



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 5 - Vice President Jason Capers, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos, Councilperson Marian Allen and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 2 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly and Councilperson Andrea Thomas
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King and City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Marian Allen

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 26-8153](#) February 3, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 02032026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8150](#) Monthly Report Privilege Taxes January 2026.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 7406](#)

[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of January, 2026. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING
2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Andre Heath, Clearwater Solutions

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8147](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding Ratification of an Emergency Order for Implementation of Cloud-Based Records Management Software for Laurel Police Department.

Attachments: [ORDRatifyEMERGENCYOrderImplementCloud-BasedRecordsManagementSoftwareLPD2.17.26](#)
[ORDRatifyEMERGENCYOrderImplementCloud-BasedRecordsManagementSoftwareLPD2.17.26 EXHIBIT A](#)
[ORDRatifyEMERGENCYOrderImplementCloud-BasedRecordsManagementSoftwareLPD2.17.26 EXHIBIT B](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 26-8160](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to enter a professional services agreement for the Pendorf Water Improvements Phase I.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Contract](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

C. [ID 26-8157](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to advertise for construction of the Arco Lane Bridge Replacement Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

D. [ID 26-8149](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Ratify an Emergency Order for Repair of Euclid Park Canal.

Attachments: [ORDRatifyEMERGENCYOrderRepairEuclidParkCanal2.17.26](#)
[ORDRatifyEMERGENCYOrderRepairEuclidParkCanal2.17.26 EXHIBIT A](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

E. [ID 26-8148](#)

Consider hearing the First Reading of an Ordinance to Close and Vacate a Road Right-of-Way on a Portion of Mill Street as Described on Exhibit “A”.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Close and Vacate ROW on Portion of Mill Street, First Reading 2.17.26](#)
[ORDINANCE Close and Vacate ROW on Portion of Mill Street, First Reading 2.17.26 EXHIBIT A](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

F. [ID 26-8154](#)

Consider adopting A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TITLE TO REVERTED REAL PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY DONATED TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN.

Attachments: [RES Authorize Acceptance of Title to Reverted Property 2.17.26](#)
[RES Authorize Acceptance of Title to Reverted Property 2.17.26 Exhibit A](#)
[RES Authorize Acceptance of Title to Reverted Property 2.17.26 Exhibit B](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

G. [ID 26-8161](#)

Consider adopting an Order amending the City of Laurel organizational chart and approving related classification and pay grade changes, effective retroactive to February 15, 2026.

Attachments: [Order Amending Organizational Chart – Police and Parks.docx](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

H. [ID 26-8156](#)

Consider adopting an Order Appointing Louis Crumbley to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel Municipal Separate School District.

Attachments: [ORDAppSchoolBoardCrumbley2026](#)
[ORDAppSchoolBoardCrumbley2026.ExhibitA](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

I. [ID 26-8152](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Appointment of Certain members to the City of Laurel's Tree Board.

Attachments: [ORDERAppointTreeBoardGroup2026](#)
[ORDERAppointTreeBoardGroup2026.ExhibitA](#)
[ORDERAppointTreeBoardGroup2026.ExhibitB](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

J. [ID 26-8151](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding Creation of the Laurel Sports Hall of Fame Committee.

Attachments: [RES Appoint Sports Hall of Fame Committee 2.17.26](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

K. [ID 26-8159](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2026 budget.

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

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

L. [ID 26-8155](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve in-state travel for City Clerk/Finance Director, Kristal Jones, and Deputy Clerk, Katira Hammett, to attend the 2026 Spring Municipal Clerk Conference in Starkville, MS on April 29 - May 01, 2026.

Attachments: [Order - Travel Starkville MS Spring Conference](#)

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, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

M. [ID 26-8163](#)

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

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Karlee Henderson, at 1113 Mississippi Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 4
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Willie Davis Cooley, at 201 Flora Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 5

Attachments: [Demo Assessments 021726](#)
[Demo Assessments 021726-02102026112740](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A.** [ID 26-8162](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Ratify Approval of notice for March 12, 2026 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 031226](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Marian Allen, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 26-8158](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 02.17.2026](#)
[WARRANT FEBRUARY 17 2026](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET FEBRUARY 17 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, George Carmichael, Grace Amos, Marian Allen and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 5:30p.m., this the 17th day of February, A. D., 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

COUNCILPERSON WARD 1

COUNCILPERSON WARD 5

COUNCILPERSON WARD 2

COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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