



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PRAYER

Councilperson Angie Scruggs

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 25-7907](#) July 25, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 07252025](#)

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

##### 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 25-7898](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 5, 2025 in regards to a property located at 616 Haddon St., belonging to Horace A. Taylor, 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 616 Haddon St.\(demo\)](#)  
[616 HADDON ST 8-05-2025](#)  
[R 616 HADDON ST-07212025135221](#)  
[P 616 HADDON ST-07212025135250](#)

- B. [ID 25-7900](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 5, 2025 in regards to a property located at 1815 N. 1st Ave., belonging to Joseph M. Burroughs, 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 1815 N. 1st Ave.\(demo\)](#)  
[1815 N 1ST AVE 8-05-2025](#)  
[R 1815 N 1ST AVE-07212025135355](#)  
[P 1815 N 1ST AVE-07212025135411](#)

- C. [ID 25-7901](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 5, 2025 in regards to a property located at 2103 N. 5th Ave., belonging to David J. Arrington, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 4.

*Attachments:* [Resolution 2103 N. 5th Ave.\(demo\)](#)  
[2103 N 5TH AVE 8-05-2025](#)  
[R 2103 N 5TH AVE-07212025135511](#)  
[P 2103 N 5TH AVE-07212025135529](#)

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

## 4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7871](#) Consider adopting an Emergency Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 Offenses, Article 3 Curfew for Minors, Offenses, Defenses and Enforcement, Etc. Sec. 15-27 Definitions A. Curfew Hours and Sec. 15-30 Enforcement.

*Attachments:* [Emergency Ordinance-Amend Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 Curfew 8.5.25](#)

- B. [ID 25-7892](#)** Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Acceptance of the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety 154 Alcohol Impaired Driving Grant for FY2026.
- Attachments:* [ORDER Authorize Agreement 154 Alcohol FY26 MS Office Highway Safety Gra](#)  
[ORDER Authorize Agreement 154 Alcohol FY26 MS Office Highway Safety Gra](#)
- C. [ID 25-7893](#)** Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Acceptance of the 402 Police Traffic Services FY2026 Grant from the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety.
- Attachments:* [ORDER Authorize Agreement 402 Police Traffic Services FY26 MS Office High](#)  
[ORDER Authorize Agreement 402 Police Traffic Services FY26 MS Office High](#)
- D. [ID 25-7894](#)** Consider adopting an Order Accepting a Donation of Tire Repair Supplies from Tractor Supply Co.
- Attachments:* [ORDAcceptDonationTractorSupplyTireRepairSupplies2025](#)
- E. [ID 25-7896](#)** Consider hearing the First 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 Rate](#)
- F. [ID 25-7897](#)** Consider adopting an Order Authorizing a Special Appropriation to First Methodist Church of Laurel to Participate in a Project to Resurface and Stripe City Parking Lot.
- Attachments:* [ORDAuthorizeAppropriationFirstMethodistChurchPaveParkingLot 8.5.25](#)  
[ORDAuthorizeAppropriationFirstMethodistChurchPaveParkingLot EXHIBIT A 8.](#)
- G. [ID 25-7905](#)** Consider adopting an 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 FY 2025-26 with no changes to Life or Vision. Ins and Dental Ins.
- Attachments:* [ORDER - BCBS health benefits 2025-2026](#)
- H. [ID 25-7899](#)** Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Hiring of Mr. Tony Wheat as Director of Public Works for the City of Laurel.
- Attachments:* [ORDConfirmPublicWorksDirectorTonyWheat2025](#)  
[ORDConfirmPublicWorksDirectorTonyWheat2025.ExhibitA](#)
- I. [ID 25-7904](#)** Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Reappointment of Mr. Elvin Ulmer to the Board of Directors of the Laurel Airport Authority.
- Attachments:* [ORDAppAirportAuthorityElvinUlmer2025](#)

- J. [ID 25-7886](#) Consider an Order approving meals, registration and hotel expenses for Michael Shoemaker to attend the Generac University Air-Cooled Generator class held in Jacksonville, FL on August 29-30, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 and shall be paid from Inspection Department Travel, Job Training, and Meals Account (001-280-610.0).

*Attachments:* [ORDER Generator Class Michael Shoemaker](#)

- K. [ID 25-7906](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2025.

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

- L. [ID 25-7891](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve tax exemptions on Ad Valorem for Amick Farms, LLC - Hatchery and Mill.

*Attachments:* [AD VALOREM Final Resolution - Amick Hatchery 2025](#)  
[DOR Exemption Amick Farms Hatchery 2025](#)

- M. [ID 25-7890](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve tax exemption on Ad Valorem for Amick Farms, LLC - Poultry Processing Plant.

*Attachments:* [AD VALOREM Final Resolution - Amick Processing Plant 2025](#)  
[DOR Exemption Amick Farms Processing Plant 2025](#)

- N. [ID 25-7889](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve tax exemption on Ad Valorem for Howard Industries, Inc. - Transformer Division.

*Attachments:* [AD VALOREM Final Resolution - Howard Transformer Div 2025](#)  
[DOR Exemption Howard Industries 2025](#)

- O. [ID 25-7888](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve tax exemption on Ad Valorem for Laurel Machine and Foundry Co. Downtown Shop.

*Attachments:* [AD VALOREM Final Resolution - Laurel M&F Downtown 2025](#)  
[DOR Exemption LMF Downtown Shop 2025](#)

- P. [ID 25-7887](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve tax exemption on Ad Valorem for Laurel Machine and Foundry Machine Shop and Mill.

*Attachments:* [AD VALOREM Final Resolution - Laurel M&F Machine 2025](#)  
[DOR Exemption LMF Machine & Mill 2025](#)

- Q. [ID 25-7902](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve Demolition Assessments on the following properties:

A. Demolition of property assessed to Donald C. Rogers, at 27 Meadowbrook Dr. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, \$3, 076.00 Ward 7

*Attachments:* [Demo Assessments 08052025](#)  
[Demo 8-5-25-07292025094254](#)

- R. [ID 25-7903](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve Lot Cleaning Assessments on the following properties:

A. Cleaning of property assessed to James C. Martz, at 4104 University Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 3

B. Cleaning of property assessed to Rio Cuilco Properties LLC, at Lot W. of 111 W. 16th St. Total assessed cost \$95.35 Ward 4

C. Cleaning of property assessed to Douglas M. Beech, at 1419 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$150.69 Ward 4

D. Cleaning of property assessed to Yah Roots, at 1642 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$102.17 Ward 4

E. Cleaning of property assessed to Betty Hertel Vreeland, at 214 N. Pine St. Total assessed cost \$156.71 Ward 5

F. Cleaning of property assessed to Larken Sanchez, at 329 N. 15th Ave. Total assessed cost \$102.96 Ward 6

G. Cleaning of property assessed to Jerry Terrell, at 336 N. 14th Ave. Total assessed cost \$118.19 Ward 6

H. Cleaning of property assessed to Linwood C. Johnson III, at 1125 Wally St. Total assessed cost \$82.73 Ward 7

I. Cleaning of property assessed to Costar Project Inc., at 1638 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$102.17 Ward 4

*Attachments:* [Assessments 8-5-2025](#)  
[Notices 8-5-07282025135828](#)

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-7895](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

*Attachments:* [Claims Docket Resolution 08-05-25](#)  
[WARRANT AUGUST 5 2025](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET AUGUST 5 2025](#)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

