

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

May 27, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:33 p.m. on May 27, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Canape	Heidi Sparks
Michelle Mizze	Jessica Banks
Casey Wheeler	Irv Wilke
Richard Klose	Jodi Mackay

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Jerrad Anglin, Interim Police Chief
Jackson Booth, Police Sergeant
Ryland
JW Hopper, Fire Chief
Jean Kerr, City Judge
Michele Braukmann, Civil City Attorney

Mayor Waggoner 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 13, 2025, as presented, seconded by Council Member Sparks. 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:

- Reappointment of Ron Benner to the City/County Planning Board
- Montana Leagues of Cities and Towns Annual Conference Correspondence

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through May 23, 2025.**
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 April 2025.**
- **Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 5/16/2025 totaling \$250,726.52.**

The Mayor 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 13, 2025.
- Emergency Services Committee Minutes of April 28, 2025.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Kristofer Schaff to the Laurel Police Department.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kristofer Schaff to the Laurel Police Department, 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.

Judge Kerr swore in Mr. Schaff. Mr. Schaff completed the Code of Ethics with Interim Police Chief Anglin.

- **Resolution No. R25-31: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To Task Order No. 2 With Triple Tree Engineering, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve Resolution No. R25-31, 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. R25-32: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Provision Of Fire Services For The Rural Fire District 8.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R25-32, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

Council questioned if there were no changes in the fee to this contract. It was clarified that this year, the Fire Chief did not increase the fee as they are looking to combine multiple districts. Also, in the last two years, there were 10% and 25% increases, respectively. The contract is only for one year and allows for an increase again next year.

It was questioned if there was a formula used to calculate the amount charged to a district. It was clarified that they use the amount of calls and fuel costs from the previous year.

Some Council Members noted they would like to see an increase this year to keep up with the increased costs.

A vote was taken on the motion. Council Members Banks, Wilke, Mackay, Wheeler, Mize, and Canape vote aye. Council Members Sparks and Klose voted no. Motion carried 6-2.

- **Resolution No. R25-33: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Independent Inspection Service.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R25-33, 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (ONE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: None.

MAYOR UPDATES: None.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Banks 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 7:00 p.m.


Britney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 10th day of June 2025.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Streckler, Clerk/Treasurer



