



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 6 - Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Councilperson Stacy Comegys, Councilperson Grace Amos and Councilperson Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Jason Capers

**Staff:** 2 - City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

**Staff Absent:** 1 - Mayor Johnny Magee

### PRAYER

Councilman Tony Wheat

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 20-4182](#) March 3, 2020

**Attachments:** [CoL Minutes of 03032020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 4E., Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for Kristal Jones and Lauren Stewart to attend the Spring 2020 Educational Program Workers' Compensation Workshop in Hattiesburg.

Delete Agenda Item 4F., Consider adopting an Order allowing Melicia Shaw Cooper to attend the 2020 End Violence Against Women International in Washington, DC.

Delete Agenda Item 4G., Consider adopting an Order allowing Melicia Shaw Cooper to attend the 2020 Conference on Crimes Against Women in Dallas, TX.

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 20-4174](#) Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of February 2020.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)  
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 2149](#)  
[New Business License List](#)

**This Presentation was presented: There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of February 2020. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk’s office.**

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- B. [ID 20-4192](#) Monthly Report of Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY20](#)  
[SALESTAX 2020](#)  
[TOURISMTAX 2020](#)  
[REVENUE 2020](#)

**Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk/Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification:**

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### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 20-4181](#) Consider adopting an Order to set the date of April 21, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on the following properties:

- a) Karl Hardy, property in need of DEMOLITION at 912 & 920 S Magnolia St., PPIN 29883 & 29882 WD 7
- b) RMF Funding LLC, property in need of cleaning at 336 N 14th Ave., PPIN 8918, WD 6
- c) 1021 LLC, property in need of cleaning at 1021 N 9th Ave., PPIN 12026, WD 2

Attachments: [sets for April 21 2020](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

##### 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the be conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

A. [ID 20-4185](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on March 17, 2020 in regard to the property at 1646 Queensburg Avenue, which is owned by Frank Martin Est. % Donald Barnett, to determine whether the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 7

**Attachments:** [1646 Queensburg](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

## 4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4186](#)

Consider adopting Resolution Finding And Determining That The Resolution Entitled “Resolution Declaring The Intention Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Laurel, Mississippi, To Issue General Obligation Bonds, Issue Revenue Bonds Or Seek A Loan From The Mississippi Development Bank To Be Paid With A Portion Of The Proceeds Of The City’s Recreation And Public Improvement Promotion Tax In The Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000), For The Purpose Of Providing Funds To Pay For (I) The Establishment, Development, Construction, Furnishing, Equipping, And Erection Of Recreation Facilities On Land Located Within Or In Close Proximity To The Corporate Limits Of The City, Including The Acquisition Of Land If Necessary; (Ii) The Establishment, Development, Construction, Furnishing, Equipping, And Erection Of Improvements At The South Mississippi Fairground; (III) The Costs Of Issuance Of The Bonds; And (IV) For Other Related Purposes All As Authorized By Sections 21-33-301, Mississippi Code Of 1972, As Amended, By House Bill 1868, 1998 Regular Session Of The Mississippi Legislature, And Sections 31-25-1 *Et Seq.*, Mississippi Code Of 1972, As Amended; And Directing Publication Of Notice Of Such Intention To Issue The Bonds” Was Duly Published As Required By Law; That No Sufficient Protest Against The Issuance Of The Bonds Described And Authorizing The Issuance Of Said Bonds In Said Resolution Has Been Filed By The Qualified Electors.

**Attachments:** [City of Laurel MS - GO Bonds Series 2020 - No Protest Resolution 3.17.20](#)  
[Proof of Publication for GO Bond \\$4,500,000 Recreation](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

B. [ID 20-4189](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award construction of the City of Laurel - 2020 Overlay Project.

**Attachments:** [Resolution.doc](#)  
[Ltr of Recommendation.pdf](#)  
[BidTab.pdf](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

**C.** [ID 20-4190](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the Administration authority to advertise for bids for construction of the 5th Avenue Overlay and Drainage Improvements Project.

**Attachments:** [Resolution.doc](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

**D.** [ID 20-4193](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Replacement of the Iris Drive Bridge.

**Attachments:** [RESAuthorizeAgreementIrisDriveBridgeReplacementEngineeringServices2020](#)  
[IMS Engineers Agreement Iris Drive Bridge Project](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

**E.** [ID 20-4188](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for Kristal Jones and Lauren Stewart to attend the Spring 2020 Educational Program: Advanced Municipal Liability and Workers' Compensation Workshop March 19, 2020 in Hattiesburg, MS.

**Attachments:** [ORDER - Travel Hattiesburg](#)  
[2020 Spring Educational Program - Hattiesburg, MS](#)

**This Order was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda**

**F.** [ID 20-4167](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing Melicia Shaw Cooper to attend the 2020 End Violence Against Women International on April 12-17, 2020 in Washington, DC.

**Attachments:** [2020 END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INTERNATIONAL WASHINGTON, DC](#)

**This Order was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda**

**G.** [ID 20-4168](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing Melicia Cooper to attend the 2020 Conference on Crimes Against Women in Dallas, TX on May 17-21, 2020.

**Attachments:** [2020 CONFERENCE ON CRIMES AGAINST DALLAS, TEXAS](#)

**This Order was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda**

**H.** [ID 20-4179](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance granting a zoning change from R-2 to C-2 on the property known as 724 & 728 N 14th Avenue. Ward 6

**Attachments:** [zoning change 2nd reading bell cabinet shop](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

Enactment No: 1693-2020

**I.** [ID 20-4180](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending and/or adding to the City of Laurel Zoning Codes C-2 General Commercial District.

**Attachments:** [Zoning Amendments ZA-20-01 2nd reading](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

Enactment No: 1694-2020

**J.** [ID 20-4178](#)

Consider approving the Second reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance NO. #1415-2002, #1497-2007, #1527-2008, #1542-2009, #1569-2010, #1583-2011, #1595-2012, #1603-2013, #1616-2014, #1624-2016, #1655-2017, #1676-2018, and #1686-2019 from Chapter 25, "Water", of the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article IV. "Rates and Charges", Section 25-53: Water Rates.

**Attachments:** [ordinance - water 20](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 2 - Jason Capers and Grace Amos

Enactment No: 1695-2020

Councilwoman Grace Amos arrived and entered the meeting

**K.** [ID 20-4177](#)

Consider approving the Second reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance Nos. 675-1973, 1416-2002, 1422-2002, 1528-2008, 1541-2009, 1568-2010, 1584-2011, 1594-2012, 1604-2013, 1615-2014, 1635-2016, 1656-2017, 1677-2018, and 1687-2019 from Chapter 20, "Sewers", of the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article I., "Sewer Connections:", Section 20-11: Sewer Rate Schedule.

**Attachments:** [ordinance - sewer 20](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 6 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - Jason Capers

Enactment No: 1696-2020

**L.** [ID 20-4173](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment at public auction.

**Attachments:** [ORDApproveAuctionSurplusEquipmentApril2020](#)  
[ORDApproveAuctionSurplusEquipmentApril2020.ExhibitA](#)  
[ORDApproveAuctionSurplusEquipmentApril2020.ExhibitB](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 6 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - Jason Capers

**M.** [ID 20-4187](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2020 budget.

**Attachments:** [Budget Amendment List](#)  
[Budget Amendment Order](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 6 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - Jason Capers

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

**A.** [ID 20-4191](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)  
[WARRANT MARCH 17 2020.pdf](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET MARCH 17 2020.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 6 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - Jason Capers

## EXECUTIVE SESSION