



City of Laurel

401 N. 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:00 PM Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 4 - Councilperson Jason Capers, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson Grace Amos and Councilperson Shirley Jordan
- Absent:** 3 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Vice President George Carmichael and Councilperson Andrea Ellis
- Staff:** 2 - City Council Clerk Sharon King and City Attorney Brett Robinson
- Staff Absent:** 1 - Mayor Johnny Magee

PRAYER

Councilperson Jason Capers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 25-7781](#) May 20, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 05202025](#)

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

- Yea:** 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan
- Absent:** 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 3A2(a)., Conduct a public hearing on property in need of demolition, Carolyn McNeil, 1633 N. 4th Avenue.

- Yea:** 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan
- Absent:** 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7793](#)

Recognition and Presentations of Ward 1 Scholarship recipients and sponsors by Councilman Jason Capers.

This Presentation was presented

B. [ID 25-7778](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for March 2025.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - March 2025](#)
[Certification Letter - March 2025](#)
[Revenue - March 2025](#)
[Sales Tax](#)
[Tourism Tax](#)
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

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

C. [ID 25-7779](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for April 2025.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - April 2025](#)
[Certification Letter - April 2025](#)
[Revenue - April 2025](#)
[Sales Tax](#)
[Tourism Tax](#)
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA**A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 25-7789](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of June 17, 2025 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community:

- A. Ronald B. Sims, dilapidated residence at 822 Conti St. PPIN 10965 W4
- B. Elias Thomas Est, dilapidated residence at 104 S. Dr. Deborrah Hyde Ave. PPIN 14646 W5
- C. Elias Thomas Est, dilapidated residence at 110 S. Dr. Deborrah Hyde Ave. PPIN 14646 W5
- D. Gwendolyn Hutto Lee, dilapidated residence at 611 Masonite Dr. PPIN 14283 W5
- E. Deborah McSwain, dilapidated residence at 610 Van Buren St. PPIN 12795 W6
- F. Kevin Lyon, dilapidated residence at 912 N. 10th Ave. PPIN 8100 W6

Attachments: [Sets 6-17-25](#)
[Notices 6-17-25-05272025100109](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

A. [ID 25-7783](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 3, 2025 in regards to the property located at 1633 N. 4th Ave. belonging to Carolyn McNeil (LE) REM: Karen Ann Bell Et Al to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of having a diseased or dead tree in need of removal so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Resolution 1633 N. 4th Ave.\(demo\)](#)
[1633 N 4TH AVE - 5 - 19 - 2025](#)
[R 1633 N 4TH AVE-05192025140718](#)
[P 1633 N 4TH AVE-05192025140735](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. [ID 25-7786](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 3, 2025 in regards to the property located at 507 Masonite Dr. belonging to S Lavon Evans Jr. Realty LLC 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 5.

Attachments: [Resolution 507 Masonite Dr. \(demo\)](#)
[507 MASONITE DR - 5 - 19 - 2025](#)
[R 507 MASONITE DR-05192025140841](#)
[P 507 MASONITE DR-05192025140859](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Council President Tony Thaxton, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

C. [ID 25-7787](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 3, 2025 in regards to the property located at 1224 Simmons St. belonging to Aston & Eldridge LLC 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 7.

Attachments: [Resolution 1224 Simmons St. \(demo\)](#)
[1224 SIMMONS St 6-3-25](#)
[R. 1224 SIMMONS ST-05202025083318](#)
[P. 1224 SIMMONS ST-05202025083256](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a (60) sixty days extension. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

D. [ID 25-7788](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 3, 2025 in regards to the property located at 2116 Queensburg Ave. belonging to Toney Mosley 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 7.

Attachments: [Resolution 2116 Queensburg Ave. \(demo\)](#)

[2116 Queensburg Ave 6-3-25](#)

[R. 2116 QUEENSBURG AVE-05202025083132](#)

[P. 2116 QUEENSBURG AVE-05202025083205](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a (45) forty-five days extension. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

B. CITIZENS HEARING**C. CITIZENS FORUM****4. POLICY AGENDA****A. [ID 25-7790](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to execute a letter agreement for professional services for 12th Street Right of Way.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)

[Letter Agreement](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

B. [ID 25-7785](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to accept close-out documents and approve Summary Change Order No. 1 for the 15th Avenue ARPA Utility and Roadway Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

[Close Out Packet](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

C. [ID 25-7707](#)

Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance to Close and Vacate a Road Right of Way of Avenue A and Pendorff Road Described on Exhibit “A”

Attachments: [ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND VACATE Ave A-Pendorff, FIRST READING 6.3.25](#)
[ORDINANCE To Close and Vacate Ave A-Pendorff 6.3.25.EXHIBIT A](#)
[ORDINANCE To Close and Vacate Ave A-Pendorff 6.3.25.EXHIBIT B](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

D. [ID 25-7777](#)

Consider adopting an Order to consider changing the Organizational Chart for the City of Laurel City Clerk/ Finance Department.

Attachments: [Order - Organizational Chart Change](#)
[Civil Service Letter](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

E. [ID 25-7774](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding the Appointment of Mr. Andrew Ousley to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority of Jones County.

Attachments: [RESAppEDAousley2025](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

F. [ID 25-7775](#)

Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Dr. John M. Wallace to the City’s Planning Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppPlanningCommissionWallace2025](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

G. [ID 25-7782](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2025 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment - Order](#)
[Budget Amendment - List - June 03, 2025](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

H. [ID 25-7776](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve Semi-Annual Bids for FY 2025 effective July 01, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Resolution - Semi Annual Bids](#)

[ITEM NO. 1 - Asphalt & Asphalt Mixes](#)

[ITEM NO. 6 - Sewer Line Maintenance Materials](#)

[ITEM NO. 7 - Water Line Maintenance Materials](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

I. [ID 25-7792](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Sweet Brazillian Wax LLC, at 21 Marion Dr. Total assessed cost \$77.26 Ward 1
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Woodmark Investments, at 1516 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$74.09 Ward 4
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Affordable Housing Developers LLC, at Lot N. of 403 W. 13th St. Total assessed cost \$110.35 Ward 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to FGTI Business Services (Marco Tulio Noronha Filho), at 1805 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$70.12 Ward 4
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Church of Nazarene Advisory Board of MS DL., at Lot S. of 212 Melon St. Total assessed cost \$118.19 Ward 5
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Woodmark Investments, at 1114 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$102.96 Ward 5
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Gery J. Mercombe at 1025 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$74.90 Ward 5

Attachments: [Assessments 6-3-2025](#)

[Bills 6-3-05272025115726](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 25-7791](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 06-03-25](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET JUNE 03 2025](#)

[WARRANT JUNE 03 2025](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Tony Thaxton, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 3 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Andrea Ellis

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 17, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m., this the 3rd day of June, A. D., 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

COUNCILPERSON WARD 1

COUNCILPERSON WARD 5

COUNCILPERSON WARD 2

COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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