



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 6 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Thomas, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 1 - Councilperson Grace Amos
- 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 26-8250](#) April 21, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 04212026](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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 3A1., Consider adopting an Order to set a date of June 2, 2026 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness/ and or having a dead or diseased tree so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community:

A. Carol Jean Kimbrough, unkempt property at 1132 N. 14th Ave.

B. James M. Heidelberg % Michael Heidelberg, dead or diseased tree at 2nd Lot S. of 208 N. 17th Ave.

Delete Agenda Item 3A2(c), Resolution to conduct a public hearing on property in need of demolition; JSP Hospitality LLC, 415 N. Magnolia Street.

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8267](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation for the Sertoma Club of Laurel Honoring May as Speech and Hearing Month and Recognizing the Club's 50th Anniversary.

Attachments: [PRESENTATION-Proclamation Sertoma Club Speech & Hearing Month 5.5.26](#)

This Presentation was presented by Mayor Magee and accepted by some members of the Laurel Sertoma Club.

B. [ID 26-8257](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for March 2026.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - March 2026](#)
[Certification Letter - March 2026](#)
[Revenue - March 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 26-8263](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of June 2, 2026 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness/ and or having a dead or diseased tree so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community:

A. Carol Jean Kimbrough, unkempt property at 1132 N. 14th Ave. PPIN 10469 Ward 2

B. James M. Heidelberg % Michael Heidelberg, dead or diseased tree at 2nd Lot S. of 208 N. 17th Ave. PPIN 43948 Ward 1

Attachments: [Sets 06-02-26](#)
[Notices-04282026094253](#)

This Order to Set Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

A. [ID 26-8254](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 5, 2026 in regards to a property located at 1506 N. 1st Ave., belonging to MS TL LLC, 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 4

Attachments: [Resolution 1506 N. 1st Ave.\(demo\)](#)
[1506 N 1st Ave 5-5-26](#)
[R.1506 N 1st Ave-04202026141028](#)
[P 1506 N 1ST AVE-04222026085439](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas and Angie Scruggs

Nay: 1 - Marian Allen

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

B. [ID 26-8255](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 5, 2026 in regards to a property located at 212 Masonite Dr., belonging to Tonquerrie Alexander Jefferson Etux, 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 212 Masonite Dr.\(demo\)](#)
[212 MASONITE DR 5-5-26](#)
[R.212 masonite Dr-04202026135910](#)
[P.212 Masonite Dr-04202026135955](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a (6) six months extension and revisit to see improvements. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

C. [ID 26-8256](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 5, 2026 in regards to a property located at 415 N. Magnolia St., belonging to JSP Hospitality LLC, 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 415 N. Magnolia St. \(demo\)](#)
[415 N MAGNOLIA ST 5-5-26](#)
[R.415 N Magnolia St-04202026140111](#)
[P.415 N Magnolia St-04202026140146](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

D. [ID 26-8259](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 5, 2026 in regards to a property located at 863 S. Magnolia St., belonging to F&L Rental Properties LLC, 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 863 S. Magnolia St.\(demo\)](#)
[863 S Magnolia 5-5-26](#)
[R.863 S Magnolia St-04202026140817](#)
[P. 863 S MAGNOLIA ST-04222026085028](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, that no action be taken. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

E. [ID 26-8260](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 5, 2026 in regards to a property located at 1119 N. 9th Ave., belonging to Big Rig Sounds LLC, 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 1119 N. 9th Ave.\(demo\)](#)
[1119 NORTH 9TH AVE. MAY 5, 2026](#)
[R.1119 N 9th Ave-04202026135549](#)
[P.1119 N 9th Ave-04202026135606](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

F. [ID 26-8261](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 5, 2026 in regards to a property located at 1432 Old Amy Rd., belonging to Jamar J. Jermaine Dean, 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 2

Attachments: [Resolution 1432 Old Amy Rd.\(demo\)](#)
[1432 OLD AMY RD. MAY 5, 2026](#)
[R.1432 Old Amy Rd-04202026135641](#)
[P.1432 Old Amy Rd-04202026135702](#)

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, Andrea Thomas and Angie Scruggs

Nay: 1 - Marian Allen

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Jadeo Singh, 902 Ellisville Blvd
 Tina Bruce, 2031 Ellisville Blvd
 Thaddeus Edmonson, Julian Street
 Timothy Blue, Queensburg Avenue
 Tracie Smith
 Sheila Norman, 134 W. 20th Street
 Kim Page

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8251](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to accept Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - Audit](#)
[CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI-AUDIT REPORT 2025](#)

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, Andrea Thomas and Angie Scruggs

Nay: 1 - Marian Allen

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

B. [ID 26-8247](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding Ratification of Emergency Order for Repair of Drainage Culvert on 10th Street between 16th Avenue and Wansley Road.

Attachments: [ORDRatifyEMERGENCY Order Repair 10th Street Drainage Culvert between 16th Avenue and Wansley Road 5.5.26](#)
[Exhibit A- ORDRatifyEMERGENCY Order Repair 10th Street Drainage Culvert between 16th Avenue and Wansley Road 5.5.26](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

C. [ID 26-8265](#)

Consider adopting an Order to purchase, advertise and receive quotes from area lending sources for financing of vehicles to be used for Public Utilities - Water & Sewer Services.

Attachments: [ORDER - Advertise Financing Six Pickup Trucks](#)
[Notice - Financing Pickup Trucks](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

D. [ID 26-8264](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Sale of Various Unused Vehicles and Equipment at Public Auction.

Attachments: [ORDER-Authorize Auction of Surplus Vehicles 5.5.26](#)
[ORDER-Authorize Auction of Surplus Vehicles 5.5.26, Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

E. [ID 26-8248](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Accept a Donation of Display Cases from the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art.

Attachments: [ORDAcceptDonationDisplayCasesLaurenRogersMuseum5.5.26](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

F. [ID 26-8266](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to Consider Authorizing the City to Contribute In-Kind Services for an America250 Mississippi Grant Awarded to Laurel Main Street in Partnership with the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art.

Attachments: [RES Authorize InKind Services for America250 Mississippi Grant 5.5.26](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

G. [ID 26-8253](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Acceptance of the Mississippi State Dept. of Health's Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) STOP Violence Against Women Grant for FY25 through FY27, to Fund the Victim's Advocate Position in the Laurel Police Department.

Attachments: [ORD Authorizing Acceptance of Office Against Interpersonal Violence \(OAIV\) STOP Violence Against Women Grant for FY23-27 5.5.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

H. [ID 26-8252](#)

Consider hearing the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending "Chapter 11 HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Section 11-1A. Definitions" of the Laurel Code of Ordinances.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 11 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE First Reading 5.5.26](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

I. [ID 26-8262](#)

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

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Peggy Collins Gatlin, at 1625 W. 20th St. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee \$9, 629.00 Ward 2
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Felicia Robinson, at 623 E. Kingston St. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee \$5, 128.00 Ward 5

Attachments: [Demo Assessments 050526](#)
[DEMO BILLS 5-5-26-04282026092921](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the Order be adopted, following discussion, Councilperson Allen made the motion to suspend the items until further investigations to review said company that demolished properties up for payment, there being no second, the President proceeded back to original motion as presented . Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael and Angie Scruggs

Nay: 2 - Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8258](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 05.05.2026](#)
[WARRANT MAY 05 2026](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET MAY 05 2026](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Grace Amos

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, May 19, 2026, this the 5th day of May, 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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