



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 – 7:00 P. M.
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM – 305 MONROE STREET**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Phil Fisher

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Invocation was led by Alderman Barnett and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Wilbanks.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Ricki Garrett – Alderwoman-at-Large
Karen Godfrey - Alderwoman Ward 1
Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
Chip Wilbanks – Alderman Ward 4
Beverly Oliver – Alderwoman Ward 5
James Lott III – Alderman Ward 6

Before the Consent Agenda item was considered Alderwoman Oliver asked that Item 6B be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately. She stated that her son worked for one of the companies the city was paying in the Claims Docket.

The following motion was made:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – S WITH ITEM 6B REMOVED

MOTION made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – S with Item 6B removed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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After the above item was voted on the following motion was made:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6B

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved Consent Agenda Item 6B. Alderwoman Oliver left the meeting at 7:04 pm and returned to the meeting at 7:05 pm. Alderwoman Oliver did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did she vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Before Chandra Broomfield, Director of Therapeutic Recreation gave her report the Mayor read two notes from citizens of Clinton thanking the City and Chandra for reopening the Therapeutic Recreation Center and providing the activities that were put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chandra then updated the board on the ongoing activities held over the past several months. These activities included Top Soccer, an Art Exhibit, Penny Auction, and a Beginner's Line Dancing Class. She also updated the board on the total number of participants and on the COVID-19 precautions being taken during the activities. Chandra then updated the board on the various activities planned for the Center for the months of October 2021 through December 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the 2021-2022 proposed budget and the 2021-2022 tax levy for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing by discussing the major items in the budget. These items included salary increase for the employees, additional police personnel and vehicles, beautification, new equipment for both Parks and Recreation and Public Works and the budget also included the borrowing of \$925,000 from the Water and Sewer Department for the Quail Hollow and Pebble Brook projects with a ten-year payback. He also spoke of the equipment and projects in the budget pertaining to the Water and Sewer Department. (His comments are made a part of these minutes).

The Mayor then asked for any comments from the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Barnett made the comment that he did not feel the City needed to borrow the \$925,000 from the Water and Sewer Department for the Quail Hollow and Pebble Brook projects. He felt the City should wait and see if they could get the money from the Federal Government.



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The Mayor then asked for public comment from the citizens attending the Public Hearing:

There were no comments from the citizens attending the Public Hearing.

There being no further comments from the citizens and the board the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVY ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND FOR THE CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2021-2022 BUDGET YEAR

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Resolution fixing the ad valorem tax levy on real and personal property for the City of Clinton, Mississippi and for the Clinton Public School District for the 2021-2022 budget year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RICKY NATIONS TO THE CITY OF CLINTON LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by Jim Martin, Alderman Ward 2, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the appointment of Ricky Nations to the City of Clinton Library Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF WEAVER MCCRACKEN TO THE CITY OF CLINTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by Jim Martin, Alderman Ward 2, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the appointment of Weaver McCracken to the City of Clinton Planning and Zoning Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1003 DOGWOOD DRIVE – PARCEL 2862-111-557 – WARD 3

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 1003 Dogwood Drive, Parcel 2862-111-557, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. A public hearing was held but no one representing the property owners was present and there was no public comment. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Proclamation proclaiming September 17, 2021 through September 23, 2021 as Constitution Week. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO REQUEST THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE ALLOW THE CITY OF CLINTON TO VOTE ON AN ADDITIONAL 2% RESTAURANT TAX

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board authorized the Mayor to request the Mississippi Legislature allow the City of Clinton to vote on an additional 2% Restaurant Tax. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN WILBANKS, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY**



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APPROVE ENDORSING THE CITY OF CLINTON'S EFFORTS IN SEEKING FUNDING FOR A REGIONAL WATER/SEWER PROJECT CONNECTING THE CITY OF CLINTON TO THE BIG BLACK RIVER BY 2030

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved endorsing the City of Clinton's efforts in seeking funding for a Regional Water/Sewer Project connecting the City of Clinton to the Big Black River by 2030. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE PROPOSAL BY DEM ELECTRIC TO PROVIDE LIGHTING TO KIDS' TOWNE PARK PARKING AREA AND PLAYGROUND FOR THE PRICE OF \$10,600

Upon presentation by Adam Wade, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the proposal by DEM Electric to provide lighting to Kids' Towne Park parking area and playground for the price of \$10,600. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE PROPOSAL BY MATTOX SERVICES TO CONVERT TWO TENNIS COURTS AT KIDS' TOWNE PARK TO FOUR PICKLEBALL COURTS FOR THE PRICE OF \$25,668.92

Upon presentation by Adam Wade, Director Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the proposal by Mattox Services to convert two tennis courts at Kids' Towne Park to four pickleball courts for the price of \$25,668.92. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM HARVEY SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,366.17 FOR GRIT REMOVAL PUMP REPLACEMENT AT SOUTHSIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the lowest and best quote from Harvey Services, Inc. in the amount of \$21,366.17 for grit removal pump replacement at Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Upon presentation by William Purdie, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Clinton Public School District for the Provision of School Resource Officers. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A PUBLIC PARKING LOT ALONG WEST LEAKE STREET IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by William Purdie, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved a Resolution to enter into a lease agreement for a public parking lot along West Leake Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 8:15 pm and returned to the meeting at 8:16 pm. Alderman Wilbanks did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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MOTION made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: *Philip R. Fisher*
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

9/8/2021
Date

ATTEST: *Russell L. Wall*
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

9-8-2021
Date

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