

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

DATE 2025
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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 6:30 p.m. on September 23, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Michele, Braukmann, Civil City Attorney
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
Jarred Anglin, Interim Police Chief
Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director
Jean Kerr, City Judge
Kurt Markegard, CAO

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 August 26, 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.

Motion by Council Member Sparks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2025, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fire Monthly Report - August 2025
- Beartooth RC&D September Correspondence.

COUNCIL DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **Claims entered through September 19, 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 July 2025.
- Clerk/Treasurer Financial Statements for the month of August 2025.
- Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 9/14/2025 totaling \$264,949.22.
- Council Workshop Minutes of August 19, 2025.
- Council Workshop Minutes of September 2, 2025.

The Mayor asked if there was any separation of consent items. There was none.

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Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the consent items 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.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of September 9, 2025.
- Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of August 26, 2025.
- Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of September 8, 2025.
- Park Board Minutes of September 4, 2025.
- Public Works Committee Minutes of August 18, 2025.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (THREE-MINUTE LIMIT): None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- **Appointment of Jarred Anglin as Police Chief.**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jarred Anglin as Police Chief, seconded by Council Member Canape. 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 the newly appointed Police Chief.

Former Police Chief Lange performed the pinning ceremony.

- **Resolution No. R25-83: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Laurel And Yellowstone County For GIS Services.**

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R25-83, 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. R25-84: Resolution Of City Council (APPROVING or DENYING) Zone Change For Iron Horse Station Subdivision From Residential R-6000 (Duplex) To Residential RMF (Multi-Family).**

Motion by Council Member Mize to approve Resolution No. R25-84A, seconded by Council Member Sparks.

The developers' agent was present to answer any questions that they had on this matter.

Ron Benner, City/County Planning Board, stated that the Planning Board put a lot of thought into this, and overriding them is a mistake.

The Council expressed concern about ensuring appropriate fire access if it were to approve the zone change.

The Council expressed concern that a 6-plex would be included in this zoning.

Council questioned whether, once they make a decision on this zone change, they will have a say in whether a 4-plex or 6-plex is built there. It was clarified that zoning is not conditional; if it is an allowable use, it is allowed.

Council noted that the area looks pretty congested and expressed concern about parking and the ability of first responders to respond appropriately.

Council noted they have concerns about the lack of a sidewalk between this development and the new school.

Council noted that in LMC, RMF is noted to be a buffer between commercial and residential. They had concerns that this would lead to commercial properties in the area. The Council noted the option of RMLF instead of RMF.

Council noted the consequences of parking recreational equipment, such as campers, trailers, and boats, in the area.

Council questioned the process by which first responders weigh in on these matters. It was clarified that an item goes through the Planning Board process, which does require public notice to the surrounding residents and notice in the paper.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. All eight Council Members present voted no. Motion carried 0-8.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R25-84B, 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. R25-85: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Donahue Roofing & Siding LLC.**

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R25-85, 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. R25-86: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With Bartram Services, LLC.**

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R25-86, seconded by Council Member Canape. There was no public comment.

A Council Member questioned why the City would not go with the company that has installed all the previous systems.

A vote was taken on the motion. Seven Council Members present voted aye. Council Member Klose voted no. Motion carried 7-1.

- **Resolution No. R25-87: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Laurel And The Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter, For The Provision Of Temporary Shelter Services For Displaced Animals.**

Civil Attorney Braukmann briefly reviewed what this contract entails.

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R25-87, 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:

There is a Special City Council Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

September is a five-Tuesday month. There is no Council next week.

MAYOR UPDATES:

They have started the Southside Paving Project. So far, it looks good.

Council noted the new sidewalk at Nutting Park and the millings on the shoulder of the road, which provide a safe walking surface for the kids.

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UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

There will be a change order presented to the Council on Thursday for a special meeting. There was an error in calculating the total square feet of asphalt needed. It is an increase of \$45,000.

It was questioned whether there are funds in the Gas Tax fund to cover this additional cost. It was clarified that there are funds available.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Mize to adjourn the Council meeting, 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.


Britney Harakel, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 14th day of October 2025.


Dave Waggoner, Mayor

Attest:


Kelly Stuecker, Clerk/Treasurer



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dw" followed by a stylized flourish.