



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Councilperson Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Vice President Tony Thaxton, Council President 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

Staff Absent: 1 - Deputy Council Clerk Judith Denham

PRAYER

Councilman Stacy Comegys

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 18-2886](#)

February 6, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 020618](#)

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 Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the agenda be approved as printed. 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. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 18-2883](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for January 2018.

Attachments: [Cover Letter .doc](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 9866.pdf](#)
[new business license list .doc](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of January 2018. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 18-2892](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of March 20, 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 uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

a) Freddie Dykes, dilapidated structure at 108 W 13th St., PPIN 11302, WD 1

Attachments: [setformarch202018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Travares Comegys

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

President Carmichael recognized Anthony Hudson, 2219 Center Ave., Laurel, MS. Mr. Hudson came before the Council and Mayor and stated that he submitted a letter to the Mayor and Council with the request of assistance to see a black history museum in the City of Laurel. He also asked that the city start off by purchasing a building to get this project started.

President Carmichael recognized Councilman Stacy Comegys on the panel during the meeting. Councilman Comegys stated that he wanted to clear up a few things that occurred in the last board meeting. He stated that the last appointee being Mrs. Jenny McLeod was not voted down as quoted in the paper. Councilman Comegys stated that the motion was to postpone until the next meeting. He also stated that the actions voted was not due to racism or qualifications, he stated it was a lack of information. Councilman Comegys stated he wanted to make that statement clear publicly.

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 18-2884](#)

Consider approving an Order accepting a donation to the B.E. Murph Center for seniors.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR SR CENTER DONATION](#)
[SENIOR CENTER DONATION](#)

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B. [ID 18-2885](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the sale of an unused boxing ring.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeSaleOfBoxingRing2018.doc](#)
[ORDAuthorizeSaleofBoxingRing2018ExhibitANOTICE OF SALE.docx](#)

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C. [ID 18-2894](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing application to the National Recreation and Park Association and the Walt Disney Company for a *Meet Me at the Park Grant*.

Attachments: [KIDSToPARKS2018ORDApplication.docx](#)

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D. [ID 18-2887](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an application by the City of Laurel to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a Firefighters Assistance Grant.

Attachments: [FEMAFirefightersAssistanceGrant2018RESAuthorizeApplication.docx](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, 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:

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E. [ID 18-2895](#)

Consider adopting an Order confirming the appointment of Mr. Jeremy Adams to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel Municipal Separate School District

Attachments: [ORDAppSchoolBoardAdams2018.doc](#)
[ORDAppSchoolBoardAdams2018ExhibitABio.docx](#)

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F. [ID 18-2891](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing Yolanda Powe to attend the 2018 (MMVCA) Mississippi Mosquito & Vector Control Association Meeting in Pearl, MS on March 14-15, 2018.

Attachments: [2018 MSMVCA ANNUAL MEETING PEARL, MS](#)

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G. [ID 18-2890](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing William Sparrow to attend the Basic Tactical Medical Instructor Training in Tuscaloosa, AL on March 13-15, 2018.

Attachments: [Basic Tactical Medical Instructor Training -SPARROW TUSCALOOSA, AL](#)

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H. [ID 18-2888](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the bid on one (1) surplus property PPIN #11171.

Attachments: [order to accept bid on surplus property 2018.doc](#)
[Bid on Surplus Property PPIN #11171 2018.pdf](#)

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I. [ID 18-2889](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving an application for tax exemption on the Freeport Warehouse for Howard Industries, LLC.

Attachments: [Freeport Warehouse Order Howard IND 2018](#)
[HOWARDS APPLICATION FOR FREEPORT WAREHOUSE 2018.pdf](#)

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 18-2897](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT FEBRUARY 20 2018.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET FEBRUARY 20 2018.pdf](#)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION