



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

PRAYER

Councilman Tony Wheat

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-4063](#) December 3, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 120319](#)

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 4N., 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 Trustmark National Bank ("Agreement") for the purpose of lease-purchasing certain equipment and designating the agreement as bank-qualified, tax-exempt.

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

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 19-4042](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of November 2019.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 1362](#)
[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 December 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

B. [ID 19-4057](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY20](#)
[SALESTAX 2020](#)
[TOURISMTAX 2020](#)
[REVENUE 2020](#)

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

C. [ID 19-4051](#)

Presentation by Police Chief Tommy Cox recognizing Lt. Mark Evans and his shift.

This Presentation was presented: Mayor Johnny Magee presented a commendation plaque to Lt. Mark Evans for his services of causing a person with a mental illness to surrender a weapon.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 19-4046](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set the date of January 21, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on the following properties:

- a) TFW Consultants & Management Serv., overgrown property at 1919 N Meridian Ave. (Susie B. Ruffin), PPIN 9428 WD 4
- b) Lucille Wright Est. % Middleton Green, overgrown property at 835 E 18th Street, PPIN 10939 WD 4
- c) Frank Martin Est. % Donald Barnett, overgrown property at 1646 Queensburg Avenue, PPIN 13056 WD 7

Attachments: [SETS FOR JANUARY 21 2020](#)

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

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-4045](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for Elvin Ulmer to the 2020 STMA 31st Conference & Exhibition, January 11-17, 2020 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Attachments: [ORDER 2020 STMA CONFERENCE](#)
[2020 STMA CONFERENCE006](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares 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:

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

B. [ID 19-4044](#)

Consider adopting an Order appointing Jason E. Johnson to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel/Jones County Library.

Attachments: [ORDAppLibraryBoardJohnson2019](#)
[ORDAppLibraryBoardJohnson2019.ExhibitA](#)

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

C. [ID 19-4048](#)

Consider adopting an Order rejecting bids for the demolition of the Old Gibson Building.

Attachments: [ORDRejectBidGlbsonBuildingDemolition2019](#)

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

D. [ID 19-4049](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the re-advertisement for bids for the demolition and cleaning of City property known as Old Gibson Building, 923 Sawmill Road.

Attachments: [ORDApproveRe-AdvertiseBidsDemoGibsonBuildingDecember2019](#)
[ORDApproveRe-AdvertiseBidsDemoGibsonBuildingDecember2019.ExhibitA](#)

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

E. [ID 19-4053](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute a Letter Agreement for Professional Services for design of the Daphne Park Tennis Court Project.

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

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

F. [ID 19-4058](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve a Zoning Ordinance amendment for three Overlay Districts.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Zoning Amendment - Overlay Districts](#)

This Ordinance was adopted

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

G. [ID 19-4047](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee to execute a consent agreement with Amtrak for ADA improvements to the Laurel Train Station.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementAmtrakTrainStationImprovements2019](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementAmtrakTrainStationImprovements2019.ExhibitA](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementAmtrakTrainStationImprovements2019.ExhibitB](#)

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

H. [ID 19-4061](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the Administration authority to advertise for bids for construction of the Jefferson Street Road Diet and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution.doc](#)

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

I. [ID 19-4059](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the proposal for Engineering Services for Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study for Iris Drive Bridge, Brown St. and S. 13th Avenue.

Attachments: [RESAcceptProposalDesignEngineeringhstudy2019](#)
[City of Laurel IMS Contract 120319](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson 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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J. [ID 19-4062](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving the final plat of Palisades Park Subdivision.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR PALISADES PARK](#)
[final platt20191210 15460861](#)

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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Vacant Vacant, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

K. [ID 19-4054](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting a donation from Court Programs, Inc. and Butler Snow LLP, for the city employees Christmas event.

Attachments: [Order accepting donations for Christmas Events](#)
[Copy of Check for Christmas Event](#)
[Copy of Check for Christmas EventBSnow](#)

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

L. [ID 19-4055](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the city depository.

Attachments: [order - city depository](#)
[DOC120919-12092019151841](#)

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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M. [ID 19-4052](#)

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

- A. DEMOLITION of property assessed to Tina Livingston, located at 711 Royal Street., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$20,226.78 WD 6
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to High Sierra Tax Sale Properties LLC, located at Lot on Pine St. & 1st Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 165.00 WD 5
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to John Corriere, located at 111 Bay Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 165.00 WD 5
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to John Corriere, located at 118 Bay Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 165.00 WD 5
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Frank Corriere Est., located at Lot on Cook Avenue aka Lot at 308 E Oak Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 165.00 WD 5
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Kale Farms LLC, located at 416 N Pine Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 165.00 WD 5
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to John Corriere, located at 207 Masonite Drive, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 145.00 WD 5
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Carolyn Pryor, located at 844 N 8th Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 190.00 WD 6
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Shannon Miller, located at 819 N 8th Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 120.00 WD 6
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Evelyn Johnson, located at 1008 N 11th Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 135.00 WD 6
- K. Cleaning of property assessed to Evelyn Johnson, located at 1004 N 11th Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 165.00 WD 6
- L. Cleaning of property assessed to Evelyn Johnson, located at NW/C of W 10th Street and N 11th Avenue (aka) 1107 W 10th Street; 1004 N 11th Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 145.00 WD 6
- M. Cleaning of property assessed to Plumb Hill Properties LLC, located at N of 1021 N 9th Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 150.00 WD 2
- N. Cleaning of property assessed to Plumb Hill Properties LLC, located at Lot on NW/C of intersection of E 9th Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 150.00 WD 5
- O. Cleaning of property assessed to Bernard Magee, located at 1911 N 1st Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 130.00 WD 4
- P. Cleaning of property assessed to Herther Keys, located at 114 W 23rd Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 130.00 WD 4
- Q. Cleaning of property assessed to Long Land Investments Inc., located at Corner Lot at 15th St. & 3rd Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 130.00 WD 4
- R. Cleaning of property assessed to Lucious Newell, located at 1728 General Pershing Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 130.00 WD 1
- S. Cleaning of property assessed to Wells Fargo Bank, located at 1315 Brown Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 115.00 WD 7

Attachments: [assessments for december 17 2019](#)
[backup 12171920191210_08220321](#)

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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N. [ID 19-4065](#)

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 Trustmark National Bank (“Agreement”) for the purpose of lease-purchasing certain equipment and designating the agreement as bank-qualified, tax-exempt.

Attachments: [12.17.19 Resolution Approving Form of Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with Trustmark re_knuckleboom and garbage truckButlerSnow_50514417v1 \(002\)](#)
[12-18-19 Laurel Lease Purchase Agreement with Trustmark re_garbage truck and knuckleboom\[ButlerSnow_50535979v1\]](#)
[12-18-19 City Atty Opinion re_Trustmark Lease Purchase Agreement for Knuckleboom and Garbage TruckButlerSnow_50514582v1](#)
[12-18-19 Laurel - Equipment Lease Purchase for Knuckleboom and Garbage Truck \(Trustmark Special Tax Opinion\)ButlerSnow_50515633v1](#)

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:

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 19-4060](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT DECEMBER 17 2019.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET DECEMBER 17 2019.pdf](#)

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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