



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, July 8, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PRAYER

Councilperson Jason Capers

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

### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

### ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 25-7839](#) June 17, 2025

*Attachments:* [CoL Minutes of 06172025](#)

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7852](#) Consider hearing a presentation on Laurel Main Street from LMS Director Caroline Burks
- B. [ID 25-7860](#) Monthly Budget Certification of May 2025.

*Attachments:* [Certification Cover Sheet - May 2025](#)  
[Certification Letter - May 2025](#)  
[Revenue - May 2025](#)  
[Sales Tax](#)  
[Tourism Tax](#)  
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

## A. PUBLIC HEARING

### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 25-7843](#) Consider adopting an Order to set a date of August 5, 2025 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the properties listed 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:

A. Horace A Taylor, dilapidated residence at 616 Haddon St. PPIN 10922 W4

B. Joseph M. Burroughs, dilapidated residence at 1815 N. 1st Ave. PPIN 10421 W4

C. David J. Arrington, dead or diseased tree at 2103 N. 5th Ave. PPIN 15346 W4

D. Donald Hardy, dilapidated residence at 320 Jefferson St. PPIN 14302 W5

*Attachments:* [Sets 8-5-25](#)  
[Notices 8-5-25-06242025103108](#)

### 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 25-7837](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 8, 2025 in regards to the property located at 225 N. 18th Ave. belonging to Oberge Cockrell 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 1

*Attachments:* [Resolution 225 N. 18th Ave. \(demo\)](#)  
[225 N 18TH AVE JULY 8 2025](#)  
[R.225 N 18th Ave-06192025120117](#)  
[P.225 N 18th Ave-06192025120133](#)

- B. [ID 25-7838](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 8, 2025 in regards to the property located at 1830 Lee St. belonging to John F. Wooten III & Joseph R 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 1

*Attachments:* [Resolution 1830 Lee St. \(demo\)](#)  
[1830 LEE ST JULY 8 2025](#)  
[R.1830 Lee St-06192025120025](#)  
[P.1830 Lee St-06192025120039](#)

- C. [ID 25-7841](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 8, 2025 in regards to the property located at 209 S. Dr. Deborah Hyde Ave. belonging to Show Me Investments LLC 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 5

*Attachments:* [Resolution 209 S. Dr. Deborah Hyde Ave. \(demo\)](#)  
[209 S DR DEBORAH HYDE AVE 6-16-2025](#)  
[R 209 S DR DEBORRAH HYDE AVE-06162025140418](#)  
[P 209 S DR DEBORRAH HYDE AVE-06162025135920](#)

- D. [ID 25-7840](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 8, 2025 in regards to the property located at 221 S. Meridian Ave. belonging to James C. McCormick Et Al 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 5

*Attachments:* [Resolution 221 S. Meridian Ave. \(demo\)](#)  
[221 S MERIDIAN AVE - 6-16-2025](#)  
[R 221 S MERIDIAN AVE-06162025135354](#)  
[P 221 S MERIDIAN AVE-06162025135807](#)

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

## 4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7832](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Sign Attorney Contract For Litigation Regarding PBM Antitrust Claims, Ratifying the Mayor's Filing a Complaint and Authorizing Mayor to Pursue Litigation.

*Attachments:* [RESAuthorizeAgreement,RatifyLitigationPBM 7.8.25](#)  
[RESAuthorizeAgreement,RatifyLitigationPBM Exhibit A 7.8.25.docx](#)

- B. [ID 25-7859](#) Consider adopting an Order to allow City of Laurel to request bids for the leasing of new computer equipment to replace the existing computer equipment lease which expires in November, 2025.

*Sponsors:* Administration Department

*Attachments:* [ORDAuthorizeComputerBidProposals2025.docx](#)  
[BidProposalSpecifications.pdf](#)

