



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 5 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 2 - Councilperson Andrea Thomas and Councilperson Marian Allen
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King and City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Angie Scruggs

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 26-8385](#) July 7, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 07072026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8380](#)

Monthly Report Privilege Taxes June 2026.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 8236](#)

[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of June, 2026. 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 Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the be conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

A. [ID 26-8390](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to Conduct a Public hearing on July 21, 2026 in regards to a property located at 1222 Anderson St., belonging to Ronald Jones, 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. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [Resolution 1222 Anderson St.\(demo\)](#)
[1222 ANDERSON ST PIC 7-21-26](#)
[R 1222 ANDERSON ST-07012026090358](#)
[P 1222 ANDERSON ST-07012026090420](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8386](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Application for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and the Related Preliminary Energy Audit.

Attachments: [RES Authorize Application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and Required Preliminary Energy Audit 7.21.26](#)
[Exhibit A -RES Authorize Application EECBG and Preliminary Energy Audit 7.21.26](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

B. [ID 26-8389](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing the City of Laurel to Allocate Tourism Funds to the Economic Development Authority of Jones County for FY2026-2027 for a Unified Tourism Marketing Campaign for the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Allocation EDA for Tourism Marketing 7.21.26](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

C. [ID 26-8395](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing The Administration To Sign Agreement With Muni-Link For Utility Billing And Customer Information System Software.

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Agreement Muni-Link Utility Billing Software 7.21.26](#)
[Exhibit A ORD Authorize Agreement Muni-Link Utility Billing Software 7.21.26](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

D. [ID 26-8394](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the Administration authority to advertise for the construction of the 2026 Citywide Paving Project.

Attachments: [Resolution to Adv](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

E. [ID 26-8387](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the Insurance Committee's recommendation to renew the City's employee health, dental, vision, and life insurance programs for the October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027 plan year following review of submitted proposals.

Attachments: [ORDER - EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027.docx](#)

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

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

F. [ID 26-8382](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8.3 CEMETERIES, PROHIBITING THE BURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS ON PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE-Second Reading, Amend Chapter 8.3 Cemeteries to Prohibit Burial of Human Remains on Private Residential or Commercial Property 7.21.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, 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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

Enactment No: 1791-2026

G. [ID 26-8392](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance to close the alley off W. 4th St. and W. 5th St. running North-South between N. 13th Ave. and N. 14th Ave.

Attachments: [Alley closing Second Reading W. 4th St and W. 5th St. Alley-07142026104639](#)

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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

Enactment No: 1792-2026

H. [ID 26-8383](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for LPD Officer Brandon Stringer and Officer Logan Pruitt to attend the 2026 MSTIDE Standardized Field Sobriety Testing in Pascagoula, MS on August 4-6, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$1,414.24. Funds will be taken from the Police Department's Travel account #001-200-610-0.

Attachments: [BRANDON STRINGER AND LOGAN PRUITT MSTIDE STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING IN PASCAGOULA MS.doc](#)

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 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

I. [ID 26-8388](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Karl L. Hardy, at 14 Marion Dr. Total assessed cost \$67.77 Ward 1
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Long Land Investments Inc., at 21 Marion Dr. Total assessed cost \$73.09 Ward 1
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to VW Properties LLC, at 216 Stephens Ave. Total assessed cost \$85.68 Ward 1
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Jordan Nichol Bradford III, at 1222 W. 11th St. Total assessed cost \$94.99 Ward 2
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Mae C. Clark, at 911 Tulip Ave. Total assessed cost \$85.68 Ward 1
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Costar Project Inc., at 1638 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$85.68 Ward 4
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Shah Trust Theseus Legree TTEE, at 503 E. 19th St. Total assessed cost \$70.50 Ward 4
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Rita Shaw Polk, at Lot W. of 604 E. 12th St. Total assessed cost \$73.70 Ward 4
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Yah Rootz, at 1642 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$93.30 Ward 4
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Brenda Marcombe, at 222 W. 13th St. Total assessed cost \$76.42 Ward 5
- K. Cleaning of property assessed to Cannon Security, at 911 Dr. Deborah Hyde Ave. Total assessed cost \$85.68 Ward 5
- L. Cleaning of property assessed to Euodoutai Investment LLC, at 516 Arco Lane. Total assessed cost \$68.07 Ward 5
- M. Cleaning of property assessed to Frank Carriere Est % John Carriere, at Lot E. of 224 N. Cooks Ave. Total assessed cost \$88.52 Ward 5
- N. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments, at 1114 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$93.30 Ward 5
- O. Cleaning of property assessed to Link Tax Service, at 803 Masonite Dr. Total assessed cost \$103.52 Ward 5
- P. Cleaning of property assessed to Jean Smith % Arkesha Smith Baquet, at Lot E. of 149 Chestnut St. Total assessed cost \$85.68 Ward 5
- Q. Cleaning of property assessed to Continental Society Inc., at 126 Arthur St. Total assessed cost \$86.13 Ward 7
- R. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments, at 1138 Anderson St. Total assessed cost \$85.68 Ward 7
- S. Cleaning of property assessed to Johnny L. Oliver, at 1204 Spriggs St. Total assessed cost \$93.30 Ward 7
- T. Cleaning of property assessed to Minnie Lee Amos, at 1125 Simmons St. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 7
- U. Cleaning of property assessed to H L & C Jones, at 1131 Churchton St. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 7

Attachments: [Assessments 07-21-2026](#)

[Bills 7-21-26-07142026093321](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8393](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 07.21.2026](#)

[WARRANT JULY 21 2026](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET JULY 21 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., this the 21st day of July, 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

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