



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Agenda City Council

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

Councilperson Grace Amos

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 25-7729](#) April 22, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 04222025](#)

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7727](#) Presentation from Becky Stewart, Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, on the program and activities of the DAFS agency.
- B. [ID 25-7736](#) Presentation from West Jones High School Senior Jayden Olson regarding the establishing of a Laurel Mayor's Youth Council .
- C. [ID 25-7750](#) Presentation from Mayor Johnny Magee on the State of the City for 2024.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 25-7742](#) Consider adopting an Order to set a date of June 3, 2025 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the property listed to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health of the community:

A. Carolyn McNeil (LE) REM: Karen Ann Bell Et Al, dead or diseased tree at 1633 N. 4th Ave. PPIN 9672 W4

B. Jerry L. Graham & Marilyn D. Graham, dead and diseased tree at 320 W. 17th St. PPIN 9671 W4

C. S. Lavon Evans Jr. Realty LLC, dilapidated residence at 507 Masonite Dr. PPIN 14264 W5

D. Aston & Eldridge LLC, dilapidated residence at 1224 Simmons St. PPIN 13152 W7

E. Tony Mosley, dilapidated residence at 2116 Queensburg Ave. PPIN 13304 W7

Attachments: [Sets 6-3-25](#)
[Notices 6-3-25-04292025100228](#)

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 25-7743](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 6, 2025 in regards to the property located at 316 W. 21st St. belonging to Robert L. Smith to determine whether or not the property is in such a dilapidated state so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Resolution 316 W. 21st St.\(demo\)](#)
[316 W 21ST ST - 5-06-2025](#)
[R 316 W 21ST ST-04212025140358](#)
[P 316 W 21ST ST-04212025140421](#)

- B. [ID 25-7745](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 6, 2025 in regards to the property located at 1004 N. 7th Ave. belonging to John T. Kersh P.O. Box 4077 to determine whether or not the property is in such a dilapidated state so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 5.

Attachments: [Resolution 1004 N. 7th Ave.\(demo\)](#)
[1004 N 7TH AVE - 5-06-2025](#)
[R 1004 N 7TH AVE-04212025140220](#)
[P 1004 N 7TH AVE-04212025140248](#)

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7728](#) Consider approving the Second Reading of A SECOND AMENDED ORDINANCE ENLARGING, EXTENDING, AND DEFINING THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; SPECIFYING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY AND THE MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC SERVICES TO BE RENDERED THEREIN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES RELATED THERETO.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE- Second Reading of Second Amended Annexation Ordinance 5.6](#)

- B. [ID 25-7731](#) Consider adopting an Order to Ratify an Emergency Order GIVING THE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS REVOLVING LOAN FUND (DWSIRLF) APPLICATION AND NAME THE MAYOR AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

Attachments: [OrderRatifyEmergencyOrder-Submit loan application DWSIRLF 5.6.25](#)
[OrderRatifyEmergencyOrder-Submit loan application DWSIRLF Exhibit A 5.6.25](#)

- C. [ID 25-7747](#) Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to award construction of the Central Avenue Phase II - Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)
[Letter of Recommendation and Bid Tab.pdf](#)

- D. [ID 25-7748](#) Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to execute the Construction Engineering and Inspection Agreement (CEI) of the Central Avenue Phase II - Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)
[CE&I Contract, Central Avenue Improvements Phase 2](#)

- E. [ID 25-7753](#) Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to reject and readvertise bids for construction of the 2025 Citywide Paving Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Bid Review Letter.pdf](#)
[Certified Bid Tab.pdf](#)

- F. [ID 25-7734](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Weisbrod Matteis & Copley PLLC for PFAs Contamination Claim

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeAgreementPFASDrinkingWaterClaims.5.6.25](#)
[RESAuthorizeAgreementPFASDrinkingWaterClaims.ExhibitA.5.6.25](#)

- G. [ID 25-7749](#) Consider adopting an Order authorizing FY2025 Agreement between the City of Laurel and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Regarding Reimbursement of Overtime Payment and authorized Expenses for Participating Laurel Police Department Personnel.

