



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, September 3, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PRAYER

Councilperson Tony Thaxton

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 24-7363](#) August 20, 2024  
*Attachments:* [CoL Minutes of 08202024](#)
- B. [ID 24-7386](#) August 26, 2024 - Budget Public Hearing Minutes  
*Attachments:* [Budget Hearing Minutes FY2025\\_0001](#)
- C. [ID 24-7390](#) August 26, 2024- Special Call Meeting  
*Attachments:* [SpecialCallMeetingMinutes 08262024](#)

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 24-7371](#) Monthly Report Budget certification for July 2024.  
*Attachments:* [Budget Certification Cover Sheet](#)  
[Budget Certification Letter](#)  
[Revenues - July 2024](#)  
[Sales Tax - July 2024](#)  
[Tourism Tax - July 2024](#)  
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS - July 2024](#)

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

## A. PUBLIC HEARING

## 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

## 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 24-7378](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2024 in regards to a property located at 903 Johnson St. (1040 S. 9th Ave.), belonging to Rosemary Griffin, to determine whether or not the property is in such a dilapidated state so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 6

*Attachments:* [Resolution 903 Johnson St.\(1040 S. 9th Ave.\)\(demo\)](#)  
[903 Johnson St. \(1040 S. 9th Ave. Address on house\) Sep.3, 2024](#)  
[R.903 Johnson St. \[1040 S. 9th Ave. dilap.\]-08092024120500](#)  
[P.903 Johnson St. \[1040 S. 9th Ave. dilap.\]-08092024120520](#)

- B. [ID 24-7379](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2024 in regards to a property located at 820 S. Magnolia St., belonging to L C Cooley, to determine whether or not the property is in such a dilapidated state so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 7

*Attachments:* [Resolution 820 S. Magnolia St.\(demo\)](#)  
[820 S. Magnolia St. Sep.3, 2024](#)  
[R.820 S. Magnolia St. \(carport\)-08092024120835](#)  
[P.820 S. Magnolia St. \(carport\)-08092024120858](#)

- C. [ID 24-7381](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2024 in regards to a property located at 825 S. Magnolia St., belonging to Maderia Bingham, to determine whether or not the property is in such a dilapidated state so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 7

*Attachments:* [Resolution 825 S. Magnolia St.\(demo\)](#)  
[825 S. Magnolia St. Sep.3, 2024](#)  
[R.825 S. Magnolia St-08092024120715](#)  
[P.825 S. Magnolia St-08092024120735](#)

- D. [ID 24-7382](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2024 in regards to a property located at 1212 Simmons St., belonging to Rudolph V Edwards Est., to determine whether or not the property is in such a dilapidated state so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 7

*Attachments:* [Resolution 1212 Simmons St.\(demo\)](#)  
[1212 Simmons St. Sep.3, 2024](#)  
[R.1212 Simmons St-08092024120627](#)  
[P.1212 Simmons St-08092024120601](#)

- E. [ID 24-7383](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2024 in regards to a property located at 1805 Pearson St., belonging to Charlie Semmons, to determine whether or not the property is in such a dilapidated state so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 7

*Attachments:* [Resolution 1805 Pearson Ave.\(demo\)](#)  
[1805 Pearson Ave. Sep.3, 2024](#)  
[R.1805 Pearson Ave-08092024120332](#)  
[P.1805 Pearson Ave-08092024120303](#)

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

## 4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 24-7384](#) Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve an agreement for general consulting engineering services.

*Attachments:* [Resolution](#)  
[AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES](#)

- B. [ID 24-7372](#) Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve professional services contract for the 2025 City Wide Paving Project.

