



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 4 - Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 3 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly and Councilperson Andrea Thomas
- Staff:** 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King
- Staff Absent:** 1 - City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson George Carmichael

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 26-8114](#) January 6, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 01062026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8112](#) Monthly Report Privilege Taxes December, 2025

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 3822](#)
[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of December, 2025. 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

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8119](#)

Consider adopting an Order to enter into an agreement with Diamond Youth Baseball, Inc. regarding Regulations, Guidelines and payment to Diamond Youth Baseball for the 2026 DYB Div. I and Div. II World Series.

Attachments: [ORDER 2026 DYBWS AGREEMENT.doc](#)

[Order Exhibit- Diamond Youth Baseball World Series Host Agreement 1.20.26](#)

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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 26-8120](#)

Consider adopting an Order to enter into an agreement with Diamond Youth Softball, Inc. regarding Regulations, Guidelines and payment to Diamond Youth Softball for the 2026 DYS World Series.

Attachments: [ORDER 2026 DYSWS AGREEMENT.doc](#)

[Order Exhibit- Diamond Youth Softball World Series Host Agreement 1.20.26](#)

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

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C. [ID 26-8128](#)

Consider adopting a RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY TO ISSUE COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, IMPROVING, REPAIRING, AND EXTENDING THE COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY; AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION Revenue Bonds \(Pendorff Project\)\(2026\)- Intent Resolution 1.20.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

D. [ID 26-8129](#)

Consider adopting a RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF THE CITY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING, REPAIRING, AND EXTENDING THE COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION Engagement of Professionals Water Sewer Revenue Bonds \(Pendorff Project\)1..20.26](#)
[Exhibit A RESOLUTION Engagement of Professionals Water Sewer Revenue Bonds \(Pendorff Project\)1..20.26](#)
[Exhibit B RESOLUTION Engagement of Professionals Water Sewer Revenue Bonds \(Pendorff Project\)1..20.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

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E. [ID 26-8116](#)

Consider adopting A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LAUREL HOUSING AUTHORITY IN THE ACQUISITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH PARK VILLAGE LOCATED AT 37 JOHNSON CIRCLE, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI 39440, INCLUDING COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATE ON FUNDING, RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Attachments: [RES Support Laurel Housing Authority Redevelopment of South Park Village 1.20.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

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F. [ID 26-8117](#)

Consider adopting A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REAUTHORIZATION AND EXTENSION OF THE REPEAL DATE OF SENATE BILL 2155 (2022 REGULAR SESSION) THROUGH JULY 1, 2036.

Attachments: [RES Extend 3% Tourism Tax 1.20.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

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G. [ID 26-8130](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to advertise for construction of the 12th Street Improvements Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Auth to Adv WD](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

H. [ID 26-8131](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to advertise for construction of the West Drive Roadway Improvements Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Auth to Adv WD](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

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I. [ID 26-8118](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Accept Bid for Street Sweeper.

Attachments: [Order Accept Street Sweeper Bid 1.20.26](#)

[Order Accept Street Sweeper Bid Exhibit A 1.20.26](#)

[Order Accept Street Sweeper Bid Exhibit B 1.20.26](#)

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

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J. [ID 26-8124](#)

Consider adopting Order to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Terry Padgett for Public Works Director Assistant.

Attachments: [ORDER - Contractor Terry Padgett](#)

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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

K. [ID 26-8121](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Consider Authorizing Application to the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety for the FY2027 Police Traffic Services Grant.

Attachments: [ORDER FY2027 Police Traffic Services Grant 1.20.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

L. [ID 26-8122](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Consider Authorizing Application to the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety for the FY2027 Impaired Driving Grant.

Attachments: [ORDER FY2027 Impaired Driving Grant 1.20.26](#)

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

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

M. [ID 26-8125](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Acceptance of Anonymous Donations to the B.E. Murph Center for Senior Citizens Activities during fiscal year 2026.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR ANONYMOUS DONATION SR. CENTER.dec2025.docx](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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:

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N. [ID 26-8127](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception to Phaedra Bivins to allow operation of a snack stand to be located at 1415 Roberts St. Property is zoned R-3 and located in Ward 1.

Attachments: [Order Special Exception Phaedra Bivins 012026](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 010826](#)

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

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O. [ID 26-8113](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving increase in 2026 Mileage Reimbursement Rate.

Attachments: [ORDER - 2026 Mileage Reimbursement](#)
[Mileage Rreimburesement Rate 2026 Memo](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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:

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A.** [ID 26-8126](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of February 12, 2026 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 021226](#)

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

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 26-8132](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 01.20.2026](#)
[WARRANT JANUARY 20 2026](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JANUARY 20 2026](#)

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

Yea: 4 - George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

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