

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, February 23, 2022 by Committee Chair, Heidi Sparks.

Members Present: Heidi Sparks- Chair, Irv Wilke- Vice Chair (arrived late), Richard Herr, Bill Mountsier, Marv Carter, Dan Koch

Others Present: Kurt Markegard- Public Works Director, Kris Voegele- guest

Public Input:

Kris Voegele (306 E 4th St, Laurel)- Kris raised concerns and questions about the city not shoveling sidewalks in front of city hall over the holiday weekend. Stated per city ordinance, sidewalks are supposed to be shoveled within 24 hours. Kurt stated the on-call staff did complete a call-out for street sanding but did not realize that sidewalks were part of call-out duties. The issue has since been addressed/ There will also be a reminder for citizens, possibly on the water bill, for sidewalk shoveling.

General Items

1. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2021- Marv Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2021. Motion was seconded by Richard Herr. Motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes.

New Business

2. Vote on Committee Chair and Vice-Chair- Richard Herr made a motion for Heidi Sparks to remain Chair of committee, motion was seconded by Dan Koch. Motion carried 5-0. Richard Herr made a motion for Irv Wilke to remain Vice-Chair of committee, motion was seconded by Dan Koch. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Emergency Call Out Report- Report attached
 - Alderidge Trailer court- \$80 charge to have the water meter repaired from damage
4. KLJ Report- Report attached
 - S 4th Reconstruction- KLJ will be at the council workshop on 3/1/22 to discuss Russell Park and the stormwater retention pond
 - Lindy Lane Sewer replacement- Closed out as of 2/22/22
 - Sanitary Sewer H₂S Remediation- Bill will be for ozone generator and aerator to be installed. Recommendation should be before council at workshop on 3/1/22
 - Laurel Capital Improvement Plan- no status update on this item, Kurt will get update for the next Public Works Committee meeting
 - West Railroad Street Reconstruction- Montana DOT was to discuss at the February Transportation committee meeting
 - W 7th Street Reconstruction- will need water and sewer line replacement as part of this project

Old Business

Dan Koch stated he would like an update on the parking lot at Thompson Park. Kurt stated this has been sealed and just needs to be painted, but unsure if the painting will be completed by the city or hired out

Other Items

Discussion on Community Meeting follow up regarding S 4th St- Kurt stated KLJ is still planning on a meeting but the timing is dependent on the stormwater design- KLJ will be at the council workshop on 3/1/22

Dan would like to have a future discussion around public and private fire protection charge. He would like to see the Laurel Municipal Code updated to include this with charges for protection. This will be added as a discussion item on the March agenda.

Marv Carter had a comment and concern about street reapiir. He would like to see more than one block addressed if reapiirs are taking place and used 12th and Locust as an example. Kurt stated the city is working off of the PACER study for the most efficiency and cost savings.

Announcements

Next Meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.