



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Councilperson Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Vice President Tony Thaxton, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Travares Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Stacy Comegys

Staff: 4 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi, City Council Clerk Sharon King and Deputy Council Clerk Judith Denham

PRAYER

Councilman George Carmichael

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 18-3043](#)

May 8, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 0508182](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

Add Agenda Item 4O., Consider adopting an Order allowing travel for Harold Russell to Asbestos Training on June 1, 2018 in Starkville, MS.

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3028](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of April 2018.

Attachments: [cover letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 2384](#)

[new business license list](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of April 2018. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

B. [ID 18-3057](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for the month of April, 2018.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY17JAN](#)
[SALESTAX 2018](#)
[TOURISMTAX 2018](#)
[REVENUE 2018](#)

Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk/Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification:

3. PUBLIC AGENDA**A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 18-3047](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of June 19, 2018 to conduct a public hearing in regard to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

- a) Elizabeth Lindsey, overgrown property at 1123 Mississippi Ave., PPIN 9593, WD 4
- b) Arthur Shamburger ET UX, overgrown property at Lot on Susie B Ruffin, PPIN 10900, WD 4
- c) Marquin Bivins, overgrown property at 708 E Elmo St., PPIN 10816, WD 4
- d) Lucille Wright Est., overgrown property at Lot on E 18th St., PPIN 30045, WD 4
- e) Herthern Keys, overgrown property at 114 W. 23rd St., PPIN 30906, WD 4
- f) Leonard Byrd, overgrown property at 608 E. 10th St., PPIN 13694, WD 5
- g) Alita McDonald, overgrown property at 612 E. 12th St., PPIN 30071, WD 5
- h) Frank Corriere Est., overgrown property at Lot on Cook Ave., PPIN 13874, WD 5
- i) Stratford Investments LLC, overgrown property at Lot on Oak St., PPIN 14655, WD 5
- j) Betty McKinney ET AL, overgrown property at Lot on E. Oak St., PPIN 11910, WD 5
- k) Brenda Marcombe, overgrown property at Lot on E. Oak St., PPIN 31475, WD 5
- l) Edward Holifield, overgrown property at 1010 N 7th Ave., PPIN 12009, WD 2
- m) Robbie Landrum, overgrown property at Behind 512 W. 15th St., PPIN 34316, WD 6
- n) Ricardo Vera, overgrown property at 114 N. 17th Ave., PPIN 9183, WD 1
- o) Ramirez Maldonado, overgrown property at 208 N. 17th Ave., PPIN 9178, WD 1
- p) Publican Asset MGT. LLC, overgrown property at 1115 McConkey St., PPIN 12983, WD 7

Attachments: [sets for June 19 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

A. [ID 18-3059](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 22, 2018 in regard to the property at 2125 Center Ave, which is owned by Jermaine Newell, 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 7

Attachments: [jermainenewellresolution52218](#)
[photosjermainenewell2125centrave](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

President Carmichael recognized Faye Jackson, 30 Country Club Drive, Ms. Jackson mentioned the need for cutting the overhanging trees at 614 Mississippi Ave, and how dangerous it is to the children.

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3041](#)

Consider adopting an Order donating surplus property known as 315 S 4th Avenue to the Laurel Housing Authority.

Attachments: [order 315 S 4th Ave](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

B. [ID 18-3056](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a variance to New Venture Properties in reference to a fence at 2337 Arlington Lane. Variance allows petitioner to retain the six-foot fence on the property. WARD 3

Attachments: [newventuresfencevariance2018](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

C. [ID 18-3048](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing advertisement for sealed insurance proposals for the city-provided health insurance and group life insurance, as well as other benefit products for City of Laurel employees and elected officials for the upcoming **2018-2019** fiscal year.

Attachments: [Order - Sealed Proposal for Ins.](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

D. [ID 18-3050](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution appointing the 2018 voting delegates for the City of Laurel during the 2018 Annual Conference of the Mississippi Municipal League.

Attachments: [RESMMLVotingDelegates2018.docx](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

E. [ID 18-3051](#)

Consider adopting an Order giving the City of Laurel Administration permission to release a payment to Schneider Electric.

