



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Councilperson George Carmichael and Councilperson Travares Comegys

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

PRAYER

Councilpeson Tony Thaxton

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-3987](#) October 22, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 102219](#)

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

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the be agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 19-3986](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set the date of December 3, 2019 to conduct a public hearing on the following properties:

- a) Rossie McCormick, overgrown property at 3 Lots on Palmer & Capitol St., PPIN 13170,16297,13171 WD 7
- b) Royaleen Robinson, overgrown property at 725 Poplar Dr., PPIN 13399, WD 1
- c) Becky Rambin, overgrown property at 125 S 18th Ave., PPIN 9191, WD 1
- d) Marilyn Grissom, overgrown property at 1903 General Pershing St., PPIN 16155, WD 1
- e) Franklin Jones, overgrown property at 1508 George St., PPIN 11204, WD 7
- f) Tilas Green % Marva Gilmore, overgrown property at 2nd Lot on Green St., PPIN 14930, WD 7
- g) Susie Green % Marva Gilmore, overgrown property at 2412 Palmer Ave., PPIN 14903, WD 7
- h) Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, overgrown property at 111 W 16th Ave., PPIN 13733, WD 4
- i) Protax 04 LLC, overgrown property at 1830 N 1st Ave., PPIN 12237, WD 4
- j) Patricia Evans, overgrown property at 2009 N 5th Ave., PPIN 15362, WD 4
- k) Dorell Johnikin, overgrown property at 1516 N 3rd Ave., PPIN 9690, WD 4
- l) Anthony Fagan, overgrown property at 138 Mimosa Dr., PPIN 15310, WD 4

Attachments: [sets for December 3 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Order to Set Hearing be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the be conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

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A. [ID 19-3990](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2019 in regard to the property at 2103 Center Avenue, which is owned by Romas McLain, 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: [2103 Center Ave](#)

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:

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B. [ID 19-3991](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2019 in regard to the property at 3611 Audubon Drive, which is owned by Debra Williamson, 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. This property contains a dilapidated structure. WARD 3

Attachments: [3611 Audubon Drive](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Resolution to demo the property be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

C. [ID 19-3992](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2019 in regard to the property at 2239 N 2nd Avenue, which is owned by Kimberly Smith, 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. This property contains a **dilapidated** structure. WARD 4

Attachments: [2239 N 2nd Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Resolution to demo the property be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - George Carmichael and Travares Comegys

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3995](#)

Consider adopting an Order to increase funding for the Laurel/Jones County Library.

Attachments: [ORDLJCLibraryRequestFundingIncrease2019](#)
[ORDLJCLibraryRequestFundingIncrease2019.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:

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B. [ID 19-3993](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Municipal Intercept Company, LLC, for collection of the City's debt.

Attachments: [RESMMLCollectMunicipalDebt2019](#)
[RESMMLCollectMunicipalDebtAgreement. ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:

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C. [ID 19-3996](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving authority to award construction of the West 12th Street Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution to Award 12th Street Improvement Project](#)
[Letter of Recommendation](#)
[Bid Tab](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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:

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D. [ID 19-3997](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to enter into a professional services agreement with Neel-Schaffer for the design and construction engineering services for the 5th Avenue and 13th Avenue Drainage and Roadway Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution.doc](#)
[Engineering Contract.pdf](#)

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E. [ID 19-3989](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel, meals, hotel and registration expenses for Sharon King, Clerk of Council to attend the 2019 Annual Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association Winter Workshop on December 11-13, 2019 in Jackson, MS.

Attachments: [ORDER approving travel for Municipal Clerk Certification for Municipal Clerks2019](#)
[Municipal Clerks Registration Form](#)

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F. [ID 19-3994](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve the travel per diem to the Deputy City Clerks, Lauren Stewart and Kristal Jones, while attending the 2019 Annual Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association Winter Workshop in Jackson, Mississippi from December 11, 2019 through December 13, 2019.

Attachments: [TRAVEL ORDER 2019 WINTER WORKSHOP.doc](#)
[2019 MMCCA Winter Education Workshop Annoucement.pdf](#)
[WINTER WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE.pdf](#)

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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G. [ID 19-3988](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel, hotel, meals and registration for the elected officials and clerks to attend the Mississippi Municipal League Mid-Winter Conference on January 12-16, 2020 in Jackson, MS.

Attachments: [ORDER approving MML Mid Winter travel 110519](#)
[MML Mid Winter 2020 Registration Form](#)

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:

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H. [ID 19-3999](#)

Consider adopting an Order to advertise for bids for the City depository for the years 2020 and 2021.

Attachments: [Order to advertise for bids for the city depositories 2020-21](#)

[LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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:

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I. [ID 19-3998](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Mayor to sign a facility use agreement with the American Red Cross.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementRedCrossDisasterFacilityUse2019](#)

[ORDAuthorizeAgreementRedCrossDisasterFacilityUse2019.ExhibitA](#)

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 19-4000](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)

[WARRANT NOVEMBER 05 2019.pdf](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET NOVEMBER 05 2019.pdf](#)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION