

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

MAY 23, 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 Council President Sparks at 6:30 p.m. on 6:31, 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, Administrative Assistant

Council President Sparks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

MINUTES:

Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Eaton. 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:

- Ron Benner County Appointment To City/County Planning Board
- Beartooth RC&D May Correspondence

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through May 19, 2023.**
A complete listing of the claims and their amounts is on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of July 2022.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of August 2022.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of September 2022.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of October 2022.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of November 2022.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of December 2022.**
- **Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of January 2023.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 5/14/2023 totaling \$223,404.05.**
- **Council Workshop Minutes of May 16, 2023.**

The Council President Sparks 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 May 11, 2023.
- Park Board Minutes of May 4, 2023.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of April 17, 2023.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

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

Motion by Council Member Eaton to allow Council Member Klose to be absent from the City of Laurel for possibly more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060), seconded by Council Member Klose. 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. R23-32: A Resolution Of The City Council Rescheduling The July 4, 2023, Regularly-Scheduled City Council Workshop To July 11, 2023, At 6:30 p.m.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R23-32, 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. R23-33: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving And Authorizing The Disposal Of City Of Laurel Records.**

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve Resolution No. R23-33, 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. R23-34: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Approval Of The Quote And Master Services And Purchasing Agreement With Axon Enterprise, Inc. For The Purchase Of Body Cameras And Related Equipment For The Laurel Police Department.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R23-34, 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. R23-35: A Resolution Of The City Council Declaring Certain City Of Laurel Property As "Surplus" Available For Sale Or Trade To The Public Or Other Governmental Entities Or Vendors.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R23-35, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT):

Monday, May 29th, is Memorial Day. There will be a ceremony at the City Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. There will also be a ceremony at the National Cemetery at noon.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Eaton recently attended a webinar on grant writing for rural communities. She passed that information off to the Clerk/Treasurer.

This week is National EMS Appreciation Week. Saturday, May 27th there will be an open house from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the FAP building.

Council was reminded that May is a 5 Tuesday month, and there is no meeting next week.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Resolution No. R23-36: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Ace Electric Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R23-36, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

This resolution is to install the electrical control panel on the Elm lift station. The City has received the replacement parts and can proceed with this project.

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.

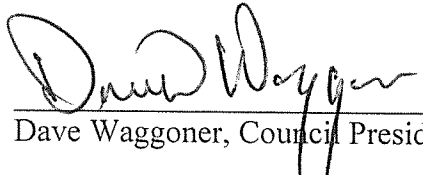
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Mize. 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 6:46 p.m.


Brittney Moonman, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Council President Sparks and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 13th day of June 2023.


Dave Waggoner, Council President Sparks

Attest:


Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

