



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 6 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page
- Absent:** 1 - Councilperson Travares Comegys
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

PRAYER

Councilperson Stacy Comegys

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3960](#) October 8, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 100819](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 40., Consider adopting an Order ratifying an emergency order for Investigator Abraham McKenzie and Sgt. David Grasha to transport a suspect from Harvey, LA.

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 19-3959](#)

Presentation from representatives of the Laurel/Jones County Library.

Attachments: [Laurel Jones County Library Presentation](#)

Representatives from the Laurel/Jones County Library came before the Mayor and City Council to present the attached Presentation:

- B. [ID 19-3955](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of September 2019.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 2934](#)
[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of September 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

C. [ID 19-3971](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION SEPT19](#)

[SALESTAX 2019](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)

[REVENUE 2019](#)

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 19-3961](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set the date of November 19, 2019 to conduct a public hearing on the following properties.

- a) Johnnie Arrington, overgrown property at Lot adjacent to 512 E 11th St., PPIN 9951, WD 5
- b) Diesel Power Co. ET AL, overgrown property at 841 Masonite Dr., PPIN 14625, WD 6
- c) Birtha Mcrae Est., overgrown property at 824 S 6th Ave., PPIN 12801, WD 6
- d) Demetra Sims, overgrown property at 1028 S 9th Ave., PPIN 12533, WD 6
- e) Perkins Swistak Inc. MS Corp, property in need of DEMOLITION at 3621 Audubon Dr., PPIN 15012, WD 3

Attachments: [sets for November 19 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Order to Set Hearings 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the be 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

A. [ID 19-3962](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 22 2019 in regard to the property at 723 Garden Drive, which is owned by Osman Mojica, 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 3

Attachments: [723 Garden Drive](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Council President Tony Thaxton, that the Resolution be adopted upon attempting to make contact with the property owner before forwarding to Public Works department . 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

B. [ID 19-3963](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 22, 2019 in regard to the property at 1315 Brown Street, which is owned by Wells Fargo Bank, 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 7

Attachments: [1315 Brown Street](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

President Thaxton recognized Anthony Hudson of 2219 Center Avenue, Laurel, MS. Mr. Hudson came before the Council to address his concerns on the funding provided through Senator Juan Barnett in the amount of \$600,000. He stated that the funds are sitting there and the city will have to fill out paperwork with MDA. Mr. Hudson stated that the funds were appropriated for the Queensburg Area to help with the flooding. He asked that the city proceed with the paperwork.

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3914](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept re-imbursement monies in the amount of \$2,251.00 for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible swing to be placed at the Susan B. Vincent Sportsplex.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SWING REIMBURSEMENT SOUTHERN CIVITAN CLUB SWING001](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

B. [ID 19-3968](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to accept the Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Audit Report for Fiscal 2019.

Attachments: [Resolution for pine belt solid waste audit 2019](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

C. [ID 19-3976](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution accepting proposals for Engineering & Architecture services for Daphne Park Tennis Courts.

Attachments: [RESAcceptProposalDesignEngineering&ArchitectureServicesDaphneTennisCourts2019](#)
[RESAcceptProposalDesignEngineering&ArchitectureServicesDaphneTennisCourts2019EXHIBITA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

D. [ID 19-3975](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing advertisement for bids for demolition of Old Gibson Building.

Attachments: [ORDApproveAdvertiseBidsDemoGibsonBuilding2019](#)
[ORDApproveAdvertiseBidsDemoGibsonBuilding2019.ExhibitA](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

E. [ID 19-3979](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the sale of 25 surplus air conditioner units from the Old Gibson Building.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeSaleSuplusACUnitsOldGibsonBuilding2019](#)
[ORDAuthorizeSaleSuplusACUnitsOldGibsonBuilding2019.ExhibitA](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

F. [ID 19-3966](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award the 18th Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Attachments: [Resolution to Award](#)
[Certified Proposal Results](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

G. [ID 19-3970](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a 2019 HOME Grant from the Mississippi Home Corp and governed by HUD.

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeAcceptMSHomeCorpGrant2019](#)
[RESAuthorizeAcceptMSHomeCorpGrant2019.ExhibitA](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

H. [ID 19-3967](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the SMPDD for 2019/2020 Senior Community Service Employment Program.

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeAgreementSMPDDSr.CommunityServiceEmploymentProgram2019-20](#)
[RESAuthorizeAgreementSMPDDSr.CommunityServiceEmploymentProgram2019-20. ExhibitA](#)
[RESAuthorizeAgreementSMPDDSr.CommunityServiceEmploymentProgram2019-20. ExhibitB](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

I. [ID 19-3972](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the bid of lease of one (1) parcel of City Surplus Property of 187 square feet.

Attachments: [ORDER accepting bids for Surplus Property](#)
[BID ON 187 SQ FT 10-19](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

J. [ID 19-3957](#)

Consider adopting an Order ratifying an emergency order approving travel for six members of the Laurel Fire Department to the MS Fire Academy in Jackson, MS.

Attachments: [ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderLFDTravel2019](#)
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderLFDTravel2019.ExhibitA](#)
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderLFDTravel2019.ExhibitB](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

K. [ID 19-3980](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the travel for Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk and Cindy Pitts/ Deputy City Clerk to the 2019 MML Debt Set-Off Training Session in Gulfport, Mississippi on October 28, 2019.

Attachments: [order - travel MML Gulfport](#)
[MML DEBT SETOFF](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

L. [ID 19-3974](#)

Consider adopting an Order to advertise for Annual Bids and Semi Annul Bids to be publicly opened November 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office.

Attachments: [Order - Annual Bids 2020](#)
[Notice to Bidders 2020](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

M. [ID 19-3969](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept the quote for Property Insurance for the Year 2019-2020.

Attachments: [ORDER TO Accept Bid for Insurance 2019-20](#)
[DOC101419-10142019103834](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

N. [ID 19-3964](#)

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

A. Cleaning of property assessed to Brenda Marcombe, located at Lot on East Oak Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$245.00 WD 5

B. Cleaning of property assessed to David Merrell Est., located at 623 W 27th Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$300.00 WD 3

Attachments: [LOT CLEANING ASSESSMENT FOR OCTOBER 22](#)
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A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

O. [ID 19-3985](#)

Consider adopting an Order ratifying an emergency order approving travel for two Laurel Police Department officers to Harvey, Louisiana, to transport a suspect on felony burglary charge.

Attachments: [ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderLPDTravelHarveyLA2019](#)
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderLPDTravelHarveyLA2019.ExhibitA](#)
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderLPDTravelHarveyLA2019.ExhibitB](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 19-3965](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of the notice of November 14, 2019 Zoning public hearing.

Attachments: [PHZ1019](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

B. [ID 19-3978](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT OCTOBER 22 2019.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET OCTOBER 22 2019.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Vice President 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, November 5, 2019, this the 22nd day of October, A. D., 2019.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

COUNCILPERSON WARD 1

COUNCILPERSON WARD 5

COUNCILPERSON WARD 2

COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
