

EMERGENCY ORDER

(Regarding the Emergency Replacement of a Sewer Line at Old Amy Road and Parker Drive)

WHEREAS, a city sewer line located at Old Amy Road and Parker Drive has collapsed and must be replaced immediately; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Johnny Magee was notified via email, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, by City Engineer Kris Lightsey with Neel-Schaffer of the proposed options for replacing the collapsed sewer line, the best option being that of utilizing Skeen Plumbing of Ridgeland, MS, which has the capabilities to repair and replace the main line in its current location without requiring excavation of the entire segment, thereby saving time and money for the city; and

WHEREAS, Skeen Plumbing has provided an estimate of \$189,150.00 for the repair and replacement of the sewer line, and an additional \$10,000.00 is needed to cover the cost of the CCTV inspection of the sewer line, bringing the total project cost to \$199,150.00; and

WHEREAS, §31-7-13(k) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated gives authority to the Mayor, acting as an agent of the City to order the immediate remediation of circumstances which threaten the safety and welfare of the citizens of the city, with ratification of said actions to be granted by the council at the next regularly scheduled meeting


NOW THEREFORE, I, Johnny Magee, Mayor of the City of Laurel, acting under the authority granted by §31-7-13(k) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, do hereby order that Skeen Plumbing is authorized to replace the sewer line Old Amy Road and Parker Drive. The total estimated cost of this project is one hundred ninety-nine thousand one hundred-fifty dollars (\$199,150.00) with funds to be taken from account #386-386-948.6.

SO ORDERED on this the 16th day of **JUNE**, A.D. 2026.



Johnny Magee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristal Jones, City Clerk



EXHIBIT A

Mayor Johnny Magee

From: Kris Lightsey <kris.lightsey@neel-schaffer.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:46 AM
To: Mayor Johnny Magee
Cc: Rachel Jones; Tony Wheat; Kristal Jones
Subject: Old Amy Road / Parker Drive

Mayor,

I wanted to follow up on the Old Amy Road / Parker Drive Sewer and see if the City has any direction on moving forward.

Just to recap where we've been from my understanding, the sewer line collapsed and created a backup. Walters provided two quotes under annual bid to replace this section. One quote was \$281,492 to replace in place. The alternate quote was \$257,034 to relocate the main to a different location. Both included possible dewatering for an additional \$17,850. After discussing the relocation option, I noted that this option would have more expense that weren't in Walter's estimate, associated with easement acquisitions and design plans for MDEQ approval. I did some calling around and found another company, Skeen Plumbing out of Ridgeland, who has pipe bursting capabilities, to replace the main in place without excavating the whole segment. They provided an initial estimate of \$145,150 plus some additions for services (\$3,000 each), if any, and for the ditch crossing (\$51,000) if it was a metal pipe that couldn't be pipe-burst.

I recommended that we go ahead and CCTV the section to identify these possibilities and get a more defined scope. The CCTV was performed and Skeen provided a revised quote of \$189,150, which includes reconnection of 2 identified services and lining of the found metal pipe segment at the ditch crossing.

Does the City know how we want to proceed with this information? The options available at this point, in my opinion, are to: 1) use annual bid at the higher price, 2) declare an emergency and use Skeen at the lower price, 3) Prepare a bid packet and put the pipe-bursting / lining contract out for public bid to comply with state bid laws. Option 1 is the highest cost option. Option 3 would delay the project by a couple more months and cost additional money for engineering services. Option 2 is the cheapest and quickest option, but it requires the City to factually declare and spread on its minutes that the situation is an emergency.

As we discussed previously, there are some terms in the Skeen quote that would need to be stricken or modified to use it, and they are aware of that.

Please let me know if we need to do anything at this time. Also, if you want us to provide inspection services for any of these options, please let me know.

Thanks,

Kris

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