



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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

Councilman Stacy Comegys

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 20-4147](#) February 4, 2020

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 02042020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, 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 Vice President Jason Capers, that the agenda be approved as printed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 20-4122](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of January 2020.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 8374](#)
[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of January 2020. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

- B. [ID 20-4144](#)

Monthly Report of Budget Certification.

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

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. [ID 20-4127](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for DEMOLITION of property known as 158 S Meridian Ave, which belongs to L.C. Mccullum, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Attachments: [158 S Meridian Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Council President Tony Thaxton, 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

B. [ID 20-4128](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for DEMOLITION of property known as 827 N 13th Ave., which belongs to Zone Properties LLC, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Attachments: [827 N 13th Ave](#)

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

C. [ID 20-4129](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution for DEMOLITION of property known as 121 E Kingston Street, which belongs to Charles & Benny Reed, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Attachments: [121 E Kingston](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Resolution be amended, allowing property owner four months to demolish property. 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. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4143](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute a letter agreement for professional services related to designing an auxiliary storage tank at Water Plant #2.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

[Letter Agreement.pdf](#)

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

B. [ID 20-4136](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award construction of the Jefferson Street Road Diet and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution.doc](#)

[Bid Tab.pdf](#)

[Ltr of Recommendation for Jefferson Street Road Diet](#)

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

C. [ID 20-4137](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to enter into a professional services agreement with Neel-Schaffer for the development of a Sportsplex Masterplan.

Attachments: [Letter Agreement.pdf](#)

[RESOLUTION-Contract Design Master Plan](#)

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

D. [ID 20-4139](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to advertise for bids for construction of the 13th Avenue Overlay and Drainage Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution.doc](#)

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

E. [ID 20-4124](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to apply for the Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) Grant in an amount up to \$61,288.07.

Attachments: [2020 OFFICE AGAINST INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE](#)

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

F. [ID 20-4145](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution declaring the intention of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi, to issue General Obligation Bonds, issue revenue bonds or seek a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank to be paid with a portion of the Proceeds of the City's Recreation and Public Improvement Promotion Tax in the Principal Amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.00), for the purpose of providing funds (I) to pay for the establishment, development, construction, furnishing, equipping and erection of recreation facilities on land located within or in close proximity to the corporate limits of the City; (II) to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds; and (III) for other related purposes all as authorized by Sections 21-33-301 ET SEQ., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, by House Bill 1868, 1998 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, and by Sections 31-25-1, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and directing publication of notice of such intention to issue the bonds.

Attachments: [City of Laurel MS GO Tourism Tax Bonds Series 2020 - Intent ResolutionButlerSnow 51576950v2](#)
[Laurel GO Tourism Tax Bonds 2020 - City MA \(IRMA\) Disclosure Eng Ltr \(2.18.20\)](#)

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

G. [ID 20-4146](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi (The "City"). Approving the employment of professionals in connection with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, issue Revenue Bonds or seek a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank to be paid with a portion with a portion of the proceeds of the City's Recreation and Public Improvement Promotion Tax, in one or more series, in the principal amount of not to exceed four million five hundred dollars (\$4,500,000), in the aggregate, to raise money for the purpose of providing funds (I) to pay for the establishment, development, construction, furnishing, equipping and erection of recreation facilities located on land to be used for recreation facilities within or in close proximity to the corporate limits of the City; (II) to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds; and (III) for other related purposes all as authorized by Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, by House Bill 1868, 1998 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, and by Sections 31-25-1 et. seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Attachments: [City of Laurel MS GO Tourism Tax Bonds \(2020\) - Engagement ResolutionButlerSnow 51577331v2](#)
[Laurel MS \\$4500000 GO Tourism Tax Bonds \(2020\) - Engagment LetterButlerSnow 51577644v2](#)

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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

H. [ID 20-4130](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving an amendment to Tru Services, LLC, the City's Health Reinsurance Carrier.

Attachments: [order - Tru Services Amendment DOC021020-02102020102317](#)

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

I. [ID 20-4121](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Yolanda Powe be allowed to attend the 2020 (MMVCA) Mississippi Mosquito & Vector Control Association Meeting in Ridgeland, MS on March 11-12, 2020.

Attachments: [2020 MSMVCA ANNUAL MEETING IN RIDGELAND, MS](#)

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, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

J. [ID 20-4125](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing travel for Mayor Johnny Magee to attend the 2020 Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Conference in Biloxi, MS.

Attachments: [ORDTravMAPDD2020](#)

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

K. [ID 20-4126](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing travel for Mayor Johnny Magee to attend the 2020 MS Affordable Housing Conference in Biloxi, MS.

Attachments: [ORDTravHousingAffordableConferenceMarch2020](#)

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

L. [ID 20-4116](#)

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

- A. DEMOLITION of property assessed to Mihaela Day, located at 1012 N 4th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$3,117.80 WD 5
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Georgia & Gregory Miller, located at 1819 Airport Drive, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 7,147.08 WD 7

Attachments: [assessments for February 18 2020](#)
[BACKUP ASSESSMENT 02182020200128_15554529](#)

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

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4138](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT FEBRUARY 18 2020.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET FEBRUARY 18 2020.pdf](#)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION