



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Andrea Thomas, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly and Council President George Carmichael

Staff: 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Staff Absent: 1 - City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Pastor Byron Arrington

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 26-8301](#) May 19, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 05192026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

Add Agenda Item 4S., Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to request advance construct from MDOT and execute a professional services agreement for right of way services of the 2023 RAISE Grant Project, Completing downtown Laurel, Contract I.

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8298](#)

Consider hearing Presentations Recognizing Officer of the Year for 2025, Civilian of the Year for 2025, and a Commendation to Officer James Parish for Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.

This Presentation was presented by Police Chief Earl Reed.

B. [ID 26-8318](#)

Recognition and Presentations of scholarships for Ward 1 recipients.

This Presentation was presented by Councilperson Jason Capers.

- C. [ID 26-8306](#) Monthly Budget Certification for April 2026.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - April 2026](#)
[Certification Letter - April 2026](#)
[Revenue - April 2026](#)
[Sales Tax](#)
[Tourism Tax](#)
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS](#)

Kristal A. Jones, City Clerk/ Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification:

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 26-8316](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Set a Date of July 7, 2026 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the property listed 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:

- A. Clark Properties LLC, dilapidated structure at 312 S. 16th Ave. PPIN 29857 Ward 1
- B. Kesha Johnson Brown, dilapidated residence at 511 Sandy T. Gavin PPIN 9751 Ward 6
- C. Charlotte Jordan Est. % Jacqueline Franklin, dilapidated residence at 1220 Anderson St. PPIN 13114 Ward 7

Attachments: [Sets 07-07-26](#)
[Notices-04282026094253](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8300](#)

Consider approving the First reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 25, Article IV. Rates and Charges, Section 28-51. Meters stating all water furnished by the City shall be metered, except fire sprinkler systems.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend CHAPTER 25 Water ARTICLE IV. Rates and Charges SECTION 25-51. METERS, First Reading 6.2.26](#)
[Exhibit A-ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Water Article IV Rates and Charges Section 25-51 Meters 6.2.26](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

B. [ID 26-8293](#)

Consider hearing the First Reading of an Ordinance AMENDING THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 25 - WATER, ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES. SECTION 25-52. POLICY, B. WATER BILL COLLECTIONS (1) AND (5) TO INCREASE THE REINSTATEMENT FEE.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Water, Reinstatement Fee First Reading 6.2.26](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

C. [ID 26-8314](#)

Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Change of property located at 63 Management Road only including PPIN # 56961 and PPIN # 56963. Property is changing from A-1 General Agricultural District to I-1 General Industrial District, due to the change in the character of the neighborhood. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [1st Reading Zoning Change Ordinance 63 Management Road Planning & Zoning Minutes 051426 63 Management Rd-05262026104931](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Ordinance be approved on first reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

D. [ID 26-8307](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance to rename streets known as "Memory Drive" to "Edgewood Drive".

Attachments: [Renaming Memory Dr. Second Reading](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

Enactment No: 1786-2026

E. [ID 26-8308](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Change of property located at 3227 Ellisville Blvd., from R-2 Medium Density Residential District, to C-2 General Commercial District to Pedro Jimenez Lara, due to change in the character of the neighborhood. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [2nd Reading Zoning Change Ordinance 3227 Ellisville Blvd.](#)

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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

Enactment No: 1787-2026

F. [ID 26-8305](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to authorize and approve execution of an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for the purpose of lease-purchasing six (6) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab ½ Ton Pickup Trucks for the use of Water & Sewer Services.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - Lease Purchase Agreement](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

G. [ID 26-8302](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to amend the 10-year annual termite maintenance agreement with Complete Pest Control to include additional City Buildings.

Attachments: [Termite Maintenance - 2026](#)

[Termite - City of Laurel proposal - Copy](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

H. [ID 26-8315](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving monetary sponsorship to Unlimited Entertainment, LLC to assist with advertising, marketing and promotional expenses during the Laurel Blues Festival.

Attachments: [ORDER approving contribution to Unlimited Entertainment LLC](#)

[Letter of Donation request Unlimited Entertainment LLC](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

I. [ID 26-8304](#)

Consider adopting an Order requesting the Laurel Fire Department be allowed to partner with Tyler Scott with Police, Fire, and EMS Calendars to solicit ads for the 2027 department calendar, and accept a check totaling 30% of the sales from the ads. The funds will be placed in the Specific Department Outlay account 001.260.939.0, and will be used in areas the Department deems necessary.

Attachments: [calendar ad 2027](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

J. [ID 26-8299](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Appointment of Aaron Parker as City Prosecutor for the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORD Confirm Appointment Municipal Court Prosecutor Parker 6.2.26](#)
[ORD Confirm Appointment Municipal Court Prosecutor Parker 6.2.26 Exhibit A](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

K. [ID 26-8303](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Appointment of Eli Adams as City Prosecutor Pro Tem for the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORD Confirm Appointment Prosecutor Pro Tem Adams 6.2.26](#)
[ORD Confirm Appointment Prosecutor Pro Tem Adams Exhibit A 6.2.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

L. [ID 26-8297](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding the Appointment of Mr. Marlon Ulmer to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority of Jones Count.

Attachments: [RES App EDA Ulmer 2026](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

M. [ID 26-8294](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that Sergeant Roman Moss and Sergeant Dalton Gieger be allowed to attend the MLEOTA (Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy) First Line Leadership and Supervision Level I Training Program held in Pearl, MS on July 7-9, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$1,534.00. Funds will be taken from the Police Department's Travel account #001-200-610-0.

Attachments: [FIRST LINE SUPERVISION I TRAINING JULY 7-9, 2026 PEARL, MS.doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

N. [ID 26-8309](#)

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

Attachments: [Order Special Exception Harriet Drummond 051426](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 051426](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

O. [ID 26-8310](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception to LaTonya Watson to allow operation of a commercial kitchen to be located at 1104 Queensburg Ave. Property is zoned R-2, Medium Residential District and located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [Order Special Exception La Tonya Watson 051426](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 051426](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

P. [ID 26-8311](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to Arnisha Dean to allow operation of a convenience store with the sale of beer to be located at 1538 N. 1st Ave. Property is zoned C-1, Restricted Commercial District, and is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Arnisha Dean- Special Exception Renewal 051426](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 051426](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

Q. [ID 26-8312](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to Alton Horne to allow operation of a snowball stand to be located at the Lot W. of 315 E. 15th St. Property is zoned I-3 Heavy Industrial District and is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Alton A Horne- Special Exception Renewal 051426](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 051426](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

R. [ID 26-8313](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to Hugh Stancil to allow operation of a bed and breakfast on the property, while residing next door to be located at 705 N. 5th Ave. Property is zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District, and is located in Ward 5.

Attachments: [Order Special Exception Hugh Stancil 051426](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 051426](#)

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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

S. [ID 26-8319](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to request advance construct from MDOT and execute a professional services agreement for right of way services of the 2023 RAISE Grant Project, Completing downtown Laurel, Contract I.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Contract](#)
[ROW Contract](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A.** [ID 26-8317](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to accept the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 06.02.2026](#)
[WARRANT JUNE 02 2026](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JUNE 02 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and George Carmichael

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