



**Agenda
City of Laurel
Emergency Services Committee
Monday, August 24, 2026
6:00 PM
City Hall**

Public Input

Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

General Items

1. Approval of Minutes from 07/27/26

New Business

Updates from Emergency Services Departments Presentation from Yellowstone County Jail Expansion proponents

2. Yellowstone Jail Expansion Presentation

Old Business

Other Items

Announcements

Next Meeting: Monday, September 28, 2026 at 6 pm in Council Chambers

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Minutes
City of Laurel
Emergency Services Committee
Monday, July 27, 2026

Meeting called to order by Chair Mackay at 6 pm.

Present: Jodi Mackay, Irv Wilke, Sara Naylor, Shane LaCasse and Jamie Swecker

Others Present: Chief Hopper, Chief Anglin and Chief Gurchiek

Meeting adjourned at 645 pm.

Public Input

Laura Kirschmann brought up concerns about Reserve Officer program. Had family members that participated in past but recently learned the program had few participants. Would like to see it revamped and providing support to LPD and court.

Police Chief Anglin responded that we have 1 reserve officer currently. It was previously a robust program but saw several members with tenure retire within the last few years. Noted that volunteerism is down. Plans to revamp in near future. Working with Sheriff O'Donnell. Will be looking to recruit officers for class that runs Jan - May. App and description should be on City website.

General Items

1. Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2026

Motion made by Irv. Seconded by Shane. Passed 5-0

New Business

Department Reports (attached):

LPD - Chief Anglin

- July 3rd - 4th saw 124 calls for service - typical reasons (parking, fights, fireworks) / 76 hours of OT paid out (majority covered by the Palace for the street dance)
- New trunking going into radios / will allow connection to other agencies / significantly less expensive
- Sgt Booth moving to DEA position w/i LPD fully effective 8/31/26 / still available for K9 callouts
- Ofc Baumgartner moving pt TFO

- Susan Canape of dispatch retiring 9/2/26 after 31 years of service
- Laurel schools back in session 8/25/26 SRO's back in school and off patrol
- LPD Cornhole tourney 8/7/26 at LHS stadium at 7 pm
- Getting Tazers from Probation & Parole

Amb - Chief Gurchiek

- Reports for May and June
- No major changes
- Vehicles holding up with no major issues
- Continue struggling to be eligible for grants due to proximity to Billings
- Expressed concerns about radios and ability to communicate with other depts and agencies

FD - Chief Hopper

- 5 candidates for interviews in August
- Cpt Bieber going to lead training dept. until official interviews / appointments
- DNRC - 56 new fires reported over weekend - hot busy season
- Garage door concerns
 - Pulling away from wall/dropping when raised, possibly due to heat/safety and liability concern
 - Committee agreed Chair should reach out to Mayor to request conversation and/or addition to a Workshop meeting for discussion
- Command Truck needs to new engine - Chief suggests qualified FF do the work to save funds - Mayor working on contract

Committee Opening:

Bruce McGee resigned from committee. One opening on ES Committee

Shane announced that CHS begins their new FY 9/1/26 - asking for ideas for annual donation from CHS

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