



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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: 1 - Councilperson George Carmichael

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

PRAYER

Councilperson Tony Thaxton

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 20-4073](#) December 17, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 121719](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 4J., Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing signatures for documents related to implementation of the City of Laurel 2019 HOME Grant.

Add Agenda Item 4K., Consider adopting a Resolution establishing Homeowner Guidelines for City of Laurel 2019 HOME Grant.

Add Agenda Item 4L., Consider adopting an Order approving Sheila Windham approval to travel to Gulfport for Payroll Law Seminar.

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4074](#)

Presentation acknowledging Sharon King, Clerk of Council, upon receipt of the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk designation certificate awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Attachments: [Master Clerk Plaque01012020](#)

This Presentation was presented

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

- A. PUBLIC HEARING
 - 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING
 - 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING
- B. CITIZENS HEARING
- C. CITIZENS FORUM

President Thaxton recognized Faye Jackson, 30 Country Club Drive, Laurel, MS. Mrs. Jackson came before the Council to express her concerns of a violation ticket place on a vehicle in her yard. She stated that if they are going to place them on her property, they need to enforce this all over the city.

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President Thaxton recognized Anthony Hudson, 2219 Center Avenue, Laurel, MS. Mr. Hudson came before the Council to commend Sharon King, Clerk of Council upon receipt of her Master Clerk Certification and also thanked her for the services she provides to the public as well. He further announced that she was selected as the grand marshal for the MLK parade.

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4072](#)

Consider adopting an Order setting a special election to fill the unexpired term of Ward 6 Councilman.

Attachments: [ORDSpecialElectionCityCouncilWard6Vacancy2020](#)
[ORDSpecialElectionCityCouncilWard6Vacancy2020.ExhibitA](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

B. [ID 20-4077](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to close out the 18th Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Final Pay App](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution 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: 1 - George Carmichael

C. [ID 20-4071](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting a check (check # 636) from The Hundred Club of Jones County for one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300) for use by the Laurel Fire Department for a thermal imaging camera for station four.

Attachments: [The Hundred Club of Jones County 12172019](#)
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A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

D. [ID 20-4075](#)

Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance amending and/or adding to the City of Laurel Zoning Codes Article V. *Additional District Provisions*.

Attachments: [zoning amendments additions to overlay district](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Ordinance be approved on first reading. 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: 1 - George Carmichael

E. [ID 20-4070](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a three-month special exception to Lori Brett to allow the parking of a boat at 11 Broadmoor Drive. This property is zoned R-1 which does not allow for parking of recreational vehicles. WARD 3

Attachments: [special exception 11 Broadmoor](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

F. [ID 20-4079](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the bid on one (1) piece of surplus property located at 3 Marathon Drive.

Attachments: [order to accept bid on surplus property 3 Marathon Dr.](#)
[Bid on 3 Marathon Dr. 123019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy 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: 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

G. [ID 20-4080](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving a petty cash fund in the water billing office in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Attachments: [order - petty cash water 2020](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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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Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

H. [ID 20-4078](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for Kristal Jones and Lauren Stewart to attend the 2020 Spring - Athenian Leadership Society Dialogue April 23, 2020 in Southaven, MS.

Attachments: [Travel Order - Southaven Athenian Dialouge](#)

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

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I. [ID 20-4076](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the travel for the City Clerk to attend the 74th Annual IIMC Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on May 16-21, 2020.

Attachments: [ORDER - travel IIMC St. Louis](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

J. [ID 20-4083](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing signatures for documents related to implementation of the City of Laurel 2019 HOME Grant.

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeSignaturesHOMEGrant2019](#)
[RESAuthorizeSignaturesHOMEGrant.ExhibitA](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

K. [ID 20-4082](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution establishing Homeowner Guidelines for City of Laurel 2019 HOME Grant.

Attachments: [RESHOMEGrant2019EstablishPolicies,Procedures,Guidelines](#)
[RESHOMEGrant2019EstablishPolicies,Procedures,Guidelines.Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution 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: 1 - George Carmichael

L. [ID 20-4085](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving Sheila Windham approval to travel to Gulfport for Payroll Law Seminar.

Attachments: [ORDER approving Payroll Seminar S. Windham - Copy](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4081](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT JANUARY 07 2020.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JANUARY 07 2020.pdf](#)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION