



# City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

### CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 5 - Councilperson Tony Wheat, Councilperson Tony Thaxton, Council President LaJuan Jones, Vice President Travares Comegys and Councilperson David Wash
- Absent:** 2 - Councilperson George Carmichael and Councilperson Manuel Jones
- Staff:** 4 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and Deputy Council Clerk Judith Denham

### PRAYER

Councilman Tony Wheat

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 16-1600](#)

March 22, 2016

Attachments: [CoL. Minutes of 032216](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Vice President Comegys, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the agenda be amended as follows.

Delete Agenda Item 3A1., Consider adopting an Order to set a public hearing on property in need of cleaning.

(a) Kamlesh M. & Mayurika K. Patel, 1016 Ellisville Blvd. - unclean property (wrong address typed on list)

Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 16-1612](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April as Animal Cruelty Prevention Month.

Attachments: [DOC032916-03292016080029](#)

Mayor Johnny Magee read and presented the Proclamation declaring April as Animal Cruelty Prevention Month to Tony Wheat.

**B. [ID 16-1615](#)**

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the Laurel High School Basketball Team for winning State 5A Championship.

**Attachments:** [CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR LAUREL BASKETBALL TEAM](#)

Mayor Johnny Magee read and presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Coach Marcus Price and Staff and the Laurel High Basketball Team on winning the State 5A Championship.

**3. PUBLIC AGENDA****A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 16-1603](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of May 3, 2016 to conduct a public hearing in regard to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

a. Velma M. Falls, unclean property at 320 Jefferson Street. PPIN 14303 WD 5

b. Kamlesh M & Mayurika K Patel, unclean property at 429 Fairway Place, 11180 WD 1

**Attachments:** [propertytobescheduledforpublichearingonmay3,2016](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, 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 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion was made by Vice President Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, to conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**A. [ID 16-1604](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on April 5, 2016 in regard to property located at 405 E 1st St, which belongs to Samuel Parra, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 5

**Attachments:** [samuelparraresolution405e1st4-05-16](#)  
[PHOTO405E1ST4-05-16](#)

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

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**B. [ID 16-1605](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on April 5, 2016 in regard to property located at 314 W Oak St, which belongs to Dionysus LLC, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 5

**Attachments:** [dionysusllc314woakresolution4-05-16](#)  
[PHOTO314WOAKST](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Wheat, seconded by Vice President Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**C. [ID 16-1606](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on April 5, 2016 in regard to property located at 478 S 14th Ave, which belongs to Christopher Evans, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 6

**Attachments:** [christopherevansresolution478s14thave4-05-16](#)  
[photo478s14thave4-05-16](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**D. [ID 16-1607](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on April 5, 2016 in regard to property located East of 460 E. Oak St, which belongs to Brenda Marcombe, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 5

**Attachments:** [brendamarcomberesolutione460eoakst4-05-16](#)  
[PHOTOLOTEOF460E0AK](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Wash, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**E. [ID 16-1608](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on April 5, 2016 in regard to property located at 308 Masonite Dr, which belongs to Helen Lampley, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 5

**Attachments:** [helenlampleyresolution308masonitedr4-05-16](#)  
[PHOTO308MASONITE](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Wheat, seconded by Vice President Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**F. [ID 16-1609](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on April 5, 2016 in regard to property located at 2321 N 1st Ave, which belongs to Patsy Carpenter, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 5

**Attachments:** [patsycarpenter2321n1staveresolution4-05-16](#)  
[PHOTO2321N1ST4-5-16](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**B. CITIZENS HEARING****C. CITIZENS FORUM**

**President LaJuan Jones recognized Voncile Green Ph.D, 37 Mar-Ree Drive, Laurel, MS. Mrs. Green stated that the Mayor and Council needed to better explain things that are happening in the city so that citizens could better understand things going on with-in the city.**

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**4. POLICY AGENDA****A. [ID 16-1614](#)**

Consider adopting an Order appointing Mrs. Willie Evans to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel/Jones County Library System.

**Attachments:** [ORDApprovingLibraryBoardEvans2016](#)  
[ORDAppLibraryBoardEvans2016ExhibitALetter](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wash, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

**B. [ID 16-1610](#)**

Consider adopting First Reading of an Ordinance closing a section of Jefferson St.

**Attachments:** [ordinancetocloseportionofjeffersonst2016](#)  
[attachmentjeffersonclosing20160328\\_14411116](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Wash, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the Ordinance be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

Enactment No:

**C. [ID 16-1611](#)**

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning classification as requested by the Laurel Airport Authority from (Heavy Industrial District) I-3 to (Heavy Commercial District) C-3.

**Attachments:** [airbasezoningchange40516](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, 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 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

Enactment No: 1636-2016

**D. [ID 16-1602](#)**

Consider adopting Second Reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code.

**Attachments:** [necadoption2016](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, 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 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

Enactment No: 1637-2016

**E. [ID 16-1599](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the application of MASONITE CORPORATION for renewal of tax exemption on Freeport Warehouse inventory.

**Attachments:** [Freeport Warehouse Order 2016- Masonite.doc](#)

[Freeport Application 2016.pdf](#)

[Application 2016.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

**A. [ID 16-1613](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)

[WARRANT APRIL 05 2016](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET APRIL 05 2016](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Wheat, seconded by Vice President Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 2 - Carmichael and M. Jones

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President La’Juan Jones declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, April 19, 2016 this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D., 2016.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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