



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

Councilperson Andrea Thomas

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 25-7949](#) August 19, 2025
Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 08192025](#)
- B. [ID 25-7968](#) Budget Public Hearing Minutes - August 25, 2025
Attachments: [Budget Public Hearing Minutes 08252025](#)
- C. [ID 25-7969](#) Special Call Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2025
Attachments: [Special Call Meeting Minutes 08252025](#)

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 25-7965](#) Consider adopting an Order to set a date of October 7, 2025 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 and safety of the community:

Brenda Marcombe, dilapidated residence at 153 Chestnut St. PPIN 30946 W5
Jacqueline McInnis, dilapidated residence at 610 Arco Ln. PPIN 11881 W5
Karlee Henderson, dilapidated residence at 1113 N. Mississippi Ave. PPIN 9595 W4
Symbiotic Partners LLC, dilapidated residence at 124 W. 19th St. PPIN 10152 W4

Attachments: [Sets 10-07-25](#)
[Notices 10-7-25-08262025102642](#)

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7957](#) Consider adopting an Order to accept the Tax Assessment Rolls for Fiscal Year 2026.

Attachments: [Order - Tax Assessments FY 2026](#)
[Assessed Values - FINAL 8-04-2025](#)

- B. [ID 25-7956](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve the budget for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026.

Attachments: [Order - Budget Adoption](#)
[Published Budget FY 2026](#)

- C. [ID 25-7958](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve annual budgeted appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026.

Attachments: [Order - FY 2026 Budgeted Appropriations](#)

- D. [ID 25-7955](#) Consider adopting an Order approving Holt and Associates to conduct the audit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 and authorizing the Council President and Mayor to sign the engagement letter on behalf of the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [Order - Auditor FY 2025 Engagement Letter](#)
[Engagement Letter to Sign](#)

- E. [ID 25-7964](#) Consider adopting an Order approving the purchase of the following items for the B.E. Murph Center for Seniors: Twenty (20) Chromebooks with Charging Cart, wired security camera system, four (4) 6' folding tables, thirty (30) folding chairs and two (2) 36in floor fans.

Attachments: [ORDER SR. CENTER CHROMEBOOKS](#)
[SR. CENTER PURCHASE REQUEST](#)

- F. [ID 25-7939](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding Authorization to Advertise a Request for Proposals for Digital Media Services for Tourism Marketing.

Attachments: [RESAdvertiseRFPDigitalMediaServicesTourism9.2.25](#)
[RESAdvertiseRFPDigitalMediaServicesTourism9.2.25.ExhibitA](#)

- G. [ID 25-7962](#) Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Change Order No. 2 Joe Wheeler Avenue ARPA Utility and Roadway Improvement project.

Attachments: [Resolution CO2](#)
[Letter of Recommendation](#)
[CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER No 2 Signed By Walters](#)
[Response to Time Extension 4-22-2025](#)
[Response to Time Extension 6-9-2025](#)

- H. [ID 25-7960](#) Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Laurel to establish just compensation and sign certification for the 12th Street Improvements project.

Attachments: [Resolution to Acquire Property - ValueDetermination](#)
[Value Determination Report List](#)

- I. [ID 25-7961](#) Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Laurel to establish just compensation based on appraisal information and sign certification for the 12th Street Improvements project.

Attachments: [Resolution to Acquire Property - Appraisal](#)
[Just Compensation Appraisal Report List](#)

- J. [ID 25-7959](#) Consider adopting an Order Approving the Terms for Securing the Legal Services of Brett Robinson and the Law Firm of Hortman, Harlow, Bassi, Robinson & McDaniel, PLLC as City Attorney and Authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, Acting on Behalf of the City of Laurel, to Sign the Agreement for Services Engagement Letter Offered by that Firm

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementCityAttorney2025](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementCityAttorney2025ExhibitA](#)

- K. [ID 25-7947](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Zeke Baucum as Judge Pro Tem for the City of Laurel's Municipal Court.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmMunicipalCourtJudgeProTemBaucum2025](#)
- L. [ID 25-7946](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Cruz Gray as the Judge Pro Tem for the City of Laurel's Municipal Court.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmMunicipalCourtJudgeProTemGray2025](#)
- M. [ID 25-7945](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of David Sullivan as City Prosecutor for the City of Laurel.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmMunicipalCourtProsecutorSullivanReAppoint2025](#)
- N. [ID 25-7944](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Aaron W. Parker as City Prosecutor Pro Tem for the City of Laurel.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmMunicipalCourtProsecutorProTemParker2025](#)
- O. [ID 25-7943](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Matt Sherman as Public Defender for the Laurel Municipal Court.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmMunicipalCourtPublicDefenderShermanReAppoint2025](#)
- P. [ID 25-7948](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Kyle Robertson as Municipal Judge for the City of Laurel.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmMunicipalJudgeRobertsonReAppointment2025](#)
- Q. [ID 25-7940](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Mr. Elvin Ulmer as Director of Parks, Recreation, Cemetery/Facilities Maintenance Department for the City of Laurel.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmParksRecreationDirectorUlmer9.2.25](#)
- R. [ID 25-7941](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Leo Brown as Chief of the Laurel Fire Department.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmFireDepartmentChiefLeoBrown2025](#)
- S. [ID 25-7942](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Kristal Jones as the City Clerk and Finance Director of the City of Laurel.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmKristalJonesCityClerkFinanceDirector9.2.25](#)

