



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 5 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 2 - Vice President Jason Capers and Councilperson Andrea Thomas
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King and 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 26-8327](#) June 2, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 06022026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8321](#)

Monthly Report Privilege Taxes May 2026.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[New Business License List](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 4211](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of May, 2026. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 26-8336](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Set a Date of July 21, 2026 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health of the community:

- A. Loulene Miles Harrison, dilapidated residence at 1149 Anderson St. PPIN 13069 Ward 7
- B. Ronald Jones, dilapidated residence at 1222 Anderson St. PPIN 13115 Ward 7

Attachments: [Sets 07-21-26](#)

[Notices-06092026112415](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order to Set Hearing be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Dr. Tina Bruce, 2031 Ellisville Blvd., Laurel, MS

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8320](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO FUND THE DOWNTOWN BRICKYARD PROJECT.

Attachments: [RES Authorizing Agreement with MDA for Grant Funding Downtown Brickyard Project 6.16.26](#)
[Exhibit A-RES Authorizing Agreement with MDA for Grant Funding Downtown Brickyard Project 6.16.26](#)

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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 26-8333](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Progress Estimate #10 for the Central Avenue Improvements - Phase II Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Estimate 10 Packet to Mayor - signed.pdf](#)

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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

C. [ID 26-8330](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Change Order No. 4 for the 2025 Citywide Paving Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

[2025 Citywide Paving Project- Change Order Request #4](#)

[Response to Time Extension 5-21-2026.pdf](#)

[Contract Amendment.pdf](#)

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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

D. [ID 26-8325](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Application by the City of Laurel to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a FY2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Attachments: [RES Firefighters Assistance Grant Application 2025 6.16.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

E. [ID 26-8331](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Administration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Morris & McDaniel, Inc. for promotional assessment services.

Attachments: [ORDER Professional Services Agreement - Morris and McDaniel 2026](#)

[EXHIBIT A Laurel Agreement](#)

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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

F. [ID 26-8324](#)

Consider approving the Second reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 25 Article IV. Rates and Charges, Section 28-51. Meters stating all water furnished by the City shall be metered, except fire sprinkler systems.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend CHAPTER 25 Water ARTICLE IV. Rates and Charges SECTION 25-51. METERS Second Reading 6.16.26](#)
[Exhibit A-ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Water Article IV Rates and Charges Section 25-51 Meters 6.16.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

Enactment No: 1788-2026

G. [ID 26-8322](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance AMENDING THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 25 - WATER, ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES SECTION 25-52. POLICY, B. WATER BILL COLLECTIONS (1) AND (5) TO INCREASE THE REINSTATEMENT FEE.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Water Reinstatement Fee Second Reading 6.16.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

Enactment No: 1789-2026

H. [ID 26-8334](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Change of property located at 63 Management Rd only including PPIN # 56961 and PPIN # 56963. Property is changing from A-1 General Agricultural District to I-1 General Industrial District, due to change in the character of the neighborhood. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [2nd Reading Zoning Change Ordinance 63 Management Road Planning & Zoning Minutes 051426](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

Enactment No: 1790-2026

I. [ID 26-8328](#)

Consider adopting an Order recognizing Friday, July 3, 2026, as the City's observance of the Independence Day holiday, consistent with the Governor's proclamation

Attachments: [ORDER INDEPENDENCE DAY 2026 July42026GovProclamation](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

J. [ID 26-8323](#)

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 Summer Conference in Biloxi, MS on August 11-14, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$2,400.00 and shall be paid from Inspection Department Travel, Job Training, and Meals Account (001-280-610.0)

Attachments: [ORDER MACE Summer Conference 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

K. [ID 26-8337](#)

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

A. Demolition of property assessed to Cheryl Lynn Rainer, at 610 Chantilly St. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee \$9, 279.00 Ward 5

Attachments: [Demo Assessments 061626](#)

[DEMO-06092026094559](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

L. [ID 26-8335](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Affordable Housing Developers LLC, at Lot W. of 1307 N. 4th Ave. Total assessed cost \$194.52 Ward 4
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Dorothy J. Johnson, at 28 Meadowlane Dr. Total assessed cost \$101.60 Ward 4
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Longbeard Properties LLC, at 207 W. 15th St. Total assessed cost \$77.73 Ward 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Marquis Raphael Wash Trust, at 2223 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 4
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to James E. Cooley Est % Teresa Thomas, at 128 W. 23rd St. Total assessed cost \$115.46 Ward 4
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments, at 1025 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 5
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Sam Carriere % John Carriere, at 273 Front St. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward6
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Pauline Benjamin, at 125 Arthur St. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 7
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to James E. Bosenberg, at 1521 Julian St. Total assessed cost \$104.01 Ward 7
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Vincent H. Witherspoon, at 1234 S. 17th Ave. Total assessed cost \$101.60 Ward7

Attachments: [Assessments 06-16-2026](#)

[Bills 6-16-26-06092026104808](#)

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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A.** [ID 26-8332](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 06.16.2026](#)

[WARRANT JUNE 16 2026](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET JUNE 16 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: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Andrea Thomas

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, July 7, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m., this the 16th day of June, 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
