

The Town of Laurel
Mayor & Council Meeting
September 18, 2023

A Mayor & Council Meeting was held at Laurel Town Hall in the Mayor & Council Chambers on Monday, September 18, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were in attendance Mayor John Shwed, President of Council Chris Calio, Council Members Carlos Oliveras, Robin Fisher-Cornish via ZOOM, Cheryl Martin via ZOOM, Jonathan Kellam via ZOOM, and Donald Holden. Also, in attendance were Director of Code Enforcement Ken West, Public Works Director James Foskey, Chief Dan Wright, Judge Ruffin, Finance Manager Mary Introcaso, and Town Manager Jamie Smith. It was noted that Recording Secretary Alexis Oliphant was absent.

Mayor Shwed presented the swearing-in officer ceremony to Officer Spencer Sokar and Officer Jeremy Adams.

Mayor Shwed presented the promotion ceremony to now Captain Tyler Bryan.

The Mayor & Council Regular and Closed Session Minutes of August 21, 2023, were presented for review and adoption. President of Council Calio made a motion to accept the minutes of August 21, 2023. Councilman Holden seconded the motion. Vote was 7-0.

Town Manager Smith provided a brief overview of the August 2023 Department Head Reports.

- Director of Code Enforcement West stated he had no additions to his report.
- Town Manager Smith stated Public Works Director Foskey isn't in attendance, but she may answer any questions.
- Chief Wright stated he had no additions to his report.
- Judge Ruffin stated she had no additions to her report.
- Finance Manager Introcaso stated she had no additions to her report.
- Town Manager Smith stated she had no additions to her report.

President of Council Calio made a motion to accept the August Department Head Reports as presented. Councilman Holden seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent and Councilman Kellam absent.

The meeting adjourned officially at 7:12 p.m. with internet connection disruption due to not having a proper quorum to proceed on.

With the following Mayor & Council persons in attendance an informal meeting continued without any form of action completed.

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Town Manager Smith provided a brief overview of the Development Updates.

Town Manager Smith presented an update on Sixth Street Speed Bumps Request. She stated Del-Dot is working on a study per their requirements.

Judge Ruffin and Alderman Clerk Hill presented Ordinance 2023-2 Chapter 161, Traffic. The ordinance will make all Town of Laurel traffic codes legislatively compliant and can be heard by Judge Ruffin with the exception of any traffic violations related to driving under the influence.

Town Manager Smith stated she received a citizen request to allow for no parking on Bell Avenue between Center Street and Seventh Street. She advised this request will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Town Manager Smith stated the Town of Laurel's 6th Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Laurel Elementary School – Bus Parking Lot from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Trick or Treaters may begin lining-up at 6:45 p.m. on Evergreen Drive.

Town Manager stated Trick or Treat will take place within the town on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for children 12 and under.

Mayor Shwed stated they're a lot of events occurring through our town on weekends, which is positive sign for our town. He encouraged everyone to look around and see what you can do that's good for a fellow neighbor.

The unofficial meeting ended without any form of action completed at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor

President of Council

Town Manager

Recording Secretary