



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 17, 2024	9:00 AM	Council Chambers
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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

PRAYER

Councilperson George Carmichael

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 24-7396](#) September 3, 2024
- Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 09032024](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, 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 Kevin Kelly, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, that the agenda be approved as printed. 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

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 24-7394](#) Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes for August 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 7932](#)
[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of August, 2024. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, to conduct a public hearing. 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

A. [ID 24-7401](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 17, 2024 in regards to a property located at 1117 Hayes St. belonging to United Missionary Baptist Church, 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 1117 Hayes St.\(demo\)](#)
[1117 Hayes St. Sep.17.2024](#)
[R.1117 Hayes St-09102024080945](#)
[P.1117Hayes St-09102024081024](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Deborah Burrell, 2256 Queensburg Avenue
Anthony Hudson, 2216 Center Avenue

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 24-7406](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve professional services contract for the West Drive Roadway and Bridge Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Eng Contract](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis and Shirley Jordan

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

B. [ID 24-7395](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding Updating the Authorized Users for the City of Laurel's Bancorp South MasterCard.

Attachments: [RESUpdateCOLAuthorizedUsersBancorpMasterCard9.17.24](#)
[RESUpdateCOLAuthorizedUsersBancorpMasterCard9.17.24.Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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

C. [ID 24-7408](#)

Consider adopting an Order to allow the Mayor to sign a Software As A Service Agreement with ALLDATA, LLC for fleet maintenance software to be used by the Public Works Department.

Sponsors: Administration Department

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreement ALLDATA LLC 2024.docx](#)
[AllData Executed Vetoed Order 0001](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Order be adopted, Mayor Magee determined the need to veto, see executed Order and vetoed statement attached . 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 24-7393](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to Consider Entering an Agreement with Amanda Roll for Tourism Consulting Services.

Attachments: [RESApproveAgreementRollTourismConsultingServices9.17.24](#)
[RESApproveAgreementRollTourismConsultingServices9.17.24.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, 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

E. [ID 24-7392](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving Elvin Ulmer, Parks & Recreation Director, to travel to the annual Deep South Turf Expo in Biloxi, MS, October 14 - 17, 2024.

Attachments: [ORDER 2024 DEEP SOUTH TURF EXPO](#)
[2024 DEEP SOUTH TURF EXPO REGISTRATION](#)
[2024 DEEP SOUTH TURF EXPO SCHEDULE](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, 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 24-7407](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting an anonymous donation in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with funding of activities at the B.E. Murph Center for Seniors.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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 24-7391](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a donation from Howard Industries in the amount of \$1,500.00 to contribute to B.E. Murph Center for Seniors to contribute funding for activities for the Senior Citizens.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR HOWARD'S DONATION SR. CENTER](#)
[HOWARD'S DONATION 2024](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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 24-7398](#)

Consider adopting an Order requesting permission to purchase a used 2008 Pierce Saber and a 2008 Pierce Quantum Pumper to replace Engine 6 that was damaged from a fire and to update our reserve fleet.

Attachments: [order](#)
[insurance check](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

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Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

I. [ID 24-7403](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that Sergeant Shaymira Morgan and Officer Jacob Giangrosso be allowed to attend the MLEOTA (Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy) First Line Supervisors Training Program in Pearl, MS on October 28-30, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$1,887.98. Funds will be taken from the Police Department Travel account #001-200-610-0.

Attachments: [FIRST LINE SUPERVISION TRAINING OCTOBER 28-30, 2024](#)
[PEARL, MS](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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

J. [ID 24-7405](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that Mitch Blakeney be allowed to attend the 2024 NRA (National Rifle Association) Patrol Rifle Instructor Course in Wetumpka, Al on December 2-6, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$1674.05. Funds will be taken from the Police Department Travel account #001-200-610-0.

Attachments: [MITCH BLAKENEY -- NRA \(NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION\)](#)
[PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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

K. [ID 24-7397](#)

Consider adopting Order to approve in-state travel for City Clerk, Kristal Jones, and Deputy Clerks, Lauren Stewart, Ann Brown, and Katira Banks to attend the 2024 Winter Conference and Election Training on December 11-13, 2024 at Sheraton Flowood The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center in Flowood, MS.

Attachments: [Order - 2024 Winter Conference](#)
[2024 Winter Conference Announcement](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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

L. [ID 24-7400](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2024 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Order](#)
[Budget Amendment List](#)

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

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M. [ID 24-7399](#)

- Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleaning assessments on the following properties:
- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Sweet Brazilian Wax LLC, at 21 Marion Dr. Total assessed cost \$182.16 Ward 1
 - B. Cleaning of property assessed to V W Properties LLC, at 1130 N. 14th Ave. Total assessed cost \$133.84 Ward 2
 - C. Cleaning of property assessed to Charles & Regina Clayton, at 2710 Old Amy Rd. Total assessed cost \$179.15 Ward 2
 - D. Cleaning of property assessed to Zinora Walton, at 604 W. 26th St. Total assessed cost \$133.84 Ward 3
 - E. Cleaning of property assessed to National Federal Mortgage Association, at 4208 University Ave. Total assessed cost \$133.84 Ward 3
 - F. Cleaning of property assessed to Mary Fisher Est % Robin Fisher, at 727 Haddon St. Total assessed cost \$104.42 Ward 4
 - G. Cleaning of property assessed to Cindy Pittman, at 1516 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$101.92 Ward 4
 - H. Cleaning of property assessed to Julian E. Adonis Enterprises % Yah Roots, at 1642 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$112.88 Ward 4
 - I. Cleaning of property assessed to Jimmie L. Smith Sr. Et Ux, at 2223 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$123.84 Ward 4
 - J. Cleaning of property assessed to Thomas G. Walker Est., at 2229 N 2nd Ave. Total assessed cost \$109.13 Ward 4
 - K. Cleaning of property assessed to Rose M. Carriere Est. % John Carriere, at 108 Bay St. Total assessed cost \$136.34 Ward 5
 - L. Cleaning of property assessed to Sam Corriere Est % John Corriere, at 118 Bay St. Total assessed cost \$123.84 Ward 5
 - M. Cleaning of property assessed to Parnell Sullivan, at 158 S. Meridian Ave. Total assessed cost \$133.84 Ward 5
 - N. Cleaning of property assessed to Robert Cooley, at 324 Jefferson St. Total assessed cost \$111.34 Ward 5
 - O. Cleaning of property assessed to John Bernerd Jr. & Debra Ringgold, at 1005 Pierce St. Total assessed cost \$124.13 Ward 7
 - P. Cleaning of property assessed to John Bernerd Jr. & Debra Ringgold, at 1031 Pierce St. Total assessed cost \$124.13 Ward 7
 - Q. Cleaning of property assessed to Anthony Wade, at 1627 Julian St. Total assessed cost \$114.42 Ward 7
 - R. Cleaning of property assessed to Lashonda Davis, at 1231 S. 17th Ave. Total assessed cost \$133.84 Ward 7
 - S. Cleaning of property assessed to Vincent Witherspoon, at 1234 S. 17th Ave. Total assessed cost \$178.84 Ward 7

Attachments: [Assessments 9-17-2024](#)
[Bills 9-17-09092024164208](#)

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

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- Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 24-7402](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of October 15, 2024 for a Historic Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [Order Historic Preservation 101524](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 24-7404](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 17 2024](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 17 2024](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, 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:

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Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

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