



# City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

### CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 5 - Vice President Jason Capers, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 2 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly and Councilperson Andrea Thomas
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King and 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 25-7928](#) August 5, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 08052025](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7915](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for June 2025.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - June 2025](#)

[Certification Letter - June 2025](#)

[Revenue - June 2025](#)

[Sales Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

Kristal Jones, City Clerk/Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification for June 2025:

**B. [ID 25-7931](#)**

Monthly Budget Certification for July 2025.

**Attachments:** [Certification Cover Sheet - July 2025](#)

[Certification Letter - July 2025](#)

[Revenue - July 2025](#)

[Sales Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax](#)

[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

Kristal Jones, City Clerk/Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification for July 2025:

**C. [ID 25-7910](#)**

Monthly Report Privilege Taxes July, 2025

**Attachments:** [Cover Letter](#)

[Monthly Report 2025 - Copy](#)

[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of July, 2025. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

**3. PUBLIC AGENDA****A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 25-7916](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set the Public Hearing for the City of Laurel proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and proposed Tax Levy to be held on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**Attachments:** [ORDER - Public Hearing](#)

[NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2026](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, to conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

A. [ID 25-7924](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 19, 2025 in regards to a property located at 3131 Cedar Lane Dr., belonging to Hinton Bernard Owens, 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 3.

**Attachments:** [Resolution 3131 Cedar Lane Dr.\(demo\)](#)

[3131 CEDAR LANE AUG.19.25](#)

[R.3131 Cedar Dr-08062025113439](#)

[P.3131 Cedar Lane Dr-08062025113325](#)

**A motion was made by 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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 25-7925](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 19, 2025 in regards to a property located at 201 Flora Ave., belonging to Willie David Cooley, 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 5.

**Attachments:** [Resolution 201 Flora Ave.\(demo\)](#)

[201 Flora Ave 8-6-25](#)

[R 201 FLORA AVE-08062025162823](#)

[P 201 FLORA AVE-08062025162846](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

C. [ID 25-7926](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 19, 2025 in regards to a property located at 1128 Walley St., belonging to Wonnies W. Womack Est.% William M. Womack, 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 1128 Walley St.\(demo\)](#)

[1128 Walley St 8-19-25](#)

[R 1128 WALLEY ST-08062025162610](#)

[P 1128 WALLEY ST-08062025162539](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, granting a (6) six months extension. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

Clarence Larkin, 2111 N. 5th Avenue, Laurel, MS

#### 4. POLICY AGENDA

President Carmichael relinquished the chair to Vice President Capers to preside the meeting, Councilperson

Carmichael and Councilperson Allen proceeded to recuse themselves from the chambers for Agenda Item 4A & 4B. Upon the attempt to take actions of said items 4A & 4B, it was declared the lack of a quorum to proceed. Carmichael and Allen returned to the chambers, with the chair being relinquished to Council President Carmichael. Following declaring the lack of a quorum, the city attorney recommended to withdraw both items. Councilperson Capers made a motion to withdraw Agenda Items 4A & 4B, seconded by Councilperson Amos, upon roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Scruggs, Carmichael, Amos, Allen

ABSENT: Kelly, Thomas

President Carmichael proceeded with the meeting, this the 19th day of August, 2025.

A. [ID 25-7936](#)

Consider adopting an Order rescinding August 05, 2025 council order approving the recommendation by Administration that the City of Laurel accept the proposal offered by Clayton E. Johnson Insurance Service, Inc. for health insurance coverage with no change through Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS and Unity Reincorporated, LLC for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 with no changes to Life or Vision Insurance and Dental Insurance.

**Attachments:** [ORDER - Employee Insurance FY 2026 - RESCINDING](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 25-7937](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve the recommendation by Administration that the City of Laurel accept the proposal offered by Clayton E. Johnson Insurance Service, Inc. for health insurance coverage with no change through Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS and Unity Reincorporated, LLC for Fiscal Year 2026 with no changes to Life Insurance, Vision Insurance and Dental Insurance.

**Attachments:** [ORDER - Employee Insurance FY 2026](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

C. [ID 25-7913](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Hiring of Delta Holloway as Human Resources Director for the City of Laurel.

**Attachments:** [ORDConfirmHumanResourcesDirectorDeltaHolloway2025](#)  
[ORDConfirmHumanResourcesDirectorDeltaHolloway2025.ExhibitA](#)

**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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**D. [ID 25-7929](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to advertise for a public hearing for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF) Facilities Plan.

**Attachments:** [Resolution to Adv](#)

[NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - WPCRLF](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**E. [ID 25-7911](#)**

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending The Laurel Code of Ordinances, Appendix I Zoning, Section 415, Short-Term Rental Ordinance, 415.05 to Add Language Stipulating Commercial Rates for Water, Sewer, & Garbage Services.

