

**Minutes of City of Laurel
Budget/Finance Committee
Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

Members' Present: Tom Canape, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler

Others Present: Kelly Strecker, Kelly Gauslow, Matt Wheeler, Kris Vogelee

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair at 5:30 pm.

Public Input: There was no public comment.

General Items –

1. Review and approve July 14, 2026, Budget and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Tom Canape moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2026. Casey Wheeler seconded the motion. With no objection, the minutes of July 14, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment or committee discussion.
2. Review and approve purchase requisitions. Matt presented a purchase requisition for repairs on the backhoe. Matt stated that this backhoe is used for digging large water breaks. The backhoe only has 2,000 hours and it is a 2010. RDO Equipment gave a quote to completely go through everything on the backhoe so it will be up and running at full capacity. The cost to repair the backhoe from RDO Equipment is \$12,201.55. Tom Canape moved to approve the purchase requisition to have the backhoe repaired. Casey Wheeler seconded the motion. With no objection, the purchase requisition was approved. Matt presented a purchase requisition for the repair charges of one of the S.E 4th Street crosswalks. Matt stated that these crosswalks get damaged a couple of times a year. This time they were able to use leftover parts they had from fixing the other crosswalks, and Ace Electric would need to fix the electricity. The cost of Ace Electric to repair is \$7,283.47. There was brief discussion. Tom Canape made a motion to hold off on the purchase requisition and take to LURA to see if they would pay for the repairs this time. Jessica Banks seconded the motion. With no objection, the purchase requisition was put on hold until the LURA board was contacted. The next LURA meeting will be held on July 27, 2026. Matt updated the committee on this item and stated that LURA is going to pay for the repairs this time. Matt presented a requisition for Brown's Automotive. Matt stated that they received a one-ton Dulley pickup from the Fire Department with only 28,000 miles that was burnt in a fire. The pickup needed a new transmission and wiring. Matt stated that with the repair from Brown's Automotive there is a 3-year/36,000-mile warranty. Matt stated that the water and street departments would be using this truck and, in the wintertime, they will install a sander to help with the slick roads. The total cost of the repairs is \$6,669.93 Tom Canape made a motion to approve the purchase requisition for the transmission and wiring repair. Richard Klose seconded the motion. With no objection, the purchase requisition was approved. The mayor presented two quotes for repairs of the Fire Department garage door openers. He stated that the doors are starting to drop when they are opening due to the door openers wearing out. His is a huge hazard not only for our employees and volunteers but also for our trucks, that are coming and going. Both quotes for 8 openers are the same. His recommendation would be Billings Overhead Door since their quote is less for the exact same door openers. The cost for 8-door openers is \$12,189.40. Tom Canape made a motion to approve the purchase requisition for new door openers. Casey Wheeler seconded the motion. With no objection, the requisition was approved.
3. Review and recommend approval to Council; claims entered through July 24, 2026. Tom Canape moved to approve the claims and check register for claims entered through July 24, 2026. Richard Klose seconded the motion. With no objection, the claims and check register of July 24, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment.

4. Review and approve Payroll Register for the pay period ending July 19, 2026, totaling \$273,312.25. Tom Canape motioned to approve the payroll register for the pay period ending July 19, 2026, totaling \$273,312.25. Casey Wheeler seconded the motion. With no objection, the payroll register was approved. There was no public comment.
5. Review and approve June 2026 Monthly Financial Statement. Tom Canape moved to approve June 2026 Monthly Financial Statement. Richard Klose seconded the motion. With no objection, the June 2026 Monthly Financial Statement was approved. There was no public comment.

New Business -None

Old Business – None

Other Items –

1. Review Comp/OT reports for the pay period ending July 19, 2026.
2. Mayor Update – The mayor stated that we have been actively working on the budget. He is finishing up meeting with each department head and that should be finished in the next couple of weeks. Said we have just about finalized a transportation program with Allis in Aging, and we should be able to move forward for at least one more year.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Update-Kelly said that she and the mayor have met several times over the last few weeks regarding the budget. She stated that she ditto's the mayor's update.

Announcements –

1. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
2. Casey Wheeler is scheduled to review the claims for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Strecker

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.