



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 7 - Councilperson Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Vice President Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

PRAYER

Councilperson Jason Capers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-3710](#)

May 21, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 052119](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Stacy Comegys

Abstain: 2 - Jason Capers and Anthony Page

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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 3A2 (b,c,d), Conduct public hearing on properties in need of cleaning.
- b) Restoration Life Church, 2427 N. 1st Avenue
- c) Pace Property Investments, 1729 N. Joe Wheeler Avenue
- d) Henry Heidelberg, c/o Phillip Heidelberg, 1728 N. Joe Wheeler Ave

Add Agenda Item 4J., Resolution authorizing and approving the form and execution of an equipment lease purchase agreement with Regions Equipment Finance Corporation.

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3719](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY19](#)

[SALESTAX 2019](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)

[REVENUE 2019](#)

This Presentation was presented by Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk/Finance Director:

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 19-3714](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set the date of July 2, 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 uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

- a) The Herring Group LLC, overgrown property at 16 Pinecrest Place, PPIN 12752, WD 1
- b) Alliance Energy Industries LLC, overgrown property at 1608 Hwy 84 W, PPIN 9121, WD 1
- c) Linda Carter, overgrown property at Lot W of 1508 Woodlawn Drive, PPIN 10220, WD 1
- d) Oak Field LLC, overgrown property at Lot E of 1219 Simmons St., PPIN 13123, WD 7
- e) Ivory Williams, overgrown property at Lot off of Palmer Avenue, PPIN 51327, WD 7
- f) Angelio Hughes, overgrown property at Lot off of Queensburg Avenue, PPIN 39462, WD 7
- g) Willie Mckinney Jr., overgrown property at 4018 Martin Avenue, PPIN 41440, WD 3
- h) Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, overgrown property at 2105 N 2nd Avenue, PPIN 30111, WD 4
- i) James Cooley, overgrown property at 128 W 23rd St., PPIN 11754, WD 4
- j) Felessia Jordan, overgrown property at 127 W 23rd St., PPIN 8389, WD 4
- k) Lama Mouazen, overgrown property at 712 N 1st Ave., PPIN 31110, WD 5
- l) Dinky Jones Properties LLC, overgrown property at lot on Chantilly, PPIN 12724, WD 5
- m) Glen Bolden, overgrown property at 614 Mississippi Ave., PPIN 14026
- n) Tibbie Creek LLC, overgrown property at Lot on East Oak St., PPIN 14655, WD 5
- o) Brenda Marcombe, overgrown property at Lot on East Oak St., PPIN 31475, WD 5
- p) Herbert Merrill Jr., overgrown property at Lot on E. 7th St./Herbert Ave., PPIN 14051, WD 5
- q) Prisock Properties Inc., overgrown property at 911 N Joe Wheeler Ave., PPIN 12666, WD 5
- r) Chalmas Donald, overgrown property at 831 S 6th Ave., PPIN 12787, WD 6
- s) Three C Farms, overgrown property at Lot on Sandy T Gavin, PPIN 9769, WD 6

Attachments: [sets for July 2 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Orders to Set Hearings be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

A. [ID 19-3705](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for property known as 315 N 18th Ave., which belongs to Teresa Dalrymple, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. This property is located in WD 1

Attachments: [315 N 18th Ave](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

B. [ID 19-3706](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for property known as 2427 N 1st Ave., which belongs to Restoration Life Church, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. This property is located in WD 4

Attachments: [2427 N 1st Ave](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

C. [ID 19-3707](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for property known as 1729 N Joe Wheeler Ave., which belongs to Pace Property Investments, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. This property is located in WD 4

Attachments: [1729 N Joe Wheeler](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

D. [ID 19-3708](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for property known as 1728 N Joe Wheeler Ave., which belongs to Henry Heidleberg % Phillip Heidleberg, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. This property is located in WD 4

Attachments: [1728 N Joe Wheeler](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

E. [ID 19-3709](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for property known as 1911 N 1st Ave., which belongs to Bernard Magee, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. This property is located in WD 4

Attachments: [1911 N 1st Ave](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

B. CITIZENS HEARING**C. CITIZENS FORUM****4. POLICY AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3703](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for a grant under the department's Certified Local Government Grant Program.

Attachments: [MOAHISTGRANT](#)
[back up for grant20190517_10170523](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

B. [ID 19-3701](#)

Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance approving the abandoning of an alley in Edgewood Addition Block G which runs between N 3rd and N 4th Avenues in the block bordered by W 15th and W 16th Streets.

Attachments: [alley closing edgewood sub second reading](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Enactment No: 1689-2019

C. [ID 19-3700](#)

Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the zoning of property owned by Lowell and Jeannine Howell R-3, High Density Restricted Residential District, to C-3, Heavy Commercial District. Property located at 1704 W 12th Street.

Attachments: [zoning change mini warehouse second reading](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Enactment No: 1690-2019

D. [ID 19-3713](#)

Consider adopting an Order appointing Charlotte Graham to the Planning Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppPlanningCommissionGraham2019](#)
[ORDAppPlanningCommissionGraham2019.ExhibitA](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

E. [ID 19-3711](#)

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing several members to the City Planning Commission that being Haile Gaddy, Satish Amin, and Susan Vincent.

Attachments: [ORDAppPlanningCommissionGroup2019](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

F. [ID 19-3712](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution re-appointing Chris Wilson to the Board of Directors of the EDA of Jones County.

Attachments: [RESAppEDAWilson2019](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

- G. [ID 19-3715](#) Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Laurel Police Department to apply for a Bullet Proof Vest Grant, commitment of local matching funds, and execution of documents necessary for acceptance of funds and implementation of project should the grant be awarded.

Attachments: [2019 BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

- H. [ID 19-3716](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2019 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Order June 04, 2019](#)
[Budget Amendment List June 04, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

- I. [ID 19-3717](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve Semi-Annual Bids effective for July 01, 2019 - December 31, 2019.

Attachments: [Resolution Semi Annual 2019](#)
[2019 Semi Annual Bid Tabulations July - Dec](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Council President Tony Thaxton, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

- J. [ID 19-3723](#) Consider adopting a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi authorizing and approving the form and execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement with Regions Equipment Finance Corporation (“Agreement”) for the purpose of lease-purchasing certain equipment and designating the agreement as bank-qualified, tax exempt.

Attachments: [Resolution Approving Form of Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with Regions re two dumptrucksButlerSnow_47594182v1](#)
[DOC053119-05312019150715](#)
[Document Package \(005\)](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3720](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)

[WARRANT JUNE 04 2019.pdf](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET JUNE 04 2019.pdf](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Carmichael moved, seconded by Councilperson S. Comegys 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, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Council to be in Closed Session, this the 4th day of June, A. D., 2019.

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Following discussion, Councilperson Capers moved, seconded by Councilperson Wheat that the Council move into Executive Session for an update on personnel matters.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

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

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Council to be in Executive Session, this the 4th day of June, A. D., 2019.

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Upon motion by Councilperson Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Capers all Council Members present voting aye, the President declared the meeting to be back in Open Session, this the 4th day of June, A.D., 2019.

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With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., this the 4th day of June, A. D., 2019.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

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ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
