



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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 Angie Scruggs

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 25-8090](#) December 2, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 12022025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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 Angie Scruggs, that the agenda be approved as printed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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 25-8084](#)

Monthly Report Privilege Taxes November, 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[New Business License List](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 0388](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of November, 2025. 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

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, to conduct a public hearing. 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

A. [ID 25-8096](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 16, 2025 in regards to a property located at 607 Mississippi Ave., belonging to Catherine D & Audrey Dell Walker, 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 607 Mississippi Ave.\(demo\)](#)
[607 N MISSISSIPPI AVE 12-16-25](#)
[R.607 Mississippi Ave-12022025155159](#)
[P.607 Mississippi Ave-12022025155215](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a (6) six months extension. 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. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8095](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to execute an amendment of the professional services agreement.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Additional Services.pdf](#)

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

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

B. [ID 25-8097](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2025 Citywide Paving Project.

Attachments: [Resolution CO2.doc](#)
[2025 Citywide Paving Project- Change Order Request #2.pdf](#)

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

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

C. [ID 25-8089](#)

Consider adopting approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Section IV, *Festivals, Carnivals, and Special Events* of the Laurel Code of Ordinances.

Attachments: [Second Reading Ordinance for Chapter 4 Article IV 12.16.2025](#)

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

Absent: 2 - Kevin Kelly and Andrea Thomas

Enactment No: 1778-2025

D. [ID 25-8087](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a proposal to proceed with the design and installation of a new playground located at Mason Park.

Attachments: [ORDER ACCEPTING MASON PARK PLAYGROUNDproposal 12.16.25](#)
[Mason Park Playground Project Exhibit A 12.16.25](#)

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

E. [ID 25-8093](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Consider Authorizing Application for Bullet Proof Vest Grant, Commitment of Local Matching Funds, and Execution of Documents Necessary for Acceptance of Funds and Implementation of Project Should Grant Be Awarded.

Attachments: [ORDAAuthorizeApplicationBulletProofVestGrant2025](#)

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

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F. [ID 25-8091](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve opting-out of House Bill 1197 - Safe Solicitation Act.

Attachments: [Resolution - HB1197 - Opt-Out](#)
[HB1197 Approved-by-the-Governor](#)

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

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G. [ID 25-8086](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for the Parks and Recreation Director, Elvin Ulmer, to attend the 2026 Sports Field Management Association Annual Conference and Exhibition being held in Fort Worth, TX, January 18 - 23, 2026.

Attachments: [ORDER 2026 SFMA CONFERENCE & EXPO](#)
[SFMA 2026 TRAVEL INFO.](#)

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

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H. [ID 25-8083](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Deputy Clerks, Katira Hammett, Talana Fagan, and Ann Brown to attend the 2026 Spring Certified Municipal Clerk Training in Hattiesburg, MS from March 25 - 27, 2026.

Attachments: [Order - 2026 Spring CMC Training](#)

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

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I. [ID 25-8088](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting donations in the amount of \$800.00 to the B.E. Murph Center that will contribute to the costs of various activities for Senior Citizens.

Attachments: [ORDER DONATION SR. CENTER25.2](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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

J. [ID 25-8094](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Inspection Department be allowed to accept a donation from Shree Jalasai LLC in the amount of \$500.00. Funds will be placed in the Inspection Department's account #001-000-109.8.

Attachments: [Order - Accept Donation](#)
[Donation-12092025095237](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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

K. [ID 25-8085](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept a donation from Shree Jalasai LLC in the amount of \$1,000.00. Funds will be placed in the Police Department's Account #001-000-109-6.

Attachments: [SHREE JALASAI LLC DONATION 2025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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

L. [ID 25-8098](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Felix & Alba Ojeda Martinez., at 1415 N. 1st Ave., Total assessed cost \$82.57 Ward 4
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Long Land Investments Inc % Orlando & Carrie Johnikin, at 1516 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$78.92 Ward 4
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Raphael Marquis Wash Trust, at 2223 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Willie Charles Reed, at 121 E. Kingston St. Total assessed cost \$102.01 Ward 5
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Jill L. Franco, at Lot W. of 122 E. Kingston St. Total assessed cost \$77.12 Ward 5
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments LLC at 1025 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$84.21 Ward 5
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments LLC, at 1114 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$75.52 Ward 5
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Linwood C. Johnson, at 1125 Walley St. Total assessed cost \$97.00 Ward 7
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Show Me Investments LLC, at 1138 Anderson St. Total assessed cost \$88.26 Ward 7
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Pearlina S. Anderson, at 1153 Capitol St. Total assessed cost \$90.23 Ward 7
- K. Cleaning of property assessed to Shah Trust % Theseus Legree TTEE, at 1157 Capitol St. Total assessed cost \$90.23 Ward 7
- L. Cleaning of property assessed to Jo S. Morgan Est % Willie Matthews Jr., at Lot 7, 8, 9 on Capitol St. Total assessed cost \$71.59 Ward 7
- M. Cleaning of property assessed to Romas Revell McLain, at 2103 Center Ave. Total assessed cost \$92.80 Ward 7
- N. Cleaning of property assessed to Exclusive Investments USA LLC, at Lot S. of 2104 N. Center Ave. Total assessed cost \$132.59 Ward 7
- O. Cleaning of property assessed to Eclipse17 LLC, at 2322 Queensburg Ave. Total assessed cost \$108.23 Ward 7

Attachments: [Assessments 12-16-2025](#)

[Bills 121625-12082025154300](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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:

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 25-8099](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of January 8, 2026 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 010826](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Marian Allen, 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

B. [ID 25-8092](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 12.16.2025](#)

[WARRANT DECEMBER 16 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET DECEMBER 16 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, 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, January 6, 2026 @ 5:30 pm., this the 16th day of December, A. D., 2025.

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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