*Attachments:* [Resolution](#)  
[Engineering Contract](#)

- C. [ID 24-7373](#) Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to execute a professional services agreement for the preparation of an application to the MDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program for the Magnolia Street Pedestrian Improvements Project.
- Attachments:* [RESOLUTION](#)  
[Letter Agreement](#)
- D. [ID 24-7374](#) Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to submit an application to the MDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program for the Magnolia Street Pedestrian Improvements Project.
- Attachments:* [RESOLUTION](#)
- E. [ID 24-7375](#) Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to execute a professional services agreement for the design of the 2023 RAISE Grant Project, Completing Downtown Laurel.
- F. [ID 24-7370](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve the budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.
- Attachments:* [Order - Budget Adoption](#)  
[Published Budget for FY 2025](#)
- G. [ID 24-7364](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding Updating Designated Agents Related to Department of Justice Grants
- Attachments:* [RESUpdateEntityAgentsDOJJusticeGrants2024](#)
- H. [ID 24-7365](#) Consider adopting an Order to Authorize Application of the FY2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and Execution of Documents for Acceptance and Implementation of the Grant if Awarded
- Attachments:* [ORD Authorize Application FY2021 Byrne Memorial JAG 9.3.24](#)
- I. [ID 24-7376](#) Consider adopting an Order Approving an Amended Interlocal Agreement with Jones County for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY2021 Award
- Attachments:* [ORDApproveAmendedInterlocalAgreementJonesCountyJAGFY2021](#)  
[ORDApproveAmendedInterlocalAgreementJonesCountyJAGFY2021.ExhibitA](#)
- J. [ID 24-7377](#) Consider adopting an Order Authorizing an Amended Interlocal Agreement with Jones County for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY2022 Award
- Attachments:* [ORDApproveAmendedInterlocalAgreementJonesCountyJAGFY2022](#)  
[ORDApproveAmendedInterlocalAgreementJonesCountyJAGFY2022.ExhibitA](#)

- K.** [ID 24-7368](#) Consider adopting an Order to declare surplus property to be sold as scrap, sold through auction, or destroyed.
- Attachments:* [2024 SURPLUS PROPERTY](#)  
[DOC082624-08262024124006](#)  
[DOC082624-08262024144641](#)
- L.** [ID 24-7367](#) Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept the donation of K-9 Maximus (Max) from Lieutenant John Stringer as an active-duty patrol officer.
- Attachments:* [DONATION OF K-9 MAXIMUS \(MAX\)](#)
- M.** [ID 24-7369](#) Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to purchase forty-two (42) Tasers and forty-two (42) Cameras from Axon Enterprises, Inc.
- Attachments:* [2024 5-YEAR TASER LEASE AGREEMENT](#)  
[AXON MASTER SERVICE AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT v22](#)
- N.** [ID 24-7380](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Appointing Andrew Ousley to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority of Jones County
- Attachments:* [RESAppEDAousley2024](#)  
[RESAppEDAousley2024.ExhibitA](#)
- O.** [ID 24-7388](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve in-state travel for the City Clerk, Kristal Jones, to attend the 2025 Grant Implementation Meeting located at the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety.
- Attachments:* [Order - Travel MOHS Grant Implementation](#)
- P.** [ID 24-7360](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDER TO APPROVE TRAVEL FOR MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR, REBECCA CLARK, TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS TRAINING COURSE IN BILOXI, MS ON SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2024.
- Attachments:* [2024 Municipal Court Clerks Training](#)
- Q.** [ID 24-7366](#) Consider adopting an Order approving travel expenses for Public Relations Specialist Kat Romero to attend the 2024 Southern Public Relations Federation Conference in Biloxi, MS, October 20-23, 2024
- Attachments:* [TRAVEL ORDER 2024 SPRF Conference Kat Romero PR Specialist](#)

- R. [ID 24-7387](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleaning assessments on the following properties:
- A. Demolition of property assessed to Lue Creasie McGill, 2219 N. 3rd Ave. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$2,050.00 Ward 4
  - B. Demolition of property assessed to Charles E. Larkin, 1811 N. 1st Ave. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26 recording fee \$5,076.00 Ward 4
  - C. Demolition of property assessed to Barbara Toliver, 1507 N. Meridian Ave. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26 recording fee \$5,076.00 Ward 4
  - D. Demolition of property assessed to James E Cooley, 128 W. 23rd St. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26 recording fee \$5,066.00 Ward 4

*Attachments:* [Demo Assessments 090324](#)  
[Demo Bills-08272024113330](#)

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 24-7385](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

*Attachments:* [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)  
[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 03 2024](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 03 2024](#)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION