



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PRAYER

Councilperson Kevin Kelly

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 26-8180](#) March 3, 2026

*Attachments:* [CoL Minutes of 03032026](#)

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8178](#) Monthly Report Privilege Taxes February 2026.

*Attachments:* [Cover Letter](#)  
[New Business License List](#)  
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 1488](#)

- B. [ID 26-8193](#) Monthly Budget Certification for January 2026.

*Attachments:* [Certification Cover Sheet - January 2026](#)  
[Certification Letter - January 2026](#)  
[Revenue - January 2026](#)  
[Sales Tax](#)  
[Tourism Tax](#)  
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

## A. PUBLIC HEARING

## 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

## 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

**4. POLICY AGENDA**

- A. [ID 26-8196](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to acknowledge receipt of Laurel-Jones County Library System, Inc. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report.

*Attachments:* [Resolution - Laurel-Jones County Library Audit Report 2025](#)  
[LAUREL-JONES COUNTY LIBRARY-AUDIT REPORT2025](#)

- B. [ID 26-8186](#) Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to execute the Construction Engineering and Inspection Agreement (CEI) of the West Drive Roadway Improvement Project.

*Attachments:* [RESOLUTION-Auth to Execute CEI](#)  
[109628-701000 CE&I Contract-Signed by Consultant Only](#)

- C. [ID 26-8188](#) Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to award construction of the West Drive Roadway Improvements Project.

*Attachments:* [RESOLUTION-Auth to Award](#)  
[Letter of Recommendation Signed](#)  
[Certified Bid Tab 8.5x11](#)

- D. [ID 26-8189](#) Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Change Order No. 3 for the 2025 Citywide Paving Project.

*Attachments:* [Resolution CO3](#)  
[2025 Citywide Paving Project- Change Order Request #3 - NS](#)

- E. [ID 26-8185](#) Consider adopting an Order Accepting Proposal from and Authorizing Contract with H2O Innovation Operation & Maintenance, LLC, for Water/Sewer/Utility Billing Services in the City of Laurel.

*Attachments:* [ORDER Authorize Contract for Privatization of Water,Sewer,Utility Billing for Cit](#)  
[Exhibit A ORDER Authorize Contract for Privatization of Water,Sewer,Utility Billi](#)

- F. [ID 26-8197](#) Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 - Employee Benefits, Section 7-3 Sick Leave Program, of the City of Laurel Personnel Rules & Regulations Handbook to add provisions related to PERS Tier 5 implementation.

*Attachments:* [ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 - SICK LEAVE PROGRAM \(PERS TIEF Addendum to Chapter 7 – Sick Leave Program \(PERS Tier 5 Employees\) .docx PERS TIER 5 CHANGES.pdf](#)

- G. [ID 26-8183](#) Consider hearing the First Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 675-1973, 1416-2002, 1422-2002, 1528-2008, 1541-2009, 1568-2010, 1584-2011, 1594-2012, 1604-2013, 1615-2014, 1635-2016, 1656-2017, 1677-2018, 1687-2019, 1696-2020, 1708-2021, 1721-2022, 1744-2023, 1757-2024, AND 1766-2025 FROM CHAPTER 20, “SEWERS”, OF THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE I., “SEWER CONNECTIONS:, SECTION 20-11: SEWER RATE SCHEDULE, REGARDING INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS.

*Attachments:* [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 20 Sewers Section 53 Industrial Customers First](#)

- H. [ID 26-8184](#) Consider hearing the First Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 675-1973, 1416-2002, 1422-2002, 1528-2008, 1541-2009, 1568-2010, 1584-2011, 1594-2012, 1604-2013, 1615-2014, 1635-2016, 1656-2017, 1677-2018, 1687-2019, 1696-2020, 1708-2021, 1721-2022, 1744-2023, 1757-2024, AND 1766-2025 FROM CHAPTER 20, “SEWERS”, OF THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE I., “SEWER CONNECTIONS:, SECTION 20-11: SEWER RATE SCHEDULE TO ESTABLISH RATE FOR COUNTY-OWNED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

*Attachments:* [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 20 Section 20-11 Sewer Rates Establish County-](#)

- I. [ID 26-8182](#) Consider hearing 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, 1772-2025, AND 1776-2025 FROM CHAPTER 25, “WATER”, OF THE CITY OF LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE IV. “RATES AND CHARGES”, SECTION 25-53: WATER RATES TO ESTABLISH RATE FOR COUNTY-OWNED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

*Attachments:* [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Section 53 Water Rate Establish County-Own](#)

- J. [ID 26-8187](#) Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance to close the alley between Churchton St. and Anderson St. off Pearson St. running about 239 feet.
- Attachments:* [ALLEY CLOSING 2nd READING](#)  
[Alley closure-02242026102242](#)
- K. [ID 26-8194](#) Consider adopting an Order Concerning the Appointment of Sheila Hennis to the City Planning Commission to Fill the Unexpired Term of the Ward 2 Representative.
- Attachments:* [ORDER Appoint Sheila Hennis as Ward 2 Representative on City Planning Con](#)  
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- L. [ID 26-8181](#) Consider adopting an Order approving meals, registration and hotel expenses for Historic Commission member, Mattie McLaurin, to attend the 2026 Preservation Boot Camp for Mississippi Department of Archives and History in Jackson, MS on April 22-23, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$530.50 and shall be paid from Inspection Department Travel, Job Training, and Meals Account (001-280-610.0)
- Attachments:* [ORDER conference PRESERVATION BOOT CAMP Mattie McLaurin](#)
- M. [ID 26-8191](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve in-state travel for City Clerk/Finance Director, Kristal Jones, and AmeriCorps Program Director, Kristi Howard, to attend the 2026 Governors' Initiative for Volunteer Excellence GIVE Award at The Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Two Mississippi Museums on April 23, 2026.
- Attachments:* [Order - Travel AmeriCorps 2026 GIVE AWARDS](#)
- N. [ID 26-8192](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve Demo Assessments for the following properties:
- A. Demolition of property assessed to Lawanda Michele Love, at 612 E. Kingston St. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 5
  - B. Demolition of property assessed to Hinton Bernard Owens, at 3131 Cedar Lane Dr. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$3, 050.00 Ward 3
  - C. Demolition of property assessed to Corey Carney, at 209 S. Dr. Deborah Hyde Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 5
- Attachments:* [Demo Assessments 03172026](#)  
[DEMO BILLS-03092026100518](#)

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8190](#) Consider adopting an Order to Ratify Approval of notice of April 9, 2026 for a Planning & Zoning Commission Public hearing meeting.

*Attachments:* [ORDER planning commission 040926](#)

- B. [ID 26-8179](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

*Attachments:* [Claims Docket Resolution 03.17.2026](#)

[WARRANT MARCH 17 2026](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET MARCH 17 2026](#)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION