

**Minutes of City of Laurel
Budget/Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

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

Others Present: Kelly Strecker, David Waggoner, Kelly Gauslow

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

Public Input: There was no public comment.

Chairman Richard Klose asked for nominations for the Vice Chairman of this committee, Jessica Banks nominated Tom Canape. Casey Wheeler seconded this nomination. With no objection, Tom Canape will be the new Vice Chairman.

General Items –

1. Review and approve January 13, 2026, Budget and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Tom Canape moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026. Jessica Banks seconded the motion. With no objection, the minutes of January 13, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment or committee discussion.
2. Review and approve purchase requisitions. Kelly presented a purchase requisition, as Matt Wheeler could not be present at the meeting. The purchase requisition is for a new gas compressor for the digester at the sewer plant. Kelly stated that Matt knew the compressor was going to be needed this year, as the current compressor is getting worn out. Kelly said that this compressor was put into the budget for this fiscal year. Tom Canape moved to approve the purchase requisition for the new gas compressor for the sewer plant digester. Jessica Banks seconded the motion. With no objection, the purchase requisition was approved.
3. Review and recommend approval to Council; claims entered through January 23, 2026. Tom Canape moved to approve the claims and check register for claims entered through January 23, 2026. Casey Wheeler seconded the motion. With no objection, the claims and check register of January 23, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment.
4. Review and approve Payroll Register for the pay period ending January 18, 2026, totaling \$254,217.79. Jessica Banks motioned to approve the payroll register for the pay period ending January 18, 2026, totaling \$254,217.79. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the payroll register for January 18, 2026, was approved. There was no public comment.
5. Review and approve December 2025 Monthly Financial Statement. Tom Canape moved to approve December 2025 Monthly Financial Statement. Jessica Banks seconded the motion. With no objection, the December Monthly Financial Statement was approved. There was no public comment.

New Business – Jessica Banks asked if water bottles, or a water cooler could be placed in the council chambers area, at some point. With the longer meetings occurring it would be nice to be able to get something to drink.

Old Business – None

Other Items –

1. Review Comp/OT reports for the pay period ending January 18, 2026.
2. Mayor Update – The mayor had no updates at this time.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Update-Kelly that she received the check from the Laurel Community Foundation in lieu of the EMS donations for the new ambulance. The amount of the check was

\$17,457.75. Kelly also stated that she is working on the Laurel Transit Grant for fiscal year 26-27, that is due March 1, 2026.

Announcements –

1. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held on February 10, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
2. Casey Wheeler is scheduled to review the claims for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 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.