



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: 1 - Councilperson Stacy Comegys

Staff: 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Staff Absent: 1 - City Attorney Deidra Bassi

PRAYER

Councilperson Tony Wheat

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 20-4488](#) September 8, 2020

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 09082020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the be 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(1)., Conduct a public hearing on property in need of cleaning., William & Marilyn Grissom, 1318 West Drive.

Add Agenda Item 3A1., Consider adopting an Order to set a date of October 22, 2020 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 Hudson Group LLC, overgrown property at 308 N 12th Ave, PPIN 14740, Wd 6
- b) Linda Holder, overgrown property at 479 S 14th Ave, PPIN 14755, Wd 6
- c) Cardinal Management Group LLC, overgrown property at 611 N 14th Ave, PPIN 8295, Wd 6
- d) Marvin Persinger, overgrown property at 715 N 1st Ave, PPIN 15659, Wd 5
- e) Beverly Whitten, overgrown property at 108 E 7th St, PPIN 8035, Wd 5
- f) Beverly Whitten, overgrown property at a lot adj to 108 E 7th St, PPIN 8040, Wd 5

Add Agenda Item 4L., Consider adopting a Resolution giving authority to approve Change Order No. 3 of the 2020 Overlay Project.

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4482](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of August 2020.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 4997](#)
[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of August 2020. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

B. [ID 20-4497](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY20](#)
[SALESTAX 2020](#)
[TOURISMTAX 2020](#)
[REVENUE 2020](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 20-4506](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of October 22, 2020 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.

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- f) Beverly Whitten, overgrown property at a lot adj to 108 E 7th St, PPIN 8040, Wd 5

Attachments: [SETS OCT 22](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

- A. [ID 20-4493](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 22, 2020, in regards to a property located at 1318 West Dr, belonging to William R & Marilyn D Grissom, 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. Property is located in WARD 7.

Attachments: [1318 West Dr](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

- B. [ID 20-4498](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 22, 2020, in regards to a property located at 723 Garden Dr, belonging to Oak Field 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. Property is located in Ward 3.

Attachments: [723 Garden](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

- C. [ID 20-4499](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 22, 2020, in regards to a property located at 2721 Woodland Dr, belonging to Debra Woodfork EST, to determine whether or not the property is such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [2721 Woodland Dr](#)

A motion was made by Vice President George Carmichael, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 20-4494](#) Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to advertise for bids for construction of the Central Avenue at 5th Avenue Roundabout Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

B. [ID 20-4491](#)

Consider adopting an Order requesting approval to re-advertise for bids for a Metal Building for Plant #1 due to the tornado damage on December 16, 2019.

Attachments: [Order-Reject and Re-Advertise for Bids for Metal Building for Plant .doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

C. [ID 20-4490](#)

Consider adopting an Order requesting approval to re-advertise for bids for Roof Replacement for Plant #1 due to the tornado damage on December 16, 2019.

Attachments: [Order-Reject and Re-Advertise for Bids for Roof Replacement for Plant 1.doc](#)

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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

D. [ID 20-4492](#)

Consider adopting an Order requesting approval to advertise for bids to Paint and Repair Damage to Plant #1 Admin Building due to the tornado damage on December 16, 2019.

Attachments: [Order-Advertise for Bids to Paint and Repair Damage to Plant #1 Admin Building.doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

E. [ID 20-4487](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving an Interlocal Agreement with Jones County for collection of ad valorem taxes.

[ORDAuthorizeAgreementInterlocalJonesCountyAdValoremTaxCollection2020](#)

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementInterlocalJonesCountyAdValoremTaxCollection2020.ExhibitA](#)

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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

F. [ID 20-4503](#)

Consider adopting the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Laurel's Personnel Rules & Regulations Handbook, Fourth Edition.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE](#)
[AmendPersonnelRulesRegulationsHandbookChapter7EmployeeBenefitsFirstReading.2020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

G. [ID 20-4504](#)

Consider adopting an Order rescinding the Order from February 18, 2020 and adopting an order consider authorizing application to the Mississippi State Department of Health for the Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) STOP Violence Against Women Grant.

Attachments: [order - VAWA Grant 2020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

H. [ID 20-4502](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve inventory items as surplus property.

Attachments: [Order - Surplus 9-22-2020](#)
[DISPOSAL LIST 9-22-2020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

I. [ID 20-4489](#)

Consider adopting an Order for publishing a bid for surplus property.

Attachments: [order to advertise bid surplus property #12603](#)
[NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY 12603](#)

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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

J. [ID 20-4500](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2020 budget.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

- K. [ID 20-4495](#)** Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleaning assessments on the following properties:
- a. 1118 Walley St, belonging to Johnny McGill, PPIN 13303, WD 7
- Attachments:** [Assessments for Sept 22](#)
[1111 Walley St](#)
- 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page
- Absent:** 1 - Stacy Comegys
- L. [ID 20-4510](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution giving authority to approve Change Order No. 3 of the 2020 Overlay Project.
- Attachments:** [Resolution](#)
[CHANGE ORDER NO. 3.pdf](#)
- A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Anthony Page
- Absent:** 1 - Stacy Comegys

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 20-4505](#)** Consider adopting an Order ratifying the publication of a notice of hearing for the October 15, 2020 Planning Commission public hearing.
- Attachments:** [RENAME REQUEST](#)
- 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, Grace Amos and Anthony Page
- Absent:** 1 - Stacy Comegys
- B. [ID 20-4496](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.
- [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 22 2020.pdf](#)
- Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 22 2020.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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Anthony Page
- Absent:** 1 - Stacy Comegys

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson George Carmichael moved, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat 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, Amos, Page

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Comegys

The President thereupon declared the motion carried, this the 22nd day of September, A. D., 2020.

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Following discussion, Councilperson Tony Wheat moved, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos that the Council move into Executive Session to discuss location, relocation or expansion of a business and prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, Amos, Page

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Comegys

The President thereupon declared the motion carried, this the 22nd day of September, A. D., 2020.

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Upon motion by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat all Council Members present voting aye, the President declared the meeting to be back in Open Session, this the 22nd of September, A. D., 2020.

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With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., this the 22nd day of September, A. D., 2020.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

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COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
