



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 7 - Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Vice President Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys, Councilperson Anthony Page and Councilperson Jason Capers

Staff: 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

PRAYER

Councilperson Anthony Page

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 18-3348](#) October 2, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes 100218](#)

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson 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 4K., Consider adopting a Resolution regarding sponsorship of Laurel's Dog Park.

Add Agenda Item 4L., Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application by the City to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a Firefighters Grant.

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3347](#)

To hear a presentation from Dr. Michael Eubanks, principal of Laurel High School.

Dr. Michael Eubanks came before the Mayor and City Council to address the goals for the school year of 2018-2019. He stated there were three goals that the school planned to achieve: First and foremost, academic achievement in all areas, making sure the students leave them better than they came. Secondly, make sure that they have a safe and orderly school assuring the students are safe. Thirdly, increase the teachers and student attendance. He stated that their goals are to make sure the students move higher in their academics so they can make a choice of a better way of life upon completion. Dr. Eubanks ended his remarks by inviting the elected officials to drop in at the school anytime to observe the atmosphere and set up of the areas of learning.

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B. [ID 18-3346](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of September, 2018.

Attachments: [cover letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 4151](#)

[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 2018. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA**A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 18-3352](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of November 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:

Attachments: [sets for november 20 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the be conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

A. [ID 18-3350](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 16, 2018 in regard to the property at 1111 S 17th Ave, which is owned by WAJ 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. WARD 1

Attachments: [1111 S 17th Ave](#)

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

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

B. [ID 18-3351](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 16, 2018 in regard to the property at 1112 S 17th Ave, which is owned by Sinecure Inv. 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. WARD 1

Attachments: [1112 S 17th Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Resolution to Conduct Hearing be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3357](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve sponsorship of the Art of Healing Auction & Exhibition to benefit South Central Health Care Foundation.

Attachments: [ORDSponsorSCRMCArtofHealing2018](#)
[ORDSponsorSCRMCArtOFHealing2018ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

B. [ID 18-3358](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to enter into a Professional Services contract with Neel-Schaffer for the 2019 Pavement Management Plan.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)
[Letter Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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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C. [ID 18-3360](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to grant authority to advertise for a request for proposals (RFP) for Professional Services for design of the Skate Park Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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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D. [ID 18-3359](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve advertising for Semi-Annual Bids and Annual Bids to be publicly opened November 08, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office.

Attachments: [Order - Annual Bids 2019](#)
[Notice to Bidder - Annual 2019](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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:

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E. [ID 18-3354](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the donation of Surplus Equipment to South Jones High School from the Recreation Department.

Attachments: [ORDDonateParksDept.TopDresserEquipmentSurplus2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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 18-3353](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the re-appointment of Mrs. Nancy Guice as the Representative of Ward 3 on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppHistoricPreservationCommissionGuice2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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:

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G. [ID 18-3345](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to reappoint Susan B. Vincent to the Board of Directors of the Laurel Airport Authority.

Attachments: [RESAppLaurelAirportAuthorityVincent2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Vice President Travares 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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H. [ID 18-3355](#)

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing Mrs. Faye Jackson as the Representative of Ward 1 on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppHistoricPreservationCommissionJackson2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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:

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I. [ID 18-3356](#)

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing Ms. Ivory Williams as the Ward 6 Representative on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppHistoricPreservationCommissionWilliams2018](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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:

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J. [ID 18-3349](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property belonging to Annie & Larry Buckley, located at 922 S 14TH Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$135.00 WD 7
- B. Cleaning of property belonging to Acre Land Acquisition Co. LLC, located at 1115 McConkey Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 7
- C. Cleaning of property belonging to Jermaine Newell, located at 2125 Center Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 7
- D. Cleaning of property belonging to Eleanor Jenkins Winder Est % Beverly C Lang, located at 1121 N 16th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 6
- E. Cleaning of property belonging to David Ransfer, located at S of 604 Sandy T. Gavin, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 6
- F. Cleaning of property belonging to Albert Banks, located at 611 N 14th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 6
- G. Cleaning of property belonging to Mitchell Asmar Jr., located at S of 727 N 15th Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 6
- H. Cleaning of property belonging to Pace Property Investments LLC, located at 2005 Lindsey Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 4
- I. Cleaning of property belonging to Pace Property Investments LLC, located at 715 N 1st Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 5
- J. Cleaning of property belonging to Thelma Lampley, located at 213 S Pine Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 5
- K. Cleaning of property belonging to John Corriere, located at 111 Bay Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 5
- L. Cleaning of property belonging to John Corriere, located at 108 Bay Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 5
- M. Cleaning of property belonging to Sam Corriere Est., located at 118 Bay Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 5
- N. Cleaning of property belonging to Sam Corriere Est % John Corriere, located at 207 Masonite Dr., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 5
- O. Cleaning of property belonging to Dorothy Nettles, located at south of 218 E 1st St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 5

Attachments: [assessmentsforoctober162018](#)
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A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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:

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K. [ID 18-3362](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution regarding sponsorship of the Laurel Dog Park.

Attachments: [RESAppRaisingCane'sDogParkSponsorshipAgreement](#)
[RESAppRaisingCane'sDogParkSponsorshipAgreementExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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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L. [ID 18-3363](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application by the City to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a Firefighters Assistance Grant.

Attachments: [FEMAFirefightersAssistanceGrant2019RESAuthorizeApplication](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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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5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3361](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT OCTOBER 16 2018](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET OCTOBER 16 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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:

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Anthony Page and Jason Capers

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