- T. [ID 25-7938](#) Consider adopting an Order to Ratify an Emergency Order Authorizing Payment of Expenses Necessary for Laurel Police Department Grant Project Manager Jeanette Grantham to Travel to Sherman, MS on August 14, 2025, for Required Networking and Grant Training.
- Attachments:* [OrderRatifyEmergencyOrderApproveTravelGranthamAlcoholImpairedDrivingGr](#)
[OrderRatifyEmergencyOrder-ApproveTravelGranthamImpairedDrivingGrantTrai](#)
- U. [ID 25-7934](#) Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Payment of Travel Expenses Related to Travel by Mayor Johnny Magee to the Meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Mississippi Municipal League.
- Attachments:* [ORDTravMMLBoardOfDirectors,ExecutiveCommittee2025-26MayorMagee](#)
- V. [ID 25-7953](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve in-state travel for City Clerk, Kristal Jones, and LPD Office Assistant III, Jeanette Grantham, to attend the Mandatory Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Implementation Meeting at the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety in Canton, MS on September 17, 2025.
- Attachments:* [Order - Travel MOHS Grant Implementation 2025](#)
[FY26 Implementation Law Enforcement South letter](#)
- W. [ID 25-7954](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve in-state travel for Deputy City Clerk, Talana Fagan, to attend the 2025 Fall Certified Municipal Clerk Program in Hattiesburg, MS on October 1-3, 2025.
- Attachments:* [ORDER - Travel Hattiesburg - MS Clerk Association](#)
- X. [ID 25-7935](#) Consider adopting an Order Approving Registration and Travel Expenses for Mayor Johnny Magee to attend the Small Town Conference Sponsored by the Mississippi Municipal League in Philadelphia, Mississippi, October 14-16, 2025.
- Attachments:* [ORDTravSmallTownConference2025](#)
- Y. [ID 25-7912](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for City Clerk, Kristal Jones, to attend the MML 2025 Small Town Conference held in Philadelphia, MS, October 14-16, 2025.
- Attachments:* [TRAVEL ORDER MML 2025 SMALL TOWN CONFERENCE](#)
[2025 Small Town Advertisement](#)
- Z. [ID 25-7951](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office for Fire Extinguisher, Fire Alarm, and Wet Sprinkler Inspection. Maintenance, and Materials.
- Attachments:* [ORDER - Advertise](#)
[NOTICE TO BIDDERS](#)

A A [ID 25-7952](#)

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Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office for Fiscal Year 2026 Semi-Annual and Annual Bids.

Attachments:[Order - Annual Bids 2026](#)[NOTICE TO BIDDERS](#)**B B** [ID 25-7967](#)

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

Demolition of property assessed to Evelyn J. Dozier Est Et Al % Cynthia Lockhart, at 149 Chestnut St. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, \$5, 056.00 Ward 5

Demolition of property assessed to Robert Earl Brown, at 812 Jefferey Dr. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, \$1, 076.00 Ward 3

Attachments:[Demo Assessments 09022025](#)[Demolition Bills 9-2-08262025111923](#)

C C [ID 25-7966](#)

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

Cleaning of property assessed to James E. Cooley Est.% Teresa Thomas., at 128 W. 23rd St. Total assessed cost \$191.32 Ward 4

Cleaning of property assessed to FGTI Business Services, at 1805 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$88.98 Ward 4

Cleaning of property assessed to Affordable Housing Developers LLC, at Lot N. of 403 W. 13th St. Total assessed cost \$140.33 Ward 4

Cleaning of property assessed to U & L Properties, at 3 Lots SE of 103 Walters Ave. Total assessed cost \$92.76 Ward 5

Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments LLC., at 209 S. Dr. Deborah Hyde Ave. Total assessed cost \$93.30 Ward 5

Cleaning of property assessed to Sam Carriere Est % John Carriere, at 207 Masonite Dr. Total assessed cost \$97.85 Ward 5

Cleaning of property assessed to John Bonner Jr. Est. % Genita Bonner, at 828 S. 7th Ave. Total assessed cost \$122.08 Ward 6

Cleaning of property assessed to MWW Farms LLC, at 1726 Lee St. Total assessed cost \$111.36 Ward 7

Cleaning of property assessed to Lashonda Davis., at 1231 S. 17th Ave. Total assessed cost \$77.10 Ward 7

Cleaning of property assessed to Vincent H. Witherspoon, at 1234 S. 17th Ave. Total assessed cost \$104.20 Ward 7

Attachments:

[Assessments 9-02-2025](#)

[Notices 9-2-25-08262025092225](#)

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 25-7963](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments:

[Claims Docket Resolution 09-02-2025](#)

[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 2 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 2 2025](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION