



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Vice President Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Councilperson Tony Wheat and Councilperson Jason Capers

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

PRAYER

Councilman Tony Thaxton

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 18-3408](#) November 6, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 110618](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 2A., Laurel Police Department to recognize and present the Officer of the Year Award.

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3406](#)

Laurel Police Department to recognize and present the Officer of the Year Award.

This Presentation was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. [ID 18-3425](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for the month of November, 2018.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY18](#)

[SALESTAX 2019](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)

[REVENUE 2019](#)

This Presentation was presented:

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

C. [ID 18-3399](#)

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

Attachments: [cover letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 8300](#)

[new business license list](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 18-3421](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of December 18, 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 uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

- a) Donelle Thornton, overgrown property at 2104 Palmer Ave., PPIN 14855, WD 7
- b) Franklin Jones, overgrown property at 1508 George Dr., PPIN 11204, WD 7
- c) Joe Morgan, overgrown property at 1523 Airport Dr., PPIN 29955, WD 7
- d) Rachel Jones, overgrown property at 1502 George St., PPIN 11203, WD 7
- e) Innomax Home Solutions LLC, overgrown property at 3804 Yale Ave., PPIN 8791, WD 3
- f) Plum Hill Properties LLC, overgrown property at N of 1021 N 9th Ave., PPIN 12027, WD 2
- g) Stratford Investments LLC, overgrown property at 518 Monroe St., PPIN 9780, WD 6
- h) David Kux, overgrown property at 1327 W 6th St., PPIN 8294, WD 6
- i) Melissa Hankins % Diane Blackwell, overgrown property at 830 N 5th Ave., PPIN 11492, WD 5

Attachments: [sets for December 18 2018](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Order to Set Hearings be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

A. [ID 18-3419](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 20, 2018 in regard to the property at 416 N Pine Street, which is owned by Kale Farms 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 5

Attachments: [416 N Pine Street](#)

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:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3407](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the travel for Elvin Ulmer, Parks and Recreation Director, to attend the STMA Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on January 21-26, 2019.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR STMA CONFERENCE 2019](#)
[2019 STMA CONFERENCE](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

B. [ID 18-3403](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Training Officers David Grasha and William Sparrow be allowed to attend the 2018 TASER CEW V20.2 Instructor Training in Mobile, AL on December 13, 2018.

Attachments: [TASER INSTRUCTOR COURSE MOBILE, ALABAMA --](#)

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: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

C. [ID 18-3410](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel, registration, meals and hotel expenses for the elected officials and clerks to attend the 2019 Mississippi Municipal League's Mid-Winter Conference in Jackson, MS on January 6-10, 2019.

Attachments: [ORDER approving MML travel 112018](#)
[MML Registration Form Mid Winter 2019](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares 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:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

D. [ID 18-3418](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting donations to the Parks and Recreation Department for city wide youth programs from Suez Water Services and Howard Industries.

Attachments: [ORDER DONATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DONATIONS](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

E. [ID 18-3404](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept a rebate check in the amount of \$2,473.75 from Hometown Publishing, Inc.

Attachments: [Accept Check from HOMETOWN PUBLISHING INC](#)

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:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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F. [ID 18-3417](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept non-perishable food items and cash donations for the Annual Fill-A-Truck Food Drive.

Attachments: [FILL-A-TRUCK DONATIONS](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

G. [ID 18-3426](#)

Consider adopting an Order granting authority to file complaint against JL Holdings I, LLC (Parcel 3) and Tenant to acquire a parcel of land for the Beacon Street Corridor Project.

Attachments: [ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY TO FILE COMPLAINT AGAINST JL HOLDINGS I, LLC.doc](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

H. [ID 18-3422](#)

Consider amending a Resolution establishing district to enable utilization of Tax Exemption provisions of Section 17-21-5, MCA; establishing criteria for uniform processing of qualified applications for Tax Exemptions; and urging the Jones County Board of Supervisors to provide similar exemptions to Qualified Applicants.

Attachments: [Resolution amending Ad Valorem](#)

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:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

I. [ID 18-3423](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, to sign an agreement for maintenance services for City elevators.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementElevatorService2018](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementElevatorService2018ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

J. [ID 18-3416](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving an amendment on a Central Business District Application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Marcella Investment Group LLC @ 321 N Magnolia Street.

Attachments: [Amendment of Exemption for 414 Front Street](#)
[Copy of CBD Value Changes 10-2018](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

K. [ID 18-3414](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving an amendment on a Central Business District Application for tax exemption on Ad Valorem for Marcella Investment Group LLC @ 330 N Magnolia St.

Attachments: [ORDER AMENDING Pearl's AMOUNT OF CBD exemption 11-2018](#)
[Copy of CBD Value Changes 10-2018](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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L. [ID 18-3415](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving an amendment on a Central Business District Application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Marcella Investment Group LLC @ 414 Front Street.

Attachments: [ORDER AMENDING Laurel Mercantile AMOUNT OF CBD exemption 11-2018](#)
[Copy of CBD Value Changes 10-2018](#)

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:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

M. [ID 18-3413](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving an amendment on a Central Business District Application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Joseph Watkins @ 312 Central Avenue.

Attachments: [ORDER AMENDING Mimmos AMOUNT OF CBD exemption 11-2018](#)
[Copy of CBD Value Changes 10-2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

N. [ID 18-3412](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving an amendment on a Central Business District Application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Sweet Something Bakery, LLC at 543 Central Avenue.

Attachments: [ORDER AMENDING Sweet Something AMOUNT OF CBD exemption 11-2018](#)
[Copy of CBD Value Changes 10-2018](#)

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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Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

O. [ID 18-3411](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept the quote for property insurance for the year 2018-19.

Attachments: [ORDER TO Accept Bid for Insurance 2018-19](#)
[PROPERTY INSURANCE 2018-19](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

P. [ID 18-3420](#)

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

- A. **Demolition** of building and cleaning of lot and debris remaining after demolition in regard to property belonging to Roy & Elizabeth Ferrell, located at 831 S 7th Ave. Total cost: \$4116.35 [includes \$75 administrative fee] WARD 6
- B. Cleaning of property belonging to Etta McIntosh, located at 2228 N 1st Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 4
- C. Cleaning of property belonging to Brenda Pleasents, located at South of 2216 Center Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130.00 WD 7
- D. Cleaning of property belonging to Brenda Pleasents, located at 2217Center Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130.00 WD 7
- E. Cleaning of property belonging to Janice Welch, located at 2012 Airport Dr., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150.00 WD 7
- F. Cleaning of property belonging to Pearline Anderson, located at 1153 Capitol Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130.00 WD 7
- G. Cleaning of property belonging to Selvin Cox, located at 2263 Palmer Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130.00 WD 7

Attachments: [assessments for November 202018](#)
[backupforNov20 201820181109_11253418](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Tony Wheat and Jason Capers

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3424](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT NOVEMBER 20 2018](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET NOVEMBER 20 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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:

Yea: 5 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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EXECUTIVE SESSION