



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, March 3, 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 Jason Capers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 26-8164](#) February 17, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 02172026](#)

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: 1 - Marian Allen

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the be that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 3BA., Citizens Hearing - Linda Walton

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8166](#)

Proclamation declaring the week of March 8-14, 2026 as Girl Scout Week in the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [Proclamation-2026 Girl Scout Week](#)

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

A. [ID 26-8176](#)

Linda Walton

Attachments: [Linda Walton-Citizens Hearing](#)

C. CITIZENS FORUM

Billy Joe Seals, 704 S. 6th Avenue

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8169](#)

Consider adopting the First Reading of an Ordinance to close the alley between Churchton St. and Anderson St. off Pearson St. running about 239 feet.

Attachments: [ALLEY CLOSING](#)

[Alley closure-02242026102242](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the Ordinance be approved on first 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

B. [ID 26-8165](#)

Consider approving the Second 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, SECOND READING 3.3.26](#)
[ORDINANCE Close and Vacate ROW on Portion of Mill Street, Second Reading 3.3.26 EXHIBIT A](#)

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: 1779-2025

C. [ID 26-8177](#)

Consider adopting a RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RESOLUTION TITLED "RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI (THE "CITY"), DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY TO ISSUE COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, IMPROVING, REPAIRING, AND EXTENDING THE COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY; AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION" WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; THAT NO SUFFICIENT PROTEST AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FILED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - Laurel MS WS Rev Bonds \(Pendorff Project\)\(2026\) \(264161\) - No Protest 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Andrea Thomas, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

D. [ID 26-8167](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Application to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service and the Corporation for National and Community Service for a Grant Under the AmeriCorps Program and Committing Local Matching Funds.

Attachments: [RES Authorize Application AmeriCorps 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

E. [ID 26-8170](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a request made by Debbie Yoder to rename the soccer fields, Paula Watkins Soccer Fields, and its amenities located at the Susan B. Vincent Sportsplex.

Attachments: [Rename Soccer fields](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 021226](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

F. [ID 26-8174](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to Kathy Fukuda to allow operation of a short-term rental with two-separate units under one structure to be located at 624 W. 12th St. Property is zoned R-1 and located in Ward 5.

Attachments: [Order Special Exception Renewal Kathy Fukada 021226](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 021226](#)

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 26-8175](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Variance from Section 601.03 of the Zoning Ordinance to Dillon Benoit. Variance is being sought to reduce parking spaces at 1621 Highway 15 N.

Attachments: [Variance 1621 Highway 15 N.](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 121125](#)

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

H. [ID 26-8168](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Payment of Expenses Related to the Travel of Mayor Johnny Magee to the Mississippi Association of Planning And Development Districts' Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS April 21-24, 2026.

Attachments: [ORDTravMAPDD2026](#)

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 26-8172](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving meals, registration and hotel expenses for the Superintendent of Inspection, Sandra Hadley, to attend the Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi 2026 Spring Conference held in Bay St. Louis, MS on May 12-14, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$800.

Attachments: [ORDER conference FLOODPLAIN 2026](#)

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

J. [ID 26-8173](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving meals, registration and hotel expenses for the Superintendent of Inspection, Sandra Hadley, to attend the 2026 Building Officials Association of Mississippi Summer Conference in Gulfport, MS on June 8-12, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00 and shall be paid from Inspection Department Travel, Job Training, and Meals Account 001-280-610.0

Attachments: [ORDER conference BOAM](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Marian Allen

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 26-8171](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 03.03.2026](#)

[WARRANT MARCH 03 2026](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET MARCH 03 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, March 17, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m., this the 3rd day of March, 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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