



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 6 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Councilperson Travares Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page
- Absent:** 1 - Councilperson Stacy Comegys
- 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

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

There came on before the Council the matter of electing a council member to serve as President of the City Council for the year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2020.

Councilman George nominated Councilman Tony Thaxton, to serve as President of the Laurel City Council.

The President called for other nominations from the floor, there being no other nominations, the President called for votes on the matter and received the following results:

Votes for Councilman Tony Thaxton: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael,
T. Comegys, Page

Absent: S. Comegys

The President thereupon declared Councilman Tony Thaxton newly elected Council President for the year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2020.

This the 3rd day of July, A. D., 2019.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

There came on before the City Council the matter of electing a Council member to serve as Vice President of the Council for the year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2020.

Councilman George Carmichael nominated Councilman Jason Capers to serve as Vice-President of the Laurel City Council.

The President called for other nominations from the floor and there being no other nominations, the President called for a vote on the nomination on the matter and received the following results:

Votes for Councilman Jason Capers: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael,
T. Comegys, Page

Absent: S. Comegys

The President thereupon declared Councilman Jason Capers to be the Vice-President of the Laurel City Council for the year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 3, 2020.

This the 3rd day of July, A. D., 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-3749](#) June 18, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 061819](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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., Conduct a public hearing on the properties in need of cleaning.

(A). Alliance Energy Industries, 1608 Hwy 84- in need of cleaning

(C). Willie McKinney Jr., 4018 Martin Avenue - in need of cleaning

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 19-3752](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of August 6, 2019 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) Christopher & Shauna Wade, overgrown property at 27 Sunset Road, PPIN 9318, WD 1
- b) Jana Miller, overgrown property at 24 Sunset Road, PPIN 9334, WD 1
- c) Byrd Management LLC, overgrown property at 918 Sunflower Dr., PPIN 13200, WD 1
- d) Mitchell Asmar Jr., overgrown property at 828 S 16th Ave., PPIN 29878, WD 1
- e) Karl Hardy, overgrown property at 804 S 19th Ave., PPIN 16189, WD 1
- f) The Bank of New York Mellow, overgrown property at 1834 Julian St., PPIN 9859, WD 1
- g) Andrew Ishee, overgrown property at 1111 S 17th Ave., PPIN 14110, WD 1
- h) Brenda Benton, overgrown property at 1632 Lee St., PPIN 35197, WD 1
- i) Hollis Musgrove, overgrown property at 1538 Margaret Dr., PPIN 16122, WD 7
- j) Betty Miller, overgrown property at 1806 Queensburg Ave., PPIN 13126, WD 7
- k) Marshay Sheree, overgrown property at 1205 Meconkey St., PPIN 12092, WD 7
- l) Karl Hardy, overgrown property at 1915 Ellisville Blvd., PPIN 16196, WD 7
- m) Karl Hardy, overgrown property at 5 Marion Dr., PPIN 14411, WD 7
- n) Kaul Arvinder, overgrown property at 923 Jeffery Dr., PPIN 14994, WD 3
- o) Joann Tucker, overgrown property at 1603 N 3rd Ave., PPIN 13729, WD 4
- p) Michael McClendon, overgrown property at 822 E 18th St., PPIN 10947, WD 4
- q) Hattie Johnson Est., overgrown property at 524 E 9th St., PPIN 12678, WD 5
- r) Plum Hill Properties LLC, overgrown property at N/C of intersection of E 9th St. & N Joe Wheeler, PPIN 12677, WD 5
- s) Evelyn Johnson, overgrown properties on 2 vacant lots in NW/C of W 10th St. & N 11th Ave., PPIN 32998,10571 (aka) 1107 W 10th St. & 1004 N 11th Ave., WD 6
- t) Evelyn Johnson, overgrown property at 1008 N 11th Ave., PPIN 10569, WD 6
- u) Martin Miss Investments LLC, overgrown property at lot on W 6th St. W of 526 N 12th Ave., PPIN 9542, WD 6
- v) Ricky Maye, overgrown property at 703 S 6th Ave., PPIN 9813, WD 6
- w) Shannon Miller, overgrown property at 819 N 8th Ave., PPIN 11631, WD 6
- x) Carolyn Pryor, overgrown property at 844 N 8th Ave., PPIN 11643, WD 6

Attachments: [sets for august 6 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

A. [ID 19-3756](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at 1608 Hwy 84 W, which is owned by Alliance Energy Industries 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: [1608 Hwy 84 W](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. [ID 19-3757](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at Lot E of 1219 Simmons St., which is owned by Oak Field 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 7

Attachments: [lot E of 1219 Simmons St](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

C. [ID 19-3758](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at 4018 Martin Avenue, which is owned by Willie Mckinney Jr., 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: [4018 Martin Ave](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

D. [ID 19-3759](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at 712 N 1st Ave., which is owned by Lama Mouazen, 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: [712 N 1st Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

E. [ID 19-3760](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at Lot on East Oak St., which is owned by Tibbie Creek 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: [tibbie creek llc lot on E oak St](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution 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, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

F. [ID 19-3761](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at Lot on East Oak St., which is owned by Brenda Marcombe, 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: [marcombe lot on E oak](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Resolution 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, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

G. [ID 19-3762](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at Lot on E. 7th St./Herbert Ave., which is owned by Herbert Merrill Jr., 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: [lot on E 7th and Herbert Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Resolution 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, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

H. [ID 19-3763](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 2, 2019 in regard to the property at 831 S 6th Ave., which is owned by Chalmas Donald, 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: [831 S 6th Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Resolution 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, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3772](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi (The "City") to issue General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 of the City in the principal amount of not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to raise money for the purpose of providing funds for establishing, repairing, improving, and extending sanitary, storm, drainage, or sewerage systems; protecting municipal streets and sidewalks from overflow, caving banks, and other like dangers; constructing, improving, and repairing bridges and culverts; altering or changing the channels of streams and water courses, to control deflect or guide the current thereof; repairing, improving, and equipping municipal buildings; and for other related purposes; and for paying for the costs of issuance for the bonds.

Attachments: [City of Laurel MS GO Bonds 2019 Bond Resolution Butler Snow](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

B. [ID 19-3769](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the Bid on Copier Leasing in various departments.

Attachments: [order - leasing copiers 2019](#)
[Copy of City of Laurel COPIER LIST TOSHIBA](#)
[2019 TOSHIBA PROPOSAL](#)
[2019 RICOH PROPOSAL](#)
[2019 OFFICE PRODUCTS PROPOSAL](#)
[Executed Document Copier Rental Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

C. [ID 19-3751](#)

Consider adopting an Order for accepting the bid on one (1) surplus property # 12855.

Attachments: [order to accept bid on surplus property #12855 2019](#)
[#12855 BERNADETTE HENDERSON](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

D. [ID 19-3750](#)

Consider adopting an Order for advertising a Lease for 187.5 square feet located at 530-B Central Avenue.

Attachments: [ORDER TO AD FOR BIDS ON 530B stair location](#)
[530B Central Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

E. [ID 19-3771](#)

Consider adopting an Order to advertise for sealed bids for Surplus Property.

Attachments: [order to advertise bid surplus property alley](#)
[NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ALLEY](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

F. [ID 19-3768](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving Nellie Satcher to travel to Biloxi, MS to attend Phelps Dunbar 42nd Annual Labor & Employment Law Conference.

Attachments: [ORDER approving Phelps Dunbar travel for Satcher 6-19](#)
[42nd Phelps Dunbars Conference_0012](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

G. [ID 19-3755](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept donations from local businesses through our community partnership campaign called Back-the-Blue Community Partnership Program.----.-

Attachments: [2019 BACK THE BLUE CAMPAIGN](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

H. [ID 19-3753](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Doris Biglane, located at 324 Hillcrest Drive, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 1
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Hazel Reeves Smith, located at 2019 N 3rd Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 4
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Steven Sumrall, located at 1935 N 1st Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to G & S Properties LLC, located at 2447 N 1st Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 4
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to GBLB, located at 207 15th St. W, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 4
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Warren Collins, located at 317 W 17th Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 4
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Joann Tucker, located at 205 18th Street E, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 4
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Kale Farms LLC, located at 416 N Pine Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 5
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Stratford Investments LLC, located at 518 Monroe Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 6
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Georgia & Gregory Miller, located at 1819 Airport Drive, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 7

Attachments: [assessments for July 2019 backup assessment 07021920190621_16404210](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A.** [ID 19-3748](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify the publication of notice of hearing for the July 11, 2019 Zoning public hearing.

Attachments: [PHZ0619](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Order 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, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

B. [ID 19-3770](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT JULY 02 2019.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JULY 02 2019.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Resolution 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, Travares Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Stacy Comegys

EXECUTIVE SESSION