- C. [ID 25-7862](#) Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute a letter agreement for professional services for the Arco Lane Bridge Replacement Project.
- Attachments:* [RESOLUTION-DESIGN CONTRACT](#)  
[Letter Agreement](#)
- D. [ID 25-7856](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Appointment of Earl Reed, Jr. as Chief of Police for the Laurel Police Department.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmEarlReedLaurelPoliceChief7.8.25](#)  
[ORDConfirmEarlReedLaurelPoliceChief7.8.25.ExhibitA](#)
- E. [ID 25-7861](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Appointment of Michael Shane Valentine as Deputy Chief of Police for the Laurel Police Department.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmValentineDeputyChiefLPD.7.8.25](#)
- F. [ID 25-7821](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding the Appointment of 2025 Voting Delegates for the City of Laurel During the 2025 Annual Conference of the Mississippi Municipal League.
- Attachments:* [RESMMLVotingDelegates2025](#)
- G. [ID 25-7835](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding Reappointment of Members to the Laurel Tourism Committee.
- Attachments:* [RESReappointMembersLaurelTourismCommittee 7.8.25](#)
- H. [ID 25-7863](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding the Re-Appointment of Ms. Mattie McLaurin to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Attachments:* [RESAppHistoricPreservationCommissionMcLaurin2025](#)
- I. [ID 25-7849](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding the Re-Appointment of Mr. Randy Cook as a Member of the Board of Building Adjustments and Appeals.
- Attachments:* [ORDAppBuildingAppealsAndAdjustmentBoardCook2025](#)
- J. [ID 25-7854](#) Consider adopting an Order to Accept Donation of Photography Services for Official Photos of City Council and Mayor.
- Attachments:* [ORDAcceptDonationPhotographyServices7.8.25](#)
- K. [ID 25-7853](#) Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to donate one hundred eleven unused surplus X26 Taser Cartridges to surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Attachments:* [DONATION OF X26 TASER CARTRIDGES](#)

- L. [ID 25-7851](#) Consider adopting an Order request that Laurel Police Department be allowed to participate in a fund raiser with Hometown Publications Inc. to sell calendars and accept a rebate check. Funds will be placed in the Donations Account 001-000-109-6 for the purchase of public relations materials.
- Attachments:* [LPD PARTICIPATION CALENDAR SALE HOMETOWN PUBLICATIONS 2025](#)
- M. [ID 25-7850](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve Katira Hammett to attend the 2025 Fall Certified Municipal Clerk Training in Ridgeland, MS from August 25 - 27, 2025.
- Attachments:* [Order - 2025 Fall CMC Training](#)
- N. [ID 25-7865](#) Consider adopting an Order approving meals, registration, and hotel expenses for the Superintendent of Inspection (Sandra Hadley) to attend the 2025 Mississippi Association of Code Enforcement Conference in Biloxi, MS on August 27-29, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$980.00 and shall be paid from Inspection Department Travel, Job Training, and Meals Account (001-280-610.0).
- Attachments:* [ORDER conference MACE](#)
- O. [ID 25-7824](#) Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1415-2002, 1497-2007, 1527-2008, 1542-2009, 1569-2010, 1583-2011, 1595-2012, 1603-2013, 1616-2014, 1624-2016, 1655-2017, 1676-2018, 1686-2019, 1695-2020, 1707-2021, 1720-2022, 1743-2023, and 1756-2024 from Chapter 25, "Water", of the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article IV. "Rates and Charges," Section 25-53: Water Rates.
- Attachments:* [ORDINANCE - Water Rate Increase 2025 2nd Reading](#)
- P. [ID 25-7826](#) Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 675-1973, 1416-2002, 1422-2002, 1528-2008, 1541-2009, 1568-2010, 1584-2011, 1594-2012, 1604-2013, 1615-2014, 1635-2016, 1656-2017, 1677-2018, 1687-2019, 1696-2020, 1708-2021, 1721-2022, 1744-2023, 1757-2024, and 1766-2025 from Chapter 20, "Sewers", of the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article I. "Sewer Connections," Section 20-11: Sewer Rate Schedule.
- Attachments:* [ORDINANCE - Sewer Rate Increase 2025 2nd Reading](#)
- Q. [ID 25-7858](#) Consider adopting an Order to allow the City of Laurel to adopt the State of Mississippi Records Retention Schedule for Municipalities as the official document retention schedule for the City of Laurel.
- Sponsors:* Administration Department
- Attachments:* [ORDAuthorizeDocRetentSch2025.docx](#)  
[Municipalities\\_2020-01-21\\_w-cover \(1\).pdf](#)

- R. [ID 25-7825](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to reverse the assessment on the property known as 835 S 6th Ave, which is owned by Vanessa & Ralph Hammie. WARD 6

*Attachments:* [RESOLUTION 835 S 6th Ave](#)  
[Resolution 835 S. 6th Ave.\(demo\)](#)

- S. [ID 25-7845](#) Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception to Jordan Schlabach to allow operation of two short term rentals on the same property to be located at 1504 N. 7th Ave. Property is zoned R-1 and located in Ward 2.

*Attachments:* [Order Special Exception Jordan Schlabach 070825](#)  
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 061225](#)

- T. [ID 25-7848](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve the application of Howard Industries Inc. Transformer Division for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.

*Attachments:* [Howard Ind. Position Statement 2025](#)  
[Howard Ind Transformer Ad Valorem Order for Application 2025](#)  
[Howard Industries Ad Valorem Application 2025](#)

- U. [ID 25-7847](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve the application of Laurel Machine and Foundry Machine Shop and Mill for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.

*Attachments:* [ORDER for Approving Ad Valorem LM&F Machine Mill 2025](#)  
[LMF Hawkes Shop Position Statement 2025](#)  
[Ad Valorem Application- LM&F 2025](#)

- V. [ID 25-7846](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve the application of Laurel Machine and Foundry Downtown Shop for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.

*Attachments:* [ORDER for Approving Ad Valorem LM&F Downtown 2025](#)  
[LMF Downtown Shop and Mill Position Statement 2025](#)  
[Ad Valorem Application- LM&F 2025](#)

- W. [ID 25-7822](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve the application of Amick Farms LLC Hatchery and Mill for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of 10 years.

*Attachments:* [Amick Farms Hatchery & Mill Ad Valorem Application Order 2025](#)  
[Amick Farms Hatchery Position Statement 2025](#)  
[Amick Farms Hatchery & Mill Application 2025](#)

- X. [ID 25-7823](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve the application of Amick Farms LLC Processing Plant for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.

*Attachments:*

[Amick Farms Processing Plant Ad Valorem Application Order 2025.pdf](#)

[Amick Farms Processing Plant Position Statement 2025](#)

[Amick Farms Processing Plant Application 2025](#)

Y. [ID 25-7844](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Jordan Nichol Bradford III, at 1222 W. 11th St. Total assessed cost \$60.05 Ward 2
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Ernest G. Wells, at 1404 W.12th Ave. Total assessed cost \$102.96 Ward 2
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Aaron B Biglane Jr., at 1521 W. 10th St. Total assessed cost \$120.63 Ward 2
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Dorothy K. Garcia, at Lot N. of 3428 University Ave. Total assessed cost \$81.89 Ward 3
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Shah Trust Theseus Legree TTEE., at 503 E. 19th St. Total assessed cost \$103.41 Ward 4
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to 280275 LLC, at 136 W. 19th St. Total assessed cost \$88.98 Ward 4
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments, at 1225 N. Dr. Deborah Hyde Ave. Total assessed cost \$86.88 Ward 4
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Raphael Marquis Wash Trust, at 2223 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$97.93 Ward 4
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Bill Jackson Est, at 315 W. 23rd St. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 4
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Dina Khandalavala, at 130 W. Kingston St. Total assessed cost \$98.38 Ward 5
- K. Cleaning of property assessed to Gwendolyn Hutto Lee, at 611 Masonite Dr. Total assessed cost \$99.65 Ward 5
- L. Cleaning of property assessed to Lama Mouazen, at 712 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$97.79 Ward 5
- M. Cleaning of property assessed to Edith O Williams, at 160 S. Meridian Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 5
- N. Cleaning of property assessed to Threpros Funs LLC, at 158 S. Meridian Ave. Total assessed cost \$74.90 Ward 5
- O. Cleaning of property assessed to Glenn S. & Efelynn C. Bolden, at 614 Mississippi Ave. Total assessed cost \$74.90 Ward 5
- P. Cleaning of property assessed to Billy Earl Turner, at 706 & Lot E. 9th St. Total assessed cost \$97.79 Ward 5
- Q. Cleaning of property assessed to JC Conner, at 135 Custom Ave. Total assessed cost \$102.96 Ward 5
- R. Cleaning of property assessed to Raven Haynes, at 931 S. 7th Ave. Total assessed cost \$88.58 Ward 6
- S. Cleaning of property assessed to Hill Williams, at 712 S. 7th Ave. Total assessed cost \$75.14 Ward 6
- T. Cleaning of property assessed to Larken Sanchez, at 624 Sandy T. Gavin Ave. Total assessed cost \$70.12 Ward 6
- U. Cleaning of property assessed to Shah Trust % Theseus Legree TTEE, at 1157



Capitol St. Total assessed cost \$57.62 Ward 7

V. Cleaning of property assessed to Pearline S. Anderson, at 1153 Capitol St. Total assessed cost \$76.80 Ward 7

W. Cleaning of property assessed to Exclusive Investments USA LLC, at Lot S. of 2104 Center Ave. Total assessed cost \$73.48 Ward 7

X. Cleaning of property assessed to Romas Revell McLain, at 2103 Center Ave. Total assessed cost \$78.92 Ward 7

Attachments:

[Assessments 7-8-2025](#)

[Bills 7-8-25-06242025114412](#)

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7866](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments:

[Claims Docket Resolution 07-08-25](#)

[WARRANT JULY 08 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET JULY 8 2025](#)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION