



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025	9:00 AM	Council Chambers
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CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 4 - Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 3 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly and Councilperson Andrea Thomas
- 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 25-8020](#) October 7, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 10072025](#)

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:** 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the agenda be approved as printed. 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:** 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-8017](#) Monthly Report Privilege Taxes September 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[New Business License List](#)
[Monthly Report September](#)

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

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3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 25-8021](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of November 18, 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. Edward Crosby, dilapidated shed at 201 Flora Ave. PPIN 14652 Ward 5
- B. Larry Carpenter, dilapidated residence at 1844 Lindsey Ave. PPIN 10408 Ward 4

Attachments: [Sets 11-18-25](#)
[NOTICES 11-18-25-10132025163305](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Kimberly Johnson, owner of PEEKAY’S Eatery and Sweet Shop, Laurel, MS.

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8018](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Ratify an Emergency Order Authorizing Repair of Sewer Line on South 13th Avenue.

Attachments: [ORDRatifyEMERGENCYOrderS13thAveSewerlineRepair10.21.25](#)
[EMERGENCYOrderRatifyRepairSewerS13thAvenue.ExhibitA.10.21.25](#)
[EMERGENCYOrderRatifyRepairSewerS13thAvenue.ExhibitB.10.21.25](#)

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

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 25-8016](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance to Close Portion of the Alley off Adams Street Going South Between South 13th Avenue and South 12th Avenue.

Attachments: [ORDINANCEAbandonAlley307S13thAvenue.SECOND](#)
[READING.10.21.25](#)
[ORDINANCEAbandonAlley307S13thAvenue.SECOND](#)
[READING.10.21.25ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. 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: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

Enactment No: 1777-2025

C. [ID 25-8025](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute professional services agreement for the MDEQ Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF) Project for Sewer System Improvements.

Attachments: [Resolution to Execute Professional Services](#)
[Professional Services Contract](#)

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

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

D. [ID 25-8024](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to execute a supplemental agreement for additional professional services for the 2023 RAISE Grant Project, Completing Downtown Laurel.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)
[Supplemental Agreement No. 1](#)

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

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

E. [ID 25-8015](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve publication of the Fiscal Year 2025 Solid Waste Revenue and Expenditures Report.

Attachments: [Order - Solid Waste Rev & Exp FY 2025](#)
[Solid Waste Revenue & Expense September 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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

F. [ID 25-8023](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Demo Assessments for the following property:

A. Demolition of property assessed to Oberge Cockrell, at 225 N. 18th Ave. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$0.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$2, 603.00
Ward 1

Attachments: [Demo Assessments 10212025](#)
[Demo bills-10132025163341](#)

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

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

G. [ID 25-8022](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Eric L. Randolph., at 914 S. 14th Ave. Total assessed cost \$84.33 Ward 1
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Pamela Talor, at 911 S. 14th Ave. Total assessed cost \$109.10 Ward 1
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Christy & Perry Buxton, at 913 S. 14th Ave. Total assessed cost \$107.30 Ward 1
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Sweet Brazilian Wax LLC, at 21 Marion Dr. Total assessed cost \$80.14 Ward 1
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Jordan Nichol Bradford III, at 1222 W. 11th St. Total assessed cost \$107.85 Ward 2
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Juan C. Mora Rodriguez, at 2706 N. 6th Ave. Total assessed cost \$77.10 Ward 3
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Caitlin Realty LLC, at 2810 Carter Ave. Total assessed cost \$104.20 Ward 3
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Henry E. Thompson, at 2314 N. 5th Ave. Total assessed cost \$107.85 Ward 4

Attachments: [Assessments 10-21-2025](#)

[Bills-10132025163055](#)

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

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8027](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of November 13, 2025 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 111325](#)

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

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 25-8026](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 10.21.2025](#)

[WARRANT OCTOBER 21 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET OCTOBER 21 2025](#)

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

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, November 4, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m., this the 21st day of October, 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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