



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 7, 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 Grace Amos and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 1 - Councilperson Marian Allen
- Staff:** 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King
- Staff Absent:** 1 - City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Angie Scruggs

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 26-8212](#) March 17, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 03172026](#)

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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 2 - Brett Robinson and Marian Allen

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the agenda be approved as printed. 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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8216](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for February 2026.

Attachments: [Certification Cover Sheet - February 2026](#)

[Certification Letter - February 2026](#)

[Revenue - February 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 26-8215](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Set a Date of May 5, 2026 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the properties listed below to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health of the community.

- A. Marquin Bivens, dilapidated residence at 730 E. 18th St. PPIN 10860 Ward 4
- B. Henry Harold Frohman Est, dilapidated residence at 520 W. 16th St. PPIN 10082 Ward 4
- C. MS TL LLC, dilapidated residence at 1506 N. 1st Ave. PPIN 8085 Ward 4
- D. Tonquerrie Alexander Jefferson Etux, at 212 Masonite Dr. PPIN 14581 Ward 5
- E. JSP Hospitality LLC, dilapidated structure at 415 N. Magnolia St. PPIN 14473 Ward 5
- F. F&L Rental Properties LLC, dilapidated residence at 863 S. Magnolia St. PPIN 8459 Ward 7
- G. Big Rig Sounds, dilapidated residence at 1119 N. 9th Ave. PPIN 13472 Ward 5
- H. Jamar J. Jermaine Dean, dilapidated residence at 1432 Old Amy Rd. PPIN 31646 Ward 2

Attachments: [Sets 05-05-26](#)
[Notices 5-5-26-03312026100908](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8206](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve agreement for professional services for Cityworks Platform Migration and Training.

Attachments: [Resolution Cityworks Upgrade](#)
[Cityworks Platform Migration and Report Transition](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

B. [ID 26-8207](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve agreement for professional services to implement Cityworks Storeroom.

Attachments: [Resolution Storeroom Implementation](#)
[Cityworks Implementation of Storeroom](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

C. [ID 26-8213](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to award construction of the 12th Street Improvements Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Auth to Award Certified Bid Tab](#)
[Letter of Recommendation Signed](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

D. [ID 26-8214](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to execute the Construction Engineering and Inspection Agreement (CEI) of the 12th Street Improvements Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Auth to Execute CEI Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract109424-701000](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

E. [ID 26-8200](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution APPROVING A SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LAUREL AS PART OF THE CITY'S SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) FY2024 GRANT PROGRAM.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Approving the City's Safe Streets For All Safety Action Plan 4.7.26](#)
[Exhibit A - SS4A Safety Action Plan March 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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

F. [ID 26-8204](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding Ratification of an Emergency Order for the Repair of Traffic Signal.

Attachments: [EMERGENCYOrderRatify-Restore Traffic Signal at Intersection of Old Bay, Audubon Drive, Garden Drive, Crescent Hill 4.7.26](#)
[EMERGENCYOrderRatify-Exhibit A, Restore Traffic Signal at Intersection of Old Bay, Audubon Drive, Garden Drive, Crescent Hill 4.7.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

G. [ID 26-8219](#)

Consider adopting an Order granting a Conditional Use to Jamera McDonald in order to operate a funeral home in a C-1A, Professional Office District.

Attachments: [Conditional Use Jamera McDonald](#)
[Jamera McDonald-03312026093229](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 031226](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

H. [ID 26-8218](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Variance from Section 601.03 of the Zoning Ordinance to LRG Investors. Variance is being sought to reduce required parking at existing Kroger Store.

Attachments: [Variance 2340 MS-15](#)
[2340 MS 15-03312026092705](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 031226](#)

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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

I. [ID 26-8202](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 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, 1687-2019, 1696-2020, 1708-2021, 1721-2022, 1744-2023, 1757-2024, AND 1766-2025 FROM CHAPTER 20, "SEWERS", OF THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE I., "SEWER CONNECTIONS:, SECTION 20-11: SEWER RATE SCHEDULE, REGARDING INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 20 Sewers Section 53 Industrial Customers Second Reading 4.7.26](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

Enactment No: 1781-2025

J. [ID 26-8203](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 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, 1687-2019, 1696-2020, 1708-2021, 1721-2022, 1744-2023, 1757-2024, AND 1766-2025 FROM CHAPTER 20, "SEWERS", OF THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE I., "SEWER CONNECTIONS:, SECTION 20-11: SEWER RATE SCHEDULE TO ESTABLISH RATE FOR COUNTY-OWNED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 20 Section 20-11 Sewer Rates Establish County-Owned Healthcare Facility Rate-Second Reading 4.7.26](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

Enactment No: 1782-2025

K. [ID 26-8201](#)

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, 1686-2019, 1695-2020, 1707-2021, 1720-2022, 1743-2023, 1756-2024, 1772-2025, AND 1776-2025 FROM CHAPTER 25, "WATER", OF THE CITY OF LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE IV. "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTION 25-53: WATER RATES TO ESTABLISH RATE FOR COUNTY-OWNED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 25 Section 53 Water Rate Establish County-Owned Healthcare Facility Rate-Second Reading 4.7.26](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

Enactment No: 1783-2025

L. [ID 26-8199](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify the Laurel Fire Department's submission of a Wal-Mart Community Grant application and authorizing the City to accept the grant award.

Attachments: [ORDER - Ratifying Application to WalMart Community Grant and Authorizing Acceptance of Funds 4.7.26](#)

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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

M. [ID 26-8209](#)

Consider adopting an Order Appointing Rebecca Hooper to the Board of Trustees for the Laurel Jones County Library.

Attachments: [ORDER Appoint Rebecca Hooper to Library Board 4.7.26](#)
[ORDER-Appoint Hooper Library Board Exhibit A 4.7.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

N. [ID 26-8205](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for the Human Resources Director and Safety Coordinator to attend a Municipal Liability & Workers' Compensation Educational Workshop hosted by the Mississippi Municipal Service Company on April 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to support risk management, compliance, and employee safety initiatives.

Attachments: [ORDER MMSC WC Workshop April 21 2026 Kita and Delta.docx](#)
[82-Workshop-Brochure--](#)
[-2026-Manual-Registration-form-all-sessions.pdf](#)
[MMSC Workshop D.Holloway Sign-up.pdf](#)
[MMSC Workshop L. Wilson Sign-up.pdf](#)

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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

O. [ID 26-8210](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that Shannon Caraway be allowed to attend the 2026 Mississippi D.A.R.E. Officer Training Conference on July 7-9, 2026 in Biloxi, MS at an estimated cost of \$866.60.

Attachments: [2026 DARE TRAINING CONFERENCE IN BILOXI, MS.doc](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

P. [ID 26-8211](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that Chief Earl Reed and Deputy Chief Shane Valentine be allowed to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Chief of Police Conference on June 15-19, 2026 in Biloxi, MS at an estimated cost of \$2,625.76.

Attachments: [CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE 2026 --BILOXI, MS \(AutoRecovered\).doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8217](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 04.07.2026](#)

[WARRANT APRIL 07 2026](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET APRIL 07 2026](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., this the 7th day of April, 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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