



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Thomas, Councilperson Grace Amos and Councilperson Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Marian Allen

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 26-8397](#) July 21, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 07212026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8412](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for June 2026.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - June 2026](#)

[Certification Letter - June 2026](#)

[Revenue - June 2026](#)

[Sales Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

Kristal A. Jones, City Clerk/ Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification:

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

- A. PUBLIC HEARING
 - 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING
 - 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING
- B. CITIZENS HEARING
- C. CITIZENS FORUM

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8406](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing 5th Amendment to the Contract with H2O Innovation Operation & Maintenance, LLC, for Public Works Services in the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Contract Renewal Amendment#5 H2O Public Works 8.4.26](#)
[EXHIBIT A-ORD Authorize Contract Renewal Amendment#5 H2O Public Works 8.4.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

B. [ID 26-8399](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve agreement for professional services for structural evaluation of Water Plant #3 Control Building.

Attachments: [Resolution Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the Resolution 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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

C. [ID 26-8402](#)

Consider hearing the First Reading of an Ordinance TO CORRECT THE LABELING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8.3 CEMETERIES, PROHIBITING THE BURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS ON PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE-First Reading. To Correct Labeling of Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.3 Cemeteries 8.4.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

D. [ID 26-8405](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Laurel Police Department to retire K-9 Kastor to the care of Lieutenant Heath Blancett.

Attachments: [K-9 KASTOR.doc](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

E. [ID 26-8384](#)

Consider adopting an Order to declare LPD surplus vehicles to be sold as scrap or destroyed.

Attachments: [2026 SURPLUS VEHICLE PROPERTY.docx](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

F. [ID 26-8407](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Laurel Police Department to accept non-perishable food items and cash donations for the LPD Stuff-A-Truck Food Drive held on July 25, 2026 at Walmart. Funds will be placed in the Police Department Donation's Account 001-000-109-6.

Attachments: [2026 LPD STUFF-A-TRUCK.docx](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

G. [ID 26-8403](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Laurel Police Department to accept a donation from The Way There Organization in the amount of \$100.00 to purchase supplies for the LPD Summer Youth Camp held on July 16-17, 2026. Funds will be placed in the Police Department Donation's Account 001-000-109-6.

Attachments: [THE WAY THERE DONATION 2026.docx](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

H. [ID 26-8408](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding the Re-Appointment of Mr. Josh Nowell to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Attachments: [RES App Historic Preservation Commission Nowell 2026](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

I. [ID 26-8398](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Travel of Public Relations Specialist Christy Durham to Starkville, MS, for Communications Consultation.

Attachments: [ORD Travel PR Specialist Visit Starkville with Laurel Main Street 8.4.26](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

J. [ID 26-8396](#)

Consider adopting an Order Approving Travel for the Municipal Court Administrator to Attend the 2026 Municipal Court Clerks Training Course in Biloxi, Mississippi, September 16-18, 2026.

Attachments: [ORDER Approve Travel Municipal Court Administrator Training in Biloxi, MS 8.4.26](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

K. [ID 26-8401](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Deputy Clerk, Ann Brown, to attend the 2026 Fall Certified Municipal Clerk Training in Ridgeland, MS from September 30 - October 02, 2026.

Attachments: [Order - 2026 Fall CMC Training Ann Brown](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

L. [ID 26-8400](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Deputy Clerks Katira Hammett and Talana Fagan to attend the 2026 Fall Certified Municipal Clerk Training in Hattiesburg, MS from October 21 - 23, 2026.

Attachments: [Order - 2026 Fall CMC Training](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

M. [ID 26-8411](#)

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

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Jamar J. Jermaine Dean, at 1432 Old Amy Rd. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$0.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee \$2, 903.00 Ward 2
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Matthew Harvey Jr., at 807 S. 7th Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee \$5, 124.00 Ward 6

Attachments: [Demo Assessments 080426](#)
[Demo Bills-07282026105438](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

N. [ID 26-8410](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Eric L. Randolph Est, at 914 S. 14th Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 1
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Cotton Key LLC, at 3 Woodlawn Dr. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 1
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Charles E. Larkin, at 1811 N. 1st. Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Jimmy Lee Davidson Est % Marilyn Milsap, at 508 Monroe St. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 6
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Romas Revell McLain, at 2103 Center Ave. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 7
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Long Land Investments Inc., at 2216 Center Ave. Total assessed cost \$86.13 Ward 7

Attachments: [Assessments 08-4-2026](#)
[Bills-07282026105202](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 26-8409](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 08.04.2026](#)
[WARRANT AUGUST 04 2026](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET AUGUST 04 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., this the 4th day of August, A. D., 2026.

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
