



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Vice President Jason Capers, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly and Councilperson Andrea Thomas

Staff: 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King and City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Grace Amos

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 25-7976](#) September 2, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 09022025](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 25-7973](#)

Monthly Report Privilege Taxes August, 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[New Business License List](#)

[August Monthly Report](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Mark Henderson, owner of Blue Moon Rentals, LLC

4. POLICY AGENDA

Council President Carmichael relinquished the chair to Vice President Capers to preside the meeting and recused himself leaving the chambers for Agenda Items 4A.

- A. [ID 25-7978](#) Consider adopting an Order requesting the Narcotics Agents, Michelle Howell and Adam Carmichael be allowed to attend the 2025 Narcotics Techniques Training Course held in Biloxi, MS on October 29-30, 2025 in Biloxi, MS at an estimated cost of \$849.14.

Attachments: [ADVANCED NARCOTICS TECHNIQUES COURSE 2025 ---BILOXI, MS](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

Recused: 1 - George Carmichael

Council President Carmichael returned to the chambers with the chair relinquished from Vice President Capers to further preside the meeting.

- B. [ID 25-7972](#) Consider adopting an Order Authorizing the 4th Amendment to the Contract with H2O Innovation Operation & Maintenance, LLC, for Public Works Services in the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeContractRenewalH2OPublicWorks 9.16.25](#)
[ORDAuthorizeContractRenewalH2OPublicWorks.ExhibitA 9.16.25](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

- C. [ID 25-7979](#) Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Laurel and Engineering Xcellence with Kris Riemann & Associates.

Attachments: [ORDApproveAmendement#3AgreementEngineeringXcellenceKris Riemann 9.16.25](#)
[ORDApproveAmendement#3AgreementEngineeringXcellenceKris Riemann 9.16.25 EXHIBIT A](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

D. [ID 25-7977](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding Authorization of Mayor Johnny Magee, Acting on Behalf of the City of Laurel, to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Laurel and USA Pools.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementUSAPools2025-2028 9.16.25](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementUSAPools2025-2028 EXHIBIT A 9.16.25](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementUSAPools2025-2028 EXHIBIT B 9.16.25](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

E. [ID 25-7974](#)

Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance for the Registration and Regulation of Vacant Commercial Properties and Vacant Commercial Lots in the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORDINANCERegulatingVacantCommercialPropertiesandLots.FirstReading 9.16.25](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

F. [ID 25-7980](#)

Consider adopting the First Reading of an ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1415-2002, 1497-2007, 1527-2008, 1542-2009, 1569-2010, 1583-2011, 1595-2012, 1603-2013, 1616-2014, 1624-2016, 1655-2017, 1676-2018, 1686-2019, 1695-2020, 1707-2021, 1720-2022, 1743-2023, 1756-2024, AND 1772-2025 from CHAPTER 25, "WATER", OF THE CITY OF LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE IV. "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTION 25-53: WATER RATES, INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Section 53 Industrial Water Rate-First Reading.9.16.25](#)
[ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Section 53 Industrial Water Rate-First Reading.9.16.25 EXHIBIT A](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

G. [ID 25-7986](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the pay raise for the Clerk of the Council.

Attachments: [ORDER INCREASING CLERK OF COUNCIL PAYGRADE](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

H. [ID 25-7970](#)

Consider adopting an Order Approving Travel for Public Works Director Tony Wheat to Attend an Asphalt Pavement Maintenance and Preservation Training Seminar hosted by MDOT in Jackson, MS, September 25, 2025

Attachments: [ORDTravPublicWorksDirectorMDOTAsphaltPavingTraining9.25.25](#)

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

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Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

I. [ID 25-7984](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for Liquita Wilson to attend the Municipal Liability & Workers' Compensation Educational Workshop hosted by Mississippi Municipal Service Company on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR TRAVEL - L.WILSON](#)

[MMSC WORKSHOP INVITATION SEPT 2025](#)

[MMSC WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM SEPT 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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

J. [ID 25-7983](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleanings for the following properties:

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Cotton Key LLC., at 3 Woodlawn Dr. Total assessed cost \$127.64 Ward 1
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Dreamrentals LLC, at 1014 N. 9th Ave. Total assessed cost \$149.54 Ward 2
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments, at 1020 N. 12th Ave. Total assessed cost \$102.68 Ward 2
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Ernest Wells, at 1404 W. 12th Ave. Total assessed cost \$103.58 Ward 2
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Rebecca & Jayne Jordan, at 2732 Carter Ave. Total assessed cost \$80.93 Ward 3
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Linda Ducksworth, at 1510 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$84.33 Ward 4
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Jeffrey Don Hinton, at 819 W. 12th St. Total assessed cost \$90.17 Ward 5
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Elizabeth Escalante, at 604 W. 26th St. Total assessed cost \$108.25 Ward 3
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Dina Khandalavala., at 130 W. Kingston St. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 5

Attachments: [Assessments 9-16-2025](#)

[Lot Cleaning Bills-09092025113604](#)

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:

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Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7982](#) Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of October 9, 2025 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 100925](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

- B. [ID 25-7981](#) Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of October 14, 2025 for Historic Preservation public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [Order Historic Preservation 101425](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

- C. [ID 25-7975](#)

Attachments: Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

[Claims Docket Resolution 09.16.2025](#)

[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 16 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 16 2025](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m., this the 16th day of September, 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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