



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Councilperson Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President Tony Thaxton, Vice President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Ellis and Councilperson Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Grace Amos

Staff: 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Staff Absent: 1 - City Attorney Deidra Bassi

PRAYER

Councilperson Shirley Jordan

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 24-7453](#) October 22, 2024

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 10222024](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 3A2., Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2024 in regards to a property located at 204 N. 17th Ave., belonging to Kennedit Maldonado Ramirez & Yulia Ruiz Juarez, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

Delete Agenda Item 3B1., Denise Bolton - Citizens Hearing

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 24-7451](#) Monthly Budget Certification for September 2024.

Attachments: [Budget Certification Cover Sheet](#)
[Certification Letter - September 2024](#)
[Revenue - September 2024](#)
[Sales Tax - September 2024](#)
[Tourism Tax - September 2024](#)
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS - September 2024](#)

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

- A. [ID 24-7464](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2024 in regards to a property located at 204 N. 17th Ave., belonging to Kennedit Maldonado Ramirez & Yulia Ruiz Juarez, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 1.

Attachments: [Resolution 204 N. 17th Ave.\(demo\)](#)
[204 N 17th Ave. Nov.5,2024](#)
[R.204 N 17th Ave-10212024093157](#)
[P.204 N 17th Ave-10212024093133](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. CITIZENS HEARING

This was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

- A. [ID 24-7459](#)

Denise Bolton

Attachments: [Citizens Hearing- Denise Bolton_0001](#)

Deleted during Confirmation Agenda

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 24-7450](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing an Agreement with Pine Belt Solid Waste Management Authority for the Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste from the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementPineBeltSolidWasteManagementAuthority2024](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementPBSWA2024.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

B. [ID 24-7452](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to accept the Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2023.

Attachments: [Resolution - Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Audit Report](#)
[Exhibit A - PBRWMA Audit FY 2023](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

C. [ID 24-7457](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Ratify an Emergency Order Authorizing the Removal of an Obstruction in Water Well #6.

Attachments: [OrderRatifyEmergencyOrder-AuthorizeRemovalofObstructionWater Well#6](#)
[OrderRatifyEmergencyOrder-AuthorizeRemovalofObstructionWater Well#6. ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

D. [ID 24-7458](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Regarding PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation Contingent Fee Agreement.

Attachments: [ORDER Authorize Agreement PVC Pipe Antitrust 11.5.24](#)
[ORDER Authorize Agreement PVC Pipe Antitrust Exhibit A 11.5.24](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

E. [ID 24-7455](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting donations from various companies for the City of Laurel's Annual Christmas Event.

Attachments: [Order accepting donations for Christmas Events 2024](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

F. [ID 24-7460](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$124.00 to assist with travel and activities for the B.E. Murph Center for Seniors.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR DONATION SR. CENTER](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

G. [ID 24-7449](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$434.00 to assist with travel and activities for the B.E. Murph Center for Seniors.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR DONATION SR. CENTER](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

H. [ID 24-7456](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel, meals, registration and hotel expenses be approved for the elected officials and municipal clerks to attend the Mississippi Municipal League Mid-Winter Conference Jackson, MS on January 12-16, 2025.

Attachments: [ORDER APPROVING TRAVEL FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS MML MID WINTER CONFERENCE 2024](#)
[MID WINTER CONFERENCE INFORMATION_0001](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

I. [ID 24-7462](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Corrective Action Regarding a Tax Assessment for a Demolition at 2223 N. 3rd Ave. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Resolution- Corrective Action Assessment for Demo at 2223 N. 3rd Ave.](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

J. [ID 24-7461](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Corrective Action Regarding Tax Assessments for Demolition at 1637 N. Mississippi Ave. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Resolution- Corrective Action for Demo at 1637 N. Mississippi Ave.](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

K. [ID 24-7463](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Corrective Action Regarding a Tax Assessment for a Lot Cleaning at 604 W. 26th St. Property is located in Ward 3.

Attachments: [Resolution- Corrective Action for Lot Cleaning at 604 W. 26th st.](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

L. [ID 24-7465](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Rebecca Stump & Jayne M. Jordan, at 2732 Carter Ave. Total assessed cost \$75.95 Ward 3
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments, at 543 W. 25th St. Total assessed cost \$ 70.12 Ward 3
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Henry E. Thompson Est., at 2314 N. 5th Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 88.98 Ward 3
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Robert E. Howorth Est % Karen D. Howorth, at 2829 N. 5th Ave. Total assessed cost \$107.85 Ward 4
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Dorothy J. Johnson, at 28 Meadowbrook Dr. Total assessed cost \$107.85 Ward 4
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Longbeard Properties LLC/Price Wilson Donahoo, at 207 W. 15th St. Total assessed cost \$98.90 Ward 4
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Affordable Housing Developers LLC, at Lot N. of 403 W. 13th St. Total assessed cost \$ 141.19 Ward 4
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Bill Jackson Est., at 315 W. 23rd St. Total assessed cost \$ 107.85 Ward 4
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Birdie Jordan Est. % Priscilla Daniels, at 412 E 3rd St. Total assessed cost \$ 80.23 Ward 5
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Betty Hertel Vreeland, at 214 N. Pine St. Total assessed cost \$ 115.33 Ward 5
- K. Cleaning of property assessed to Mickel Quit Est % Booker T. Winston, at 432 N. Cook Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 121.08 Ward 5
- L. Cleaning of property assessed to Mitchell M. Asmar Jr., at 107 S. Walters Ave. Total assessed cost \$86.54 Ward 5
- M. Cleaning of property assessed to Mitchell M. Asmar Jr., at 106 S. Walters Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 69.27 Ward 5
- N. Cleaning of property assessed to Billy Earl Turner, at Lot E. of 706 E. 9th St. Total assessed cost \$ 75.30 Ward 5
- O. Cleaning of property assessed to Billy Earl Turner, at 706 E. 9th St. Total assessed cost \$ 97.93 Ward 5
- P. Cleaning of property assessed to Long Land Investments Inc./Susan L Prisock, at 118 W. Kingston St. Total assessed cost \$ 75.30 Ward 5
- Q. Cleaning of property assessed to Lama Mouazen, at 712 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 123.08 Ward 5
- R. Cleaning of property assessed to Church of Nazarene Advisory Board of MS DI, at Lot S. of 212 Melon St. Total assessed cost \$ 124.13 Ward 5
- S. Cleaning of property assessed to Joan Ainsworth, at 608 E. 10th St. Total assessed cost \$ 106.60 Ward 5
- T. Cleaning of property assessed to Rodney W. Rowell, at 303 N. Maple St. Total assessed cost \$ 102.96 Ward 5
- U. Cleaning of property assessed to VW Properties LLC/ Roger J. Vanderslice, at 829 S. Maple St. Total assessed cost \$ 87.73 Ward 6
- V. Cleaning of property assessed to Martin Miss Investments LLC, at Lot N. of 1222 W. 6th St. Total assessed cost \$94.35 Ward 6
- W. Cleaning of property assessed to Buoy 10 LLC, at 910 N. 12th Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 76.73 Ward 6
- X. Cleaning of property assessed to Bobby Dale Davis, at 419 Jackson St. Total assessed cost \$ 95.35 Ward 6
- Y. Cleaning of property assessed to Shair Elias Rahaim Trustee% Sara Champion, at 926 S. 8th Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 87.73 Ward 6

Attachments: [Assessments 11-05-2024](#)

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Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 24-7466](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)

[WARRANT NOVEMBER 05 2024](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET NOVEMBER 05 2024](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, 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, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

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