



**AGENDA  
CITY OF LAUREL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026  
6:00 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 April 20, 2026
2. Emergency Call Out Report

**New Business**

**Old Business**

3. Engineering Services Update
4. Crosswalk @ Laurel Middle School

**Other Items**

**Announcements**

5. Next Meeting - Monday, June 15, 2026, 6 pm in Council Chambers

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2026



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 20, 2026**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6 pm on Monday, 4/20/26, by Chair Jodi Mackay.

**Members Present:** Jodi Mackay – Chair, Irv Wilke – Vice Chair, Sara Naylor, Amy Mullaney and Shawn Mullaney

**Others Present:** Matt Wheeler - Public Works Director

**Public Input:** One member of the public present but made no comment

**General Items:**

1. Approval of Minutes of 3/16/26. Motion made by Irv Wilke. Seconded by Sara Naylor. Passed – 0
2. Emergency Call Out Report- Report attached  
No Call Outs for reporting period

**New Business:**

Parking by new softball field (East 6<sup>th</sup> Street) discussion

Chair asked if it would be possible to continue diagonal parking along E 6<sup>th</sup>, to include a handicap spot in front of the newly constructed LHS softball field. Matt thought his crew could paint lines to add parking. \*This was completed by Thursday, 4/21/26 – possibly by school

Growth Discussion

Matt reports that the City is in good shape as far as amount of water available. Issues come from pressure and / or dead end lines. For instance, due to pressure, no further tie ins could be added to the new line down Highway 10 to Love’s truck stop. A new booster station would be an expensive short term solution. A looped line from Golf Course Rd with a new water tank would be the ideal solution.

City needs to secure a water tower. Hopeful that new engineering firm will be a step in the right direction.

City is wrapping up discussions with CHS. We will be entering into either a 5 year or 10 year contract for supplying water. According to discussion, the refinery will not be using much more water in the future than they have for the previous years.

**Old Business:**

Engineering Services

An interview committee met with 4 firms to interview them for a new MSA (Morrison Maierle, AE2S, KLJ and Great West). The committee unanimously scored Morrison Maierle as the highest. The Public Works committee registered no objections. A resolution to approve MM will be presented to Council on Tuesday, 4/28/26.

Fire Hydrant by Middle School Update

No progress. Matt committed to reaching out. \*On Tuesday, 4/21/26 Matt confirmed that the project would be completed next week.

PW Committee Member Status

Amy Mullaney was approved to join the committee. In attendance. Still have one opening.

**Other Items:**

Matt will be bringing a bid for a new garbage truck to Council. PW budgeted \$450,000 for a new truck. Accepted bid came in around \$448,000.

Laurel School District likely turning Fir Field over to the City. This will provide more space for sporting events and activities.

Matt is participating in PW contract negotiations.

Jodi asked about the PACER Street document that ranked City streets and helped guide decisions on maintenance. Committee members will locate document for next meeting.

Matt reports that the new developer at Cherry Hills is waffling about paying for the West Maryland bridge.

Shawn shared a list of concerns / questions for further discussion and to aid in a list to present to the new engineering company:

Can our entire water system run off pumps? If so, could this be an option to do maintenance on current water tank?

Confirmed a sewer line does run under the interstate. Could we bore under the railyard to eliminate the Elm St lift station?

Could we pave orphan streets like Montana and Idaho?

Gravel path between Nutting Park and new LIS needs to be a sidewalk – City has right of way.

Gophers are out of control on railroad property. Perhaps City should send a letter asking for the RR to deal with it. If no response, take care of the issue and send a bill.

Maintenance / Reconstruction on W 7<sup>th</sup> between 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**Announcements**

Next Meeting will be Monday, 5/18/26 at 6pm in Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm