



# City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440  
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## Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, February 4, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 6 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

### PRAYER

Councilperson George Carmichael

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 20-4104](#) January 21, 2020

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 01212020](#)

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

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 4O., Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the sale of the City's surplus property at 925 Sawmill Road known as the Old Gibson's Property.

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

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 20-4103](#)

Presentation proclaiming February 14 as Arbor Day 2020 in the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ARBORDAYPROC2020](#)

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 20-4113](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set the date of March 3, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on the following property:

- a) Miranda Rogers, property in need of cleaning at 144 S 14th Avenue, PPIN 8990, WD 6

Attachments: [sets for March 3 2020](#)

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

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

**President Thaxton recognized a representative, Carl Dunbak, Public Affairs Specialist of the Small Business Administration. Mr. Dunbak came to address the public on the availability of assistance to the storm victims of this area. He passed out materials of information for anyone that was in need of assistance. He emphasized that they were here to help.**

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**President Thaxton recognized Mrs. Jean Wheeler of 1738 Martin Luther King Avenue, Laurel, MS. Mrs. Wheeler came to voice her concerns of the areas selected for paving. She asked why Martin Luther King Avenue was not in the paving projects. She also read a letter from a concern citizen on matters of concern in their area in which they reside.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Carmichael moved, seconded by Councilperson Wheat that the Council move into Closed Session to discuss the necessity of an Executive Session.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:  
YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, Page  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
ABSENT: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried, this the 4th day of February, A. D., 2020.

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Following discussion, Councilperson Carmichael moved, seconded by Councilperson S. Comegys that the Council move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of land.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:  
YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, Page  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
ABSENT: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Council to be in Executive Session, this the 4th day of February, A. D., 2020.

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Upon motion by Councilperson Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Page all Council Members present voting aye, the President declared the meeting to be back in Open Session, this the 4th day of February, A. D., 2020.

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

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4100](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Butler Snow to file the Continuing Disclosure Statement on the behalf of the City of Laurel, MS.

Attachments: [order - Cont Disclosure State 2020](#)  
[FY 2019 Continuing Disclosure Engagement Letter](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

B. [ID 20-4102](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing a contract with Grants Unlimited for the FY2019 HOME grant.

Attachments: [ORDApproveContractGrantAdministratorMSHOMECorpGrant2019](#)  
[ORDApproveContractGrantAdministratorMSHOMECorpGrant2019.ExhibitA](#)  
[Executed Unlimited Grants Exhibit B](#)

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

**C. [ID 20-4114](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to Ratify an Emergency Order for the replacement of the aerator at Plant 1.

**Attachments:** [ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderReplaceAeratorPlant12020](#)  
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderReplaceAeratorPlant12020.ExhibitA](#)  
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderReplaceAeratorPlant12020.ExhibitB](#)

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

**D. [ID 20-4117](#)**

Consider adopting Resolution giving authority to advertise for construction of the 2020 Overlay Project.

**Attachments:** [Resolution Auth Adv.doc](#)

**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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**E. [ID 20-4118](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award construction of the Oak Park Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

**Attachments:** [Resolution to Award Oak Park Blvd](#)  
[Bid Tab Oak Park](#)

**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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**F. [ID 20-4119](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award construction of the Pearson Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

**Attachments:** [Resolution to Award Pearson Avenue](#)  
[Bid Tab for Pearson Avenue](#)

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

**G. [ID 20-4099](#)**

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing Doncella Milton to the Laurel Municipal Separate School District.

**Attachments:** [ORDAppSchoolBoardMilton2020](#)

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

**H. [ID 20-4101](#)**

Consider adopting an Order appointing Mr. Clifton Nicholson to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel Jones County Library System.

**Attachments:** [ORDAppLibraryBoardNicholson2020](#)  
[ORDAppLibraryBoardNicholson2020.ExhibitA](#)

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

**I. [ID 20-4105](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the expenses for the elected officials and municipal clerks to attend the Mississippi Municipal League Summer Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 27-July 2, 2020.

**Attachments:** [ORDER approving MML travel 02042020](#)  
[MML Registration Form 02042020](#)

**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:**

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

**J. [ID 20-4108](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving travel expenses for Sharon King, Clerk of Council to attend the 50th Annual Conference of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association in Bay St. Louis, MS on March 25-27, 2020.

**Attachments:** [ORDER approving travel for Municipal Clerk Certification for Council Clerk 02042020](#)  
[Registration form for 2020 Spring Master Municipal Clerk Academ](#)  
[MMCCA Registration Form 02042020](#)

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

**K. [ID 20-4107](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for Cindy Pitts to travel to Bay St. Louis, MS to attend the Annual Spring Conference of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks & Collectors Association.

**Attachments:** [order - travel bay st louis 3-2020](#)  
[MS CLERKS CONF 3-2020](#)

**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:**

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

**L. [ID 20-4120](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving Sandra Hadley to travel to New Orleans to NSC Southern Conference.

**Attachments:** [ORDER approving Safety Coordinator travel 5-6-2020](#)

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

**M. [ID 20-4110](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2020 budget.

**Attachments:** [Budget Amendment - Order](#)

[Budget Amendment - List](#)

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

**N. [ID 20-4106](#)**

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Administration to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the city-owned surplus properties at Walters Avenue & Central Avenue and also a lot on Queensburg Avenue.

**Attachments:** [order to advertise bid surplus property #11035 & #13132](#)

[NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY 11035 & 13132](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**O. [ID 20-4123](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the sale of the City's surplus property at 925 Sawmill Road known as the Old Gibson's Property.

**Attachments:** [RESAuthorizeSaleGibsonBuildingJanuary2020](#)

[Executed Contract for Old Gibson Building purchase](#)

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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 20-4115](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

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

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