



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 7 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Thomas, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs

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 26-8136](#) January 20, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 01202026](#)

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8134](#)

Consider hearing a presentation proclaiming February 13, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Laurel

Attachments: [Arbor Day 2026 Proclamation](#)

This Presentation was presented by the Mayor to the members of the Tree Board.

B. [ID 26-8141](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for December 2025.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - December 2025](#)

[Certification Letter - December 2025](#)

[Revenue - December 2025](#)

[Sales Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING
2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

- C. CITIZENS FORUM- Andrea Heath, Independent Contractor of Clearwater Solutions

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8142](#)

Consider adopting an Order to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter a contract with Butler Snow to file the Continuing Disclosure Statement on behalf of the City of Laurel, MS.

Attachments: [Order - Continuing Disclosure Statement 2025](#)

[FY 2025 Continuing Disclosure Engagement Letter - City of Laurel, MS](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

B. [ID 26-8143](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for the Central Avenue Improvements - Phase II Project.

Attachments: [Resolution SA1.doc](#)

[109603-701000 SA#1 Final Signed.pdf](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

C. [ID 26-8139](#)

Consider adopting A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY AND PASS-THROUGH ENTITY FOR CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK TO SEEK FUNDING FOR FORTIFIED ROOFS FOR INCOME-QUALIFIED HOMEOWNERS THROUGH THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK DALLAS FORTIFIED FUND AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Federal Home Loan Bank Dallas Fortified Roof Program 2.3.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

D. [ID 26-8133](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing the Administration to Renew an Agreement with Granicus to Provide Council Meeting Software.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementGranicus2026](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementGranicus2026.ExhibitA.2.3.26](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementGranicus2026.ExhibitB.2.3.26](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

E. [ID 26-8135](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving meals, registration, and hotel expenses for the Superintendent of Inspection (Sandra Hadley) and Field Inspector (Durriel Breland) to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Code Enforcement Educational Conference in Ridgeland, MS on February 11-13, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 and shall be paid from Inspection Department Travel, Job Training, and Meals Account (001-280-610.0)

Attachments: [ORDER conference MACE 2026](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

F. [ID 26-8140](#)

Consider adopting an Order to allow Chief Leo Brown to attend the 2026 Mississippi Fire Chief Conference in Biloxi, MS May 26-31, 2026. The estimated cost of this trip is approximately \$1077.71. This will cover hotel and meals. The expenses will be paid from the account 001.260.610.0.

Attachments: [biloxi](#)

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

G. [ID 26-8137](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel, meals, registration and hotel expenses for the elected officials and municipal clerks to attend the Mississippi Municipal League Annual Summer Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 28-July 2, 2026.

Attachments: [ORDER APPROVING TRAVEL FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS MML SUMMER CONFERENCE 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

H. [ID 26-8138](#)

Consider accepting a check of sixty dollars (\$60.00) given by Mr. Tyler Scott, for a late payment for a calendar ad. These funds will be put in the Fire Department's Donation Account 001.000.109.2, to be used as needed for the Fire Department's needs.

Attachments: [order](#)

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I. [ID 26-8146](#)

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

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Betty Ann Blount, at 134 W. 20th St. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 4
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Nery Del Carmen Lopez Geronimo, at 912 S. 9th Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 6
- C. Demolition of property assessed to John F. III & Joseph R. Wooten, at 1830 Lee St. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 1

Attachments: [Demo Assessments 02032026](#)
[Demo 2-3-26-01272026112001](#)

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

J. [ID 26-8145](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Ruth Moore Est. % Sheila Husband at 1631 Dr. Deborah Hyde Ave., Total assessed cost \$102.96 Ward 4
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Clyde D. Carter Est., at 507 S. Maple St. Total assessed cost \$100.35 Ward 6
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Larken Sanchez, at 624 Sandy T. Gavin Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 6

Attachments: [Assessments 02-03-2026](#)
[Bills-01272026103026](#)

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:

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8144](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 02.03.2026](#)
[WARRANT FEBRUARY 03 2026](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET FEBRUARY 03 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, February 17, 2025 at 9:00 A.M, this the 3rd day of February, 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

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