Attachments: [ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE ORDER](#)

- H. [ID 25-7740](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Mayor's Youth Council for the City of Laurel

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeEstablishmentofMayor'sYouthCouncil.5.6.25](#)

- I. [ID 25-7735](#) Consider adopting an Order to apply and accept a donation from the Wal-Mart Community Grant for five thousand dollars (\$5000.00). Twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) will be given to the Laurel Fire Department to purchase fire prevention materials and equipment. Twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) will be given to the Laurel Police Department to be used for materials for Night Out Against Crime event.

Attachments: [walmart grant](#)

- J. [ID 25-7730](#) Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to retire K-9 Max to the care of Sergeant Roman Moss.

Attachments: [RETIRE K-9 MAX](#)

- K. [ID 25-7751](#) Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to allow operation of a car dealership and tire shop located at 3371 Ellisville Blvd. Property is zoned R-1 and in Ward 7

Attachments: [Speacial Exception- Maria Estaban](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 041025](#)

- L. [ID 25-7737](#) Consider adopting an Order approving application of the Essmueller Company for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61 code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: [Essmueller Co Freeport Application 2025](#)
[Essmueller Freeport Application Order 2025](#)

- M. [ID 25-7738](#) Consider adopting Order approving application of Howard Industries, Inc. for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61 code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: [Howard Ind. Freeport Application Order 2025](#)
[Howards Freeport Application 2025](#)
[Howards Freeport Attached Order 2025](#)

- N. [ID 25-7732](#) Consider adopting an Order approving application of Dixie Inc. - Applied Industrial Technologies for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their Freeport Warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 Code of 1972, as amended.

Attachments: [Dixie - Applied Industrial Tech Freeport Application Order 2025](#)
[Dixie- Applied Industrial Application 2025](#)

- O. [ID 25-7739](#) Consider adopting Order approving application of Mid-South Industries, Inc. for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61 code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: [Mid-South Freeport Application Order 2025](#)
[Mid-South Freeport Application 2025](#)

- P. [ID 25-7733](#) Consider adopting Order approving application of Masonite Corporation, Inc. for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes on the freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61, Code of 1972, as amended.

Attachments: [Masonite Amended Freeport Application 2025](#)
[Masonite Freeport Application Order 2025](#)

- Q. [ID 25-7741](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2025 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment - Order](#)
[Budget Amendment List - May 06, 2025](#)

- R. [ID 25-7746](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleanings for the following properties:
- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Longbeard Properties LLC, at 207 W. 15th St. Total assessed cost \$74.09 Ward 4
 - B. Cleaning of property assessed to Karlee Henderson, at 1113 Mississippi Ave. Total assessed cost \$86.54 Ward 4
 - C. Cleaning of property assessed to Euodoutai Investment LLC, at 516 Arco Ln. Total assessed cost \$74.09 Ward 5
 - D. Cleaning of property assessed to Sam Corriere Est% John Corriere, at 118 Bay St. Total assessed cost \$123.08 Ward 5
 - E. Cleaning of property assessed to Hill Williams Jr., at 137 Chestnut St. Total assessed cost \$68.87 Ward 5
 - F. Cleaning of property assessed to Brenda Marcombe, at 153 Chestnut St. Total assessed cost \$74.90 Ward 5
 - G. Cleaning of property assessed to Brenda Marcombe at 155 Chestnut St. Total assessed cost \$74.90 Ward 5
 - H. Cleaning of property assessed to Frank Corriere Est.% John Corriere at Lot W. of 224 N. Cook Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 97.78 Ward 5

Attachments:

[Assessments 5-6-2025](#)

[Bills 5-6-25-04292025102025](#)

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7744](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION MAY 06 2025](#)

[WARRANT MAY 06 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET MAY 06 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET MAY 06 2025 PART 2](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION