



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, April 19, 2016

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 6 - Councilperson Tony Wheat, Councilperson Tony Thaxton, Council President LaJuan Jones, Councilperson George Carmichael, Vice President Travares Comegys and Councilperson David Wash

**Absent:** 1 - Councilperson Manuel Jones

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

### PRAYER

Councilman Tony Thaxton

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 16-1619](#)

April 5, 2016

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 040516](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wash, that the be agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 16-1623](#)

Presentation hearing the reading of a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

Attachments: [ORDPresentationProclamationFairHousing2016](#)

Mayor Johnny Magee read a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month, in which Proclamation is attached in the minutes.

B. [ID 16-1633](#)

Presentation of the Laurel Police Department to recognize the 2008 OFFICER of the YEAR award to Officer John Stringer and the 2009 OFFICER of the YEAR award to Investigator Kim Stewart.

Chief Stewart along with Mayor Johnny Magee came before the Council and citizens present to announce the 2008 and 2009 Police Officers of the Year that being Investigator Kim Stewart and K-9 Officer John Stringer who were presented with a plaque and a Glock weapon.

C. [ID 16-1629](#)

Monthly Budget and Purchasing Certification

**Attachments:** [CERTIFICATION FY16MAR](#)  
[SALESTAX FY16](#)  
[TOURISMTAX FY16](#)  
[REVENUE 16](#)

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

D. [ID 16-1616](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of March 2016.

**Attachments:** [Letter Cover Letter for Monthly Business License.docx](#)  
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - March 2016.pdf](#)  
[NEW BUSINESS LICENSE.doc](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of March 2016. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 16-1627](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of May 17, 2016 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) Kamlesh M & Mayurika K Patel, unclean property at 1016 Ellisville Blvd, PPIN 11180 WD 7
- b) Teate Willie, unclean property at 1031 Pierce St, PPIN 124444 WD 7
- c) Sam Corriere Est.% John Corriere, unclean property at 207 Masonite Dr, PPIN 14199 WD 5
- d) Charles Drummond, unclean property at 2 Lots W. of 405 E 1st Street, PPIN 13868 WD 5
- e) Michael Lester, unclean property at big lot West of 411 Cooks Ave, PPIN 13514 WD 5
- f) Alex House ET UX, unclean property at lot West of 460 E. Oak Street, PPIN 14654 WD 5
- g) Brown Mortuary Inc., unclean property at 505 East 9th Street, PPIN 12672 WD 5
- h) Tina Livingston, unclean property at 711 Royal Street, PPIN 8400 WD 6

**Attachments:** [setsforMay17](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Thaxton, 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 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

##### 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

A. [ID 16-1624](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on April 19, 2016 in regard to property located at 835 N 5th Ave, which belongs to Abney Cooley, 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: [ABNEYCOOLEYRESOLUTION4-19-16](#)  
[photosabneycooleyhouseon5th2016](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted as amended allowing a 30 day extention. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

Absent: 1 - M. Jones

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

President LaJuan Jones recognized Mr. Darrin Barnett, 2003 N. 5th Ave, Laurel, MS, Mr. Barnett stated that on March 12, 2016, the day of the storm, on 18th Street by Mason Park, that his wife hit a drain that totaled her car by 50%. He was told to get an estimate and did that, he would like the city to pay repairs as it involved city property.

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President LaJuan Jones recognized Mrs. Virginia Bennett, 803 N 5th Ave, Laurel, MS, who stated that Mr. Abneys property did indeed need to be cleaned but that maybe people are not aware of the Tri-park ordinances and maybe they should be made public to inform the community and bring people into compliance. She also stated that they would help him.

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 16-1630](#)

Consider adopting the Resolution of the audit for FY 2015.

Attachments: [Accept audit report 2015](#)  
[Notice -- audit](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

Absent: 1 - M. Jones

B. [ID 16-1618](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving an amended Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ellisville for the shelter of animals to include certain breeds of dogs excluded in the existing Interlocal Agreement.

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeAgreementEllisvilleSmallAnimalShelter2016](#)  
[RESAuthorizeAgreementEllisvilleSmallAnimalShelter2016ExhibitAInterlocalAgreement](#)

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

Yea: 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

Absent: 1 - M. Jones

**C. [ID 16-1622](#)**

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, to sign an agreement with Schneider Electric for a Business Case Analysis at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [ORDAuthorizeAgreementSchneiderElectricBusinessCaseAnalysis2016](#)  
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementSchneiderElectricBusinessCaseAnalysis2016ExhibitAAgreement doc](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

**D. [ID 16-1625](#)**

Consider adopting an Ordinance approving the Second Reading closing a portion of Jefferson Street.

**Attachments:** [CLOSEPARTOFJEFFERSONSTSECONDREADING2016](#)  
[attachmentjeffersonclosing20160328\\_14411116](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wash, 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 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

Enactment No: 1638-2016

**E. [ID 16-1621](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the expenses for the elected officials and the clerk to attend the 2016 Mississippi Municipal League Annual Summer Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 25-30, 2016.

**Attachments:** [ORDER Approving MML travel 041916](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

**F. [ID 16-1628](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to advertise for Semi Annual Bids to be publicly opened May 12, 2016.

**Attachments:** [Order - Semi Annual Bids 2016](#)  
[Notice to Bidders Semi Annual](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

**G. [ID 16-1631](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2016 budget.

**Attachments:** [Budget Amendment Order 4/19/2016](#)

[Budget Amendment List 4/19/2016](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

**H. [ID 16-1620](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving an application of Mid-South Industries, Inc. for renewal of tax exemption on Freeport Warehouse.

**Attachments:** [Freeport Warehouse Order Mid-South 2016.doc](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

**I. [ID 16-1635](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to execute Change Order No. 2 and Pay Application No. 13 for the 7th Avenue Reconstruction Project

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)

[CO2 package 4.15.pdf](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 16-1634](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)

[WARRANT APRIL 17 2016](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET APRIL 19 2016](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Wheat, Thaxton, L. Jones, Carmichael, Comegys and Wash

**Absent:** 1 - M. Jones

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**