

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2015 – 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 Brabham followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Ellis.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

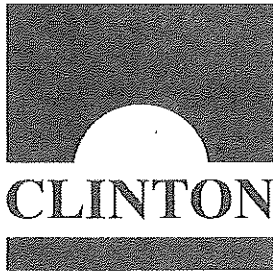
Present: Jehu Brabham – Alderman-at-Large
 David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
 Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
 William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
 Greg Cronin – Alderman Ward 4
 Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
 Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - K

MOTION made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-K. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chandra Fontenot, Assistant Director of Therapeutic Recreation Services updated the board on the number of programs and the number of participants provided by the Therapeutic Recreation Division during 2014. Chandra also informed the board of the quarterly newsletter that is posted on the City web page and that the computer lab at the Woods Activity Center has been opened and that basic classes in operating a computer will be held in the near future. She also informed the board of two Valentine events to be sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. These events are a Sweet Heart Formal Dance and a Love is in the Air Dance for senior citizens.



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Tara Lytal, Director of Main Street gave a recap of the 2014 events held by Main Street. These events included Olde Towne Markets, Dinner & a Movie, Back to the Bricks, Fresh at Five, Sidewalk Art Sale, Cruzin' Clinton, Common Grounds, Lighting of the Tree, and the Santa Claus Crawl. The total participants in these events were approximately 20,000 persons. Tara also announced two new events that were begun in 2014. These events were Just the Girls and Olde Towne After Dark. She also informed the board that three new businesses opened in Olde Towne during 2014, that Main Street will partner with the Mississippi College Art Department for an art project in the City, and that Main Street completed the move of their offices to City Hall.

Marsha Barham, Director of the Clinton Visitor Center updated the board on the number of visitors to the Visitor Center during 2014. Marsha mentioned that in December 2014 there were approximately 300 more visitors to the Visitor Center compared to December 2013. She attributed this increase to the lower gas prices. Marsha updated the board on the various events and activities to be held in 2015. These events and activities included musical entertainment, Mile Post 89, and several history lectures to be given by Dr Howell, City Historian. She also announced a new service called the free library. This is where a person could come and get a book and leave a book. She also wanted to recognize the many volunteers that helped her run the Visitor Center and the events.

