



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, December 18, 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 - Johnny Magee, Deidra Bassi and Sharon King

PRAYER

Councilman George Carmichael

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 18-3476](#) December 4, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 120418](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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 Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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 (d)., Conduct hearing on property in need of cleaning.
Melissa Hankins, c/o Diane Blackwell, 830 N. 5th Avenue

Add Agenda Item 4O., Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Mississippi Department of Transportation for improvements to the traffic signal at 5th Street and 15th Avenue.

Add Agenda Item 4P., Consider adopting an Order to grant a one-year special exception extension to Hale Real Estate LLC to allow the location of a Fire Works Stand at 1416 E. Hwy 84. This property is zoned Other but C-3 surrounds it, City Ordinance does not allow Fire Works Sales with-in City limits. WARD 5

Add Agenda Item 4Q., Consider adopting a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi authorizing and approving the form and execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement with Regions Equipment Finance Corporation ("Agreement") for the purpose of lease-purchasing certain equipment and designating the agreement as bank-qualified, tax exempt.

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

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3463](#)

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

Attachments: [cover letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 2596](#)

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

B. [ID 18-3482](#)

Monthly Budget Certification for November 2018.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY18](#)

[SALESTAX 2019](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)

[REVENUE 2019](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 18-3477](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of January 22, 2019 to conduct a public hearing in regard to the property listed 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.

a) Bolivar & Deborah Cherry, Fallen Tree and debris on property at 237 Stephens Avenue, PPIN 13534, WD 1

Attachments: [sets for january 22 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Order to Set 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

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, to 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 18-3471](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 18, 2018 in regard to the property at 3804 Yale Ave, which is owned by Innomax Home Solutions 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 3

Attachments: [3804 Yale Ave](#)

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

B. [ID 18-3472](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 18, 2018 in regard to the property at N of 1021 N 9th Ave, which is owned by Plum Hill Properties 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 2

Attachments: [N of 1021 N 9th Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

C. [ID 18-3473](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 18, 2018 in regard to the property at 518 Monroe Street, which is owned by Stratford Investments 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 6

Attachments: [518 Monroe St](#)

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

D. [ID 18-3474](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 18, 2018 in regard to the property at 830 N 5th Ave, which is owned by Melissa Hankins % Diane Blackwell, 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: [830 N 5th Ave](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3439](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting a donation from Rustin Metal Buildings in the amount of \$2,000.00 for 2016 DYWS Dugout Sponsorship.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR RUSTIN DONATION DYWS DUGOUT SPONSORSHIP](#)

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 18-3427](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a donation from Kim's Toyota in the amount of \$200.00 to go towards City Wide Youth Sports programs.

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

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

C. [ID 18-3467](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting a check from CenterPoint Energy Service Company, LLC for two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for use by the Laurel Fire Department for handheld radio batteries.

Attachments: [Council Order Centerpoint Energy](#)
[CP12518](#)

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

D. [ID 18-3470](#)

Consider adopting an Order appointing Ms. Jacqueline Evans to the Municipal Election Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppMunicipalElectionCommissionEvans2018](#)
[ORDAppMunicipalElectionCommissionEvans2018ExhibitA](#)

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:

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

E. [ID 18-3468](#)

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing Mrs. Willie Evans to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel/Jones County Library System.

Attachments: [ORDAppLibraryBoardEvans2018](#)

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

F. [ID 18-3469](#)

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing Mrs. Barbara Brumfield-Pruitt to the Civil Service Commission.

Attachments: [ORDAppCivilServiceCommissionBrumfieldPruitt2018](#)

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

G. [ID 18-3409](#)

Consider adopting an Order changing the date and time of a special meeting (January 8, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.) of the City Council and reschedule said meeting due to a conflict of the Mississippi Municipal League Conference for elected officials.

Attachments: [ORDChangingDateAndTimeOfCouncilMeeting](#)
[MEETING NOTICE CHANGING TIME AND DATE](#)

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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H. [ID 18-3485](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for Fire Extinguisher, Fire Alarm, and Wet Sprinkler Inspection, Maintenance, and Materials Bid to be publicly opened January 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office.

Attachments: [ORDER - Advertise](#)
[Notice to Bidders](#)

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

I. [ID 18-3462](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the extension of the City of Laurel's contract with C-Spire Wireless for the Master Cellular Voice and Data Service and Equipment.

Attachments: [C-Spire Award Contract](#)

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:

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

J. [ID 18-3481](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting a quote from Regions Equipment Finance Corporation for the financing of a backhoe/loader, mini-excavator, and a tractor/attachment for the water/sewer department and the public works department.

Attachments: [order - financing backhoe](#)
[DOC121018-12102018152131](#)

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

K. [ID 18-3478](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the deposit of designated ad valorem taxes into a specific account for road purposes in the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORDApproveRoadBridgeFund2019](#)

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

L. [ID 18-3480](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to authorize publishing a request for proposals for administrative services for CDBG grants and projects during FY2019 and FY2020.

Attachments: [CDBGGeneralFY2019-FY2020RESAdministrativeServices](#)
[CDBGGeneralFY2019And2020RequestProposalsAdministrativeServicesAdExhibitA](#)

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

M. [ID 18-3479](#)

Consider adopting Resolution authorizing advertisement for request for Proposals for engineering services for CDBG grants and projects during FY 2019 and FY 2020.

Attachments: [CDBGGeneralFY2019-20RESEngineeringServices](#)
[CDBGGeneralFY2019-FY2020RequestProposalsForEngineeringServicesAdExhibitA](#)

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

N. [ID 18-3483](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for FY 2018.

Attachments: [Accept municipal comp ques 2018](#)
[Municipal Compliance Questionnaire 2018](#)

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

O. [ID 18-3486](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Mississippi Department of Transportation for improvements to the traffic signal at 5th Street and 15th Avenue.

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeMOUMDOTTrafficSignal5thStreet15thAvenue](#)
[RESAuthorizeMOUMDOTTrafficSignal5thStreet15thAvenueExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

P. [ID 18-3487](#)

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Attachments: [halespexception2018](#)

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

Q. [ID 18-3489](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi authorizing and approving the form and execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement with Regions Equipment Finance Corporation (“Agreement”) for the purpose of lease-purchasing certain equipment and designating the agreement as bank-qualified, tax exempt.

Attachments: [Laurel MS Equipment Lease \(2018\) \(203366\) - Resolution Appr. \\$258686 Lease Purchase 45296875_1](#)
[12-14-18 Comments to Regions lease purchase docs 45323468_1](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3484](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT DECEMBER 18 2018](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET DECEMBER 18 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION