



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Councilperson George Carmichael and Councilperson Travares Comegys

Staff: 2 - City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Staff Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnny Magee

PRAYER

Councilperson Anthony Page

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-4005](#) November 5, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 110519](#)

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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 19-4001](#)

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

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 7276](#)

[New Business License List](#)

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

B. [ID 19-4023](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY20](#)

[SALESTAX 2020](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2020](#)

[REVENUE 2020](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA**A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

A. [ID 19-4013](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2019 in regard to the property at Lot adjacent to 512 E 11th St., which is owned by Johnnie Arrington, 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: [512 E 11th St](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

B. [ID 19-4014](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2019 in regard to the property at 841 Masonite Dr., which is owned by Diesel Power Co. ET AL, 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 6

Attachments: [841 Masonite Dr](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

C. [ID 19-4015](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2019 in regard to the property at 824 S 6th Ave., which is owned by Birtha Mcrae Est., 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 6

Attachments: [824 S 6th Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

D. [ID 19-4016](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2019 in regard to the property at 1028 S 9th Ave., which is owned by Demetra Sims, 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 6

Attachments: [1028 S 9th Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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E. [ID 19-4025](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2019 in regard to the property at 3621 Audubon Dr., which is owned by Perkins Swistak Inc. MS Corp, to determine whether or not the property is in need of DEMOLITION. WARD 3

Attachments: [3621 Audubon Drive](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3981](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving a donation for the 2016 Dixie Youth World Series Corporate sponsorship from Laurel Ford-Kia.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR LAUREL FORD 2016 DIXIE YOUTH WORLD SERIES CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP DONATION](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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B. [ID 19-3984](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a donation for park benches at Boston Park.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR BENCHES AT BOSTON PARK DONATION](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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C. [ID 19-4021](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing an agreement with Adira Construction, Inc., for the construction of a Skatepark at Daphne Park.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementSkateparkAdiraConstruction2019](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementSkateparkAdiraConstruction2019.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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D. [ID 19-4012](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing sponsorship of South Central Regional Medical Center Foundation's 2020 Art of Healing Fundraiser.

Attachments: [ORDSponsorSCRMCArtofHealing2020](#)
[ORDSponsorSCRMCArtofHealing2020.ExhibitA](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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E. [ID 19-4002](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept a donation from an Anonymous Donor in the amount of \$200.00.

Attachments: [ANONYMOUS K-9 DONOR DONATION 2019](#)

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:

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F. [ID 19-4003](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Narcotics Agents Jake Driskell, Rodrigus Carr and Joel Brogan of the Laurel Police Department be allowed to travel to Livingston, Alabama.

Attachments: [Authorization of Officers of the Laurel Police Department to Travel Out of State ---2](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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G. [ID 19-4008](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Chief Tommy Cox be allowed to attend the 2020 Mississippi Association of Chief of Police Conference on January 13-17, 2020 in Ridgeland, MS.

Attachments: [CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE 2020](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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- H. [ID 19-4007](#) Consider adopting an Order approving the Laurel Police Department to acknowledge and accept a monetary donation from Darren and Cindy Renz.

Attachments: [DARREN AND CINDY RENZ DONATION 2019](#)

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:

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- I. [ID 19-4011](#)

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing Mr. Lew Yoder to the Civil Service Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppCivilServiceCommissionYoder2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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:

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- J. [ID 19-4020](#)

Consider adopting an Order appointing Mr. Henry Dorris to serve on the Laurel Planning Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppPlanningCommissionDorris2019](#)
[ORDAppPlanningCommissionDorris2019.ExhibitA](#)

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- K. [ID 19-4018](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the appointment of Judy Denham as an Ex-Officio Representative on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Attachments: [order for re appointment](#)

A motion was made by Vice President 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:

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- L. [ID 19-4024](#)

Consider adopting an Order appointing Mr. Ryan Hearn to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppHistoricPreservationCommissionHearn2019](#)
[ORDAppHistoricPreservationCommissionHearn2019.ExhibitA](#)

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:

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M. [ID 19-4006](#)

Consider adopting the First Reading of an Ordinance approving the abandoning of an alley in Hickory Grove Addition Block G which runs between N 15th and N 16th Avenues in the block bordered by W 10th and W 11th Streets.

Attachments: [alley closing hickory grove sub first reading](#)
[backup alley 1171920191107_11324221](#)

This Ordinance was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

N. [ID 19-4004](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an application/acceptance to the Mississippi Department of Archives & History for a grant under its Certified Local Government Grant Program for the 2020 FY.

Attachments: [historic resolution for ita 2020](#)
[historic ItA 2020](#)

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:

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O. [ID 19-4010](#)

Consider adopting an Order for authorizing the Administration to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of City-Owned Surplus Property at 1132 Simmons Street.

Attachments: [order to advertise bid surplus properties 11-2019](#)
[Surplus property bid form 11-2019](#)
[NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY 11-2019](#)

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:

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P. [ID 19-4022](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving inventory as surplus property.

Attachments: [Order - Surplus 11-19-2019](#)
[DISPOSAL LIST 11-19-2019](#)

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:

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Q. [ID 19-4019](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to George Blakeney, located at 1142 Lucas Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$155.00 WD 7
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to L & E Properties LLC, located at 1134 Capitol Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$155.00 WD 7

Attachments: [assessments for November 19 2019](#)
[backup 1119201920191112_09535038](#)

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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 19-4017](#)**

Consider adopting a resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT NOVEMBER 19 2019.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET NOVEMBER 19 2019.pdf](#)

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:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 3, 2019, this the 19th day of November, 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
