



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440  
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Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council

Tuesday, November 18, 2025	9:00 AM	Council Chambers
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CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 7 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Thomas, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Staff:** 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King
- Staff Absent:** 1 - City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Jason Capers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 25-8055](#) November 4, 2025
- Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 11042025](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

- Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

- Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

Recess Meeting

Entering into the Presentation Agenda, Council President Carmichael asked for a motion to recess in order to conduct a public hearing which was set regarding the city’s intention to secure Capital Improvements Revolving Loan for the purpose of Amick Farms Anaerobic Lagoon Improvements Project.

Councilperson Kelly made the motion to recess, seconded Councilperson Thomas, the vote to recess was unanimous of those present and voting, this the 18th day of November, A.D., 2025.

Council President Carmichael relinquished the floor to Mayor Magee, who introduced Jason Hicks with Sample, Hicks & Associates explained the purpose of said hearing. Following the explanation, the floor was opened for comments or questions from the public. There being no comments or questions, Council President Carmichael concluded the hearing and declared to proceed with the Council Meeting, this the 18th day of November, A.D., 2025.

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Capital Improvements Revolving Loan/Amick Farms Anaerobic Lagoon Public Hearing Sign In Sheet

A. [ID 25-8049](#)

Monthly Report Privilege Taxes October 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL License Master Report - 7996 LS](#)

[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of October, 2025. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 25-8067](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Set a Date of December 16, 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. Catherine D. & Audrey Dell Walker, dilapidated residence at 607 Mississippi Ave. PPIN 29807

Attachments: [Sets 12-16-25](#)

[Notice 12-16-25-11072025091632](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Order to Set Hearing be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

##### 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

**A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, to conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

A. [ID 25-8068](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to Conduct a Public Hearing on November 18, 2025 in regards to the property located at 1844 Lindsey Ave., belonging to Larry Carpenter, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Resolution 1844 Lindsey Ave.\(demo\)](#)

[1844 Lindsey Ave. Nov. 18,2025](#)

[R.1844 Lindsey Ave-11052025125216](#)

[P.1844 Lindsey Ave-11052025125235](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

#### B. CITIZENS HEARING

#### C. CITIZENS FORUM

#### 4. POLICY AGENDA

President Carmichael relinquished the chair to Vice President Capers to preside the meeting, Councilperson Carmichael proceeded to recuse himself from the chambers for Agenda Item 4A. Action taken, then President Carmichael returned to continue presiding the meeting.

**A. [ID 25-8058](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve the request that Narcotic Agents, Michelle Howell and Adam Carmichael be allowed to attend the 2025 Mississippi Narcotics Officers Association Training Course held in Biloxi, Mississippi on December 8-10, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$1,030.70.

**Attachments:** [MISSISSIPPI NARCOTICS OFFICERS CONFERENCE DECEMBER--BILOXI MS](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Recused:** 1 - George Carmichael

**B. [ID 25-8051](#)**

Consider adopting Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an application for Capital Improvements (CAP) Loan Funds from the Mississippi Development Authority.

**Attachments:** [Resolution to Sign CAP Loan Application](#)  
[CAP.Loan.Roster](#)

[Public Hearing CAP Loan Amick Farms Anaerobic Lagoon Sign In Sheet](#)

**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:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**C. [ID 25-8064](#)**

Consider adopting an Order authorizing purchase of equipment for the Parks & Recreation Department.

**Attachments:** [ORDER CAPITAL EQUIPMENT2025](#)  
[CAPITAL EQUIPMENT INFO2025](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

**Abstain:** 1 - Marian Allen

**D. [ID 25-8052](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to accept donations in the amount of \$813.00 that will contribute to the costs of various activities for Senior Citizens at the B.E. Murph Center for Seniors.

**Attachments:** [ORDER DONATION SR. CENTER25](#)

**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:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**E. [ID 25-8053](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to accept the attached list of donated items from Kirkland's in Hattiesburg, MS for the use of door prizes to be given away at various events held at the B.E. Murph Center for Seniors.

**Attachments:** [ORDER DONATION KIRKLAND'S SR.CENTER](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**F. [ID 25-8050](#)**

Consider adopting an Order accepting a check of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) donated by Tractor Supply Company Foundation. These funds will be put in the Fire Department's Donation account 001.000.109.2, to be used as needed for the Fire Department's needs.

**Attachments:** [tractor supply donation](#)

[tractor supply check](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**G. [ID 25-8056](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept a donation from The Tractor Supply Company in the amount of \$250.00. Funds will be placed in the Police Department's Donation's Account #001-000-109-6.

**Attachments:** [THE TRACTOR DONATION 2025](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**H. [ID 25-8057](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Chief Earl Reed be allowed to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association Chief of Police Conference on January 11-16, 2026 in Ridgeland, MS at an estimated cost of \$1,002.00.

**Attachments:** [CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE 2026 ---RIDGELAND, MS \(AutoRecovered\)](#)

**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:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**I. [ID 25-8065](#)**

Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Appointment of Mr. Tito Lanier to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel/Jones County Library.

**Attachments:** [ORDAppLibraryBoardLanier2025](#)  
[ORDAppointLibraryBoardLanierExhibitA.11.18.25](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**J. [ID 25-8054](#)**

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Administration to recognize Friday, December 26, 2025, and Friday, January 2, 2026, as paid holidays for all full-time City of Laurel employees, consistent with the Governor's proclamation designating these dates as legal holidays for state employees.

**Attachments:** [ORDER TO OBSERVE 2025 HOLIDAYS](#)  
[2025 Holliday Proclamation](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**K. [ID 25-8060](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

**Attachments:** [Order - Budget Amendments](#)  
[Budget Amendment List November 18, 2025](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**L. [ID 25-8059](#)**

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](#)  
[Fire Safety Maintenance Bid Comparison](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas and Grace Amos

**Abstain:** 2 - Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**M. [ID 25-8063](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to Approve Demolition Assessments for the following properties:

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Robert B. Sims Jr., at 822 Conti St. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 109.00 Ward 4
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Elias Thomas Est., at 104 S. Dr. Deborrah Hyde Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 029.00 Ward 5
- C. Demolition of property assessed to Elias Thomas Est., at 110 S. Dr. Deborrah Hyde Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$7, 174.00 Ward 5

**Attachments:** [Demo Assessments 11182025](#)  
[Demolition Bills-11102025102825](#)

**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:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

N. [ID 25-8061](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Lot Cleaning Assessments for the following properties:

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to D&C Innovation Group Corp., at 623 W. 27th St., Total assessed cost \$102.85 Ward 3
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Phylis Tiller, at 2020 Lindsey Ave. Total assessed cost \$122.26 Ward 4
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Longbeard Properties LLC, at 207 W. 15th St. Total assessed cost \$82.73 Ward 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Allied Tire Recycling LLC, at 318 E. 18th St. Total assessed cost \$299.08 Ward 4
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Eclipse17 LLC, at 818 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 4
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Mitchell M. Asmar Jr. at 103 Walters Ave. Total assessed cost \$238.03 Ward 5
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Sandra N. Beamon Est., at 620 S. 7th Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 6
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Becky Rahaim Rambin, at 638 S. 4th Ave. Total assessed cost \$107.85 Ward 6
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Larken Sanchez, at 419 Jackson St. Total assessed cost \$125.46 Ward 6

Attachments: [Assessments 11-18-2025](#)

[Bills-11102025085120](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8062](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Ratify Approval of notice of December 11, 2025 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 121125](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

B. [ID 25-8066](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 11.18.2025](#)

[WARRANT NOVEMBER 18 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET NOVEMBER 18 2025](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D., 2025.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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