



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Thomas, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Vice President Jason Capers

Staff: 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Staff Absent: 1 - City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson George Carmichael

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 25-8033](#) October 21, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 10212025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

Abstain: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8040](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for September 2025.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - September 2025](#)

[Certification Letter - September 2025](#)

[Revenue - September 2025](#)

[Sales Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

Kristal Jones, City Clerk/Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification for September 2025:

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING
 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING
- #### B. CITIZENS HEARING
- #### C. CITIZENS FORUM

Brian Kenney, owner of Pye Barker Fire & Safety

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8030](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to acknowledge receipt of Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report.

Attachments: [Resolution - PBRSWA Audit Report 2025](#)
[PBRSWMA Audit FY 2025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

B. [ID 25-8043](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve a Supplemental Agreement for Professional Services - Environmental West Drive Roadway Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Letter to Mayor-Environmental Services.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

C. [ID 25-8047](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve two agreements to purchase environmental mitigation credits for the West Drive Roadway Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Stream Mitigation Payment Request.pdf](#)
[Wetland Mitigation Payment Request.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

D. [ID 25-8039](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution AUTHORIZING THE LAUREL CITY COUNCIL TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR A GRANT UNDER ITS LAND, WATER AND TIMBER RESOURCES PROGRAM AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE FUNDED.

Attachments: [RESApplicationMSLandWaterTimberResourcesProgramFundsAimick FarmsLagoon](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

E. [ID 25-8029](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve credit allowance for a list of insolvent and delinquent taxpayers of business personal property taxes due to Jones County, City of Laurel for year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of MS Code § 27-49-1, as amended.

Attachments: [Resolution - Insolvent Delinquent Taxes](#)
[LETTER - 2024 Personal Property Taxes Insolvent-Delinquent](#)
[LIST - 2024 Personal Property Taxes Insolvent-Delinquent](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

F. [ID 25-8036](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Administration to Enter an Agreement with SportsEngine, LLC, Regarding Livestreaming Sporting Events at the Susan Boone Vincent Sportsplex.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementSportsEngine](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementSportsEngine.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

G. [ID 25-8038](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the travel, meals, registration and hotel expenses for the elected officials and municipal clerks to attend the Mississippi Municipal League Mid-Winter Conference Jackson, MS on January 11-15, 2026.

Attachments: [ORDER APPROVING TRAVEL FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS MML MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

H. [ID 25-8031](#)

Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Appointment of Mr. John Thaxton as Ward 2 Representative to the Civil Service Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppCivilServiceCommissionJohnThaxton.11.4.25](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

I. [ID 25-8028](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept a donation from The Hundred Club of Jones County in the amount of \$4,550.33. Funds will be placed in the Police Department's K-9 Donations Account #001-000-111-0.

Attachments: [THE HUNDRED CLUB K-9 DONATION 2025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

J. [ID 25-8019](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting donations from various companies for the annual Christmas event.

Attachments: [Order accepting donations for Christmas Events 2025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

K. [ID 25-8037](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that Cpt. Michael Reaves be allowed to purchase his service revolver for the sum of ten dollars.

Attachments: [CPT. MICHAEL REAVES WEAPON](#)
[DOC102725-10272025135807](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

L. [ID 25-8045](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Variance from Section 602.12.03 of the Zoning Ordinance to Headrick Sign & Graphics. Variance is being sought to increase square footage of sign at 330 S. Magnolia St.

Attachments: [Variance 330 S. Magnolia St.](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 091125](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

M. [ID 25-8046](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Variance from Section 601.03 of the Zoning Ordinance to Hattiesburg Clinic Laurel Dialysis Unit. Variance is being sought to add additional parking spaces at 1527 Larry Dr.

Attachments: [Variance 1527 Larry Dr.](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 091125](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

N. [ID 25-8044](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception to Timothy Flanagan to allow operation of an independent car dealership to be located at 1300 Susie B. Ruffin Ave. Property is zoned I-1 Restricted Industrial District and located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Timothy Flanagan-Special Exception](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 100925](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

O. [ID 25-8042](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to Mallorie Rasberry to allow operation of two short term rentals in a R-1 zoning under a single structure to be located at 1118 N. 6th Ave. Property is zoned R-1 and located in Ward 5.

Attachments: [Mallorie Rasberry-Special Exception Renewal](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 100925](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

P. [ID 25-8041](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to Alaina Rowzee to allow operation of a day care for children to be located at 1922 Pearl St. Property is zoned R-2 and located in Ward1.

Attachments: [Alaina Rowzee-Special Exception Renewal](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 091125](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

Q. [ID 25-8034](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to accept and approve the Fire Extinguisher, Fire Alarm, and Wet Sprinkler Inspection, Maintenance and Materials bid effective January 01, 2026 - December 31, 2029.

Attachments: [Resolution - Fire Safety Maintenance Bids](#)
[Fire Extinguisher Tabulation 2026-2029](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Resolution be postponed for (2) two weeks. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Nay: 1 - George Carmichael

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

R. [ID 25-8035](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to accept and approve the Property, Machinery, and Equipment/Boiler Insurance Bid effective November 25, 2025 - November 25, 2026.

Attachments: [Resolution - Property Insurance Bids 2024-2025](#)
[Bid Tabulations & Documents](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 25-8032](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 11.04.2025](#)
[WARRANT NOVEMBER 4 2025](#)
[WARRANT NOVEMBER 4 2025 \(2\)](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET NOVEMBER 4 2025](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET NOVEMBER 04 2025 \(2\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Jason Capers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m., this the 4th day of November, A. D., 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 1

COUNCILPERSON WARD 5

COUNCILPERSON WARD 2

COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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