Attachments: [order - Schneider Invoices 1 2](#)
[DOC051418-05142018152458](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

F. [ID 18-3055](#)

Consider adopting the First Reading of an Ordinance granting a conditional zoning change from R-1 to C-1 on the property known as 1538 Old Amy Rd. Ward 2

Attachments: [laureleyeclinicconditionalzoningchange2018](#)
[agopinionconditionalzoning20180515_09195557](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

G. [ID 18-3014](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Laurel Code of Ordinances by the addition of Article VI. *Maintaining Fixed Assets Records*, Section 2-101. *Conformity to State Law*, Section 2-102. *Fixed Asset Defined*, Section 2-103. *Fixed Assets to be Recorded*, and Section 2-104. *Fixed Assets Records Maintenance*.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE AmendChapter2Administratio](#)
[toAddInventorySecondReading.docx](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

Enactment No: 1680-2018

H. [ID 18-3011](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending **Appendix III and Personnel Rules and Regulations: Chapter 7. Employee Benefits**, by renumbering the existing Section 7-5. *Other Types of Leave Available* to Section 7-6. *Other Types of Leave Available* and inserting Section 7-5. *Emergency or Administrative Leave Compensation*.

Attachments: [ORDINANCEAmendPersonnelRegulationsPaidEmergencyLeaveSecondReading.doc](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Tony 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

Enactment No: 1681-2018

I. [ID 18-3052](#)

Consider adopting an Order ratifying authorization of attendance to the Code Enforcement One Day Training Seminar in Atlanta, Georgia by a member of the Inspection Department staff.

Attachments: [ORDTrav2018InspectionDeptCodeEnforcementMay2018.doc](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

J. [ID 18-3049](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing Lorenzo Anderson to attend the MS/AL Engineering Society Meeting on June 10-13, 2018.

Attachments: [ORDER](#)
[MS - AL ENGINEERING SOCIETY MTG](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

K. [ID 18-3053](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting and approving the bid for landfill chipping from Sandy Run Farms.

Attachments: [ORDER](#)
[SANDY RUN FARMS](#)
[Ashley Farm Bid](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

L. [ID 18-3060](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to the FY 2018 budget.

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

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

M. [ID 18-3061](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve Semi Annual Bids for July 01, 2018 - December 31, 2018.

Attachments: [Resolution - Semi Annual 2018 J-D](#)
[Attachment - Semi Annual 2018 J-D](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

N. [ID 18-3054](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleaning assessments on the following properties:

- A. Cleaning of property belonging to Dudley Harris Est, which is located at 1736 Martin Luther King Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$405 WD 4
- B. Cleaning of property belonging to Velma Falls, which is located at 708 S 6th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$2075 WD 6
- C. Cleaning of property belonging to Brenda Pleasents, which is located at 2217 Center Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 7
- D. Cleaning of property belonging to Pearline Anderson, which is located at 1153 Capital St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 7
- E. Cleaning of property belonging to 20/20 Investments, which is located at 3 Woodlawn Dr. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 1
- F. Demolition and the cleaning of property after demolition in relation to property belonging to Janice Welch, which is located at 2012 Airport Dr. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$6174.20 WD 1
- G. Cleaning of property belonging to 20/20 Investments, which is located at 703 S 6th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 6
- H. Cleaning of property belonging to Brenda Pleasents, which is located south of 2216 Center Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130 WD 7
- I. Cleaning of property belonging to David Ransfer Jr, which is located across from 607 Sandy T Gavin Ave (south of 604 Sandy T Gavin Ave). Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 6
- J. Cleaning of property belonging to Demetria Sims, which is located at 1028 S 9th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 6
- K. Cleaning of property belonging to Gilbert Satcher, which is located at 518 Monroe St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$105 WD 6
- L. Cleaning of property belonging to Warren Collins, which is located at 317 W 17th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$567.40 WD 4
- M. Cleaning of property belonging to Long Land Investments Inc, which is located on Martin Luther King Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 5

Attachments: [lotcleaningassessmentsmay222018](#)
[backupmay22lotcleaning20180515_08210665](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

O. [ID 18-3062](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing travel to asbestos training on June 1, 2018.

Attachments: [asbestos training order](#)
[asbestos training](#)
[asbestos training 2](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3058](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT MAY 22 2018](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET MAY 22 2018](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson T. Comegys moved, seconded by Councilperson Page that the Council move into Closed Session to discuss the necessity of an Executive Session.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, T. Comegys, Page

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: S. Comegys

The President thereupon declared the motion carried, this the 22nd day of May, A. D., 2018.

Following discussion, Councilperson T. Comegys moved, seconded by Councilperson Capers that the Council move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel issues.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, T. Comegys, Page

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: S. Comegys

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Council to be in Executive Session, this the 22nd day of May, A. D., 2018.

Upon motion by Vice President Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson T. Comegys all Council Members present voting ay, the President declared the meeting to be back in Open Session, this the 22nd day of May, A. D., 2018.

With no objections to adjourning, the President George Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 5th, 2018 this the 22nd day of May A. D., 2018.

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
