



City of Laurel

401 N. 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440
www.laurelms.com

Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Thomas, Councilperson Grace Amos and Councilperson Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Vice President Jason Capers and Councilperson Marian Allen

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

Staff Absent: 1 - City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Kevin Kelly

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 25-8075](#) Public Hearing Minutes-Amick Farms CAP Loan Anaerobic Lagoon Project

Attachments: [Public Hearing For CAP LOAN FOR AMICK FARMS ANAEROBIC LAGOON IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT Minutes 11182025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

- B. [ID 25-8076](#) November 18, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 11182025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Thomas, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-8077](#) Monthly Budget Certification for October 2025.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - October 2025](#)
[Certification Letter - October 2025](#)
[Revenue - October 2025](#)
[Sales Tax - October 2025](#)
[Tourism Tax - October 2025](#)
[Tourism Tax 3% HOTELS - October 2025](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 25-8081](#) Consider adopting an Order to set a date of January 6, 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. Matthew Harvey Jr, dilapidated residence at 807 S. 7th Ave. PPIN 30586 Ward 6
- B. Timothy E. Blue, dilapidated residence at 1038 Taylor St. PPIN 12446 Ward 7

Attachments: [Sets 01-06-26](#)
[Notices 010626-11252025102647](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 25-8069](#) Consider adopting an Order Authorizing the City of Laurel to Utilize Tourism Funds to Reimburse the Economic Development Authority of Jones County for Lease of a Billboard to Promote Tourism in Laurel.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeReimbursementtoEDAforTourismBillboard12.2.25](#)

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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

B. [ID 25-8080](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk’s Office for a new Street Sweeper.

Attachments: [ORDERAuthorizeAdvertisementforBidsforStreetSweeper.12.2.25](#)
[ORDERAuthorizeAdvertisementforBidsforStreetSweeper.12.2.25.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

C. [ID 25-8070](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing an Agreement for Maintenance Services for City Generators.

Attachments: [ORDAAuthorizeAgreementGeneratorMaintenance2026.12.2.25](#)
[ORDAAuthorizeAgreementGeneratorMaintenance2026.12.2.25.ExhibitA](#)
[ORDAAuthorizeAgreementGeneratorMaintenance2026.12.2.25.ExhibitB](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

D. [ID 25-8074](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing the Advertisement for Request for Qualifications and Pricing Proposals for Water, Sewer, and Utility Billing Department Services in the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORDAAuthorizeAdWaterSewerUtilityBillingServicesContract2026](#)
[ORDAAuthorizeAdWaterSewerUtilityBillingServicesContract2026.ExhibitA](#)

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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

E. [ID 25-8082](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to accept close-out documents and approve Summary Change Order No. 3 for the Joe Wheeler Avenue ARPA Utility and Roadway Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Compiled Closeout Package](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

F. [ID 25-8079](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve professional services for the 2026 City Wide Paving Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[2026 Paving Engineering Contract](#)

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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

G. [ID 25-8072](#)

Consider adopting the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 4 *Amusements*, Article IV. *Festivals, Carnivals, and Special Events*.

Attachments: [First Reading Ordinance for Chapter 4 Article IV 12.02.2025](#)

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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

H. [ID 25-8071](#)

Consider adopting an Order Approving Travel Expenses for Mayor Johnny Magee to Attend the Annual Affordable Housing Conference Sponsored by the Mississippi Home Corporation April 29-May 1, 2026 in Biloxi, MS.

Attachments: [ORDTravHousingAffordableConferenceApril2026](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

I. [ID 25-8078](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve Semi-Annual and Annual Bids for Fiscal Year 2026.

Attachments: [Resolution - Annual & Semi Annual FY 2026](#)

[Item #1 - Asphalt and Asphalt Mixes](#)

[Item #2 - Street Maintenance Materials](#)

[Item #3 - Equipment Rental and Labor](#)

[Item #4-1 - Chemicals](#)

[Item #4-2 - Chemicals-Mosquito](#)

[Item #5 - Fire Hydrants](#)

[Item #6 - Sewer Line Maintenance Materials](#)

[Item #7 - Water Line Maintenance Materials](#)

[Item #8 - Water Meters & Accessories](#)

[Item #9 - Sewer Pump Station Maintenance](#)

[Item #10 - Pest Control Services](#)

[Item #11 - Veterinarian Services](#)

[Item #12 - Printing](#)

[Item #13 - Water Well Service](#)

[Item #14 - Traffic Signal Maintenance Materials](#)

[Item #15 - Traffic Signs](#)

[Item #16 - Electrical System Maintenance](#)

[Item #17 - Screening Hauling From Waste Water Plants](#)

[Item #18 - Commercial Contractor, Skilled Carpenter Skilled Laborer & Unskilled Labor](#)

[Item #19 - Building Materials](#)

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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8073](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 12.02.2025](#)

[WARRANT DECEMBER 02 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET DECEMBER 2 2025](#)

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 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Marian Allen

EXECUTIVE SESSION