**Attachments:** [Ordinance Amend Short Term Rental Commercial Water, Sewer, Garbage Rates 2nd Reading 8.19.25](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

Enactment No: 1775-2025

**F. [ID 25-7927](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to advertise for a public hearing for the 2023 RAISE Grant Project, completing downtown Laurel.

**Attachments:** [Resolution to Adv](#)

[NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING](#)

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

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**G. [ID 25-7919](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to allow the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Laurel, to enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Dell Financial Services, Inc. to purchase computer equipment.

**Sponsors:** Administration Department

**Attachments:** [ORDAuthorizeAgreement DELL 2025.docx](#)  
[US Quote 3000193006811.9.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**H. [ID 25-7922](#)**

Consider adopting an Order request that Chief Tommy Cox be allowed to purchase his service weapon for the sum of ten dollars.

**Attachments:** [Weapons- CHIEF TOMMY COX-retired officer](#)

**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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**I. [ID 25-7923](#)**

Consider adopting an Order request that Lt. David Grasha be allowed to purchase his service weapon for the sum of ten dollars.

**Attachments:** [Weapons-LIEUTENANT DAVID GRASHA-retired officers](#)

**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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**J. [ID 25-7921](#)**

Consider adopting an Order that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept donations for National Night Out. Funds will be placed in the Police Department's Donations account 001-000-109-6.

**Attachments:** [2025 ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DONATIONS](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**K. [ID 25-7920](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve registration and travel expenses for Jeanette Grantham to attend the MS Office of Highway Safety FY 2025 Grant Implementation Meeting in Canton, Mississippi on September 3, 2025.

**Attachments:** [TRAVEL TO THE MS OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY SEPTMBER 3, 2025](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**L. [ID 25-7908](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for the Deputy Municipal Clerks, Ann Brown and Katira Hammett, to attend the 2025 Fall Certified Municipal Clerk Training held in Hattiesburg, MS, October 1-3, 2025.

**Attachments:** [TRAVEL ORDER 2025 FALL MMCCA](#)  
[2025 Fall Certified Municipal Clerk Program](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**M.** [ID 25-7909](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for the Municipal Clerks, Kristal Jones and Lauren Stewart, to attend the 2025 Fall Municipal Clerk Conference and Committee Session in Cleveland, MS, October 8-10, 2025.

**Attachments:** [TRAVEL ORDER 2025 FALL MUNICIPAL CLERK CONF](#)  
[2025 Fall Conference Announcement](#)

**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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**N.** [ID 25-7917](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office for Bank Depository Services.

**Attachments:** [Order - Adveretisement for Depository Bid](#)  
[Notice to Bidders - City Depository](#)  
[Depository Bid 2026-2029](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

**O.** [ID 25-7918](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office for Property, Machinery, and Equipment/Boiler Insurance.

**Attachments:** [Order - Advertise for Property Insurance](#)  
[Notice to Bidders Insurance 2025-2026](#)  
[Property Insurance Bid Form](#)

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

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

- P. [ID 25-7933](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleaning assessments for the following properties:
- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Federal national Mortgage Assoc., at 4208 University Ave. Total assessed cost \$125.36 Ward 3
  - B. Cleaning of property assessed to 280275, at 136 W. 19th St. Total assessed cost \$109.30 Ward 4
  - C. Cleaning of property assessed to Frank Carriere Est % John Carriere, at Lot W. of 224 N. Cook Ave. Total assessed cost \$97.85 Ward 5
  - D. Cleaning of property assessed to Charles L. Harris, at 116 N. Pine St. Total assessed cost \$124.56 Ward 5
  - E. Cleaning of property assessed to Willie C. Walker Sr. & Willie C. Walker Jr., at 108 Chestnut St. Total assessed cost \$82.73 Ward 5
  - F. Cleaning of property assessed to Brenda Marcombe, at 155 Chestnut St. Total assessed cost \$ 92.60 Ward 5
  - G. Cleaning of property assessed to Brenda Marcombe, at 153 Chestnut St. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 5
  - H. Cleaning of property assessed to Rose M. Carriere Est % John Carriere, at 108 Bay St. Total assessed cost \$90.23 Ward 5
  - I. Cleaning of property assessed to Euodoutai Investment LLC., at 516 Arco Lane. Total assessed cost \$76.55 Ward 5
  - J. Cleaning of property assessed to Gery J. Marcombe, at 1025 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$ 74.90 Ward 5
  - K. Cleaning of property assessed to Sam Corriere Est % John Corriere, at 118 Bay St. Total assessed cost \$ 146.48 Ward 5

**Attachments:** [Assessments 8-19-2025](#)  
[Notices 8-19-08122025114935](#)

**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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7932](#) Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of September 11, 2025 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

**Attachments:** [ORDER planning commission 091125](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

- B. [ID 25-7930](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

[Claims Docket Resolution 08-19-25](#)

**Attachments:** [WARRANT AUGUST 19 2025](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET AUGUST 19 2025](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

**Absent:** 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

## EXECUTIVE SESSION



With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D., 2025.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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