou
2		76
7		190
9		319
2		11
7		65
2		13
22		381
51	Totals	105
		267
		36

Total 1358

NOTES: 1 Mutual aid request to Stillwater County for possible grass fire. 1 mutual aid request with Molt Fire for possible structure/grass fire. 12 calls for downed power lines during wind event we had, along with 3 grass fires-same day. 1 mutual aid request for Billings Fire- Standby

# **Structure Firefighting**

Conduct all levels of Structure Firefighting to include entry and attack, ventilation, salvage, overhaul, and investigation.

A structure fire is a fire involving the structural components of various types of residential, commercial or industrial buildings.

### Wildland Firefighting

Wildfire, brush fire, bush fire, desert fire, forest fire, grass fire, hill fire, peat fire, vegetation fire.

# **Extrications**

Rescue victims entrapped in automobiles, machinery, farm equipment, buildings, and trenches.

### **Other Rescues**

Rope Rescue, Water Rescue, Ice Rescue

#### **Alarms**

Any false alarms or malfunctions.

# **Other Calls**

EMS assist, Industrial or Aircraft firefighting, Vehicle Fire, Hazmat, Spills, Public safety, Investigations, gas leaks, Carbon Monoxide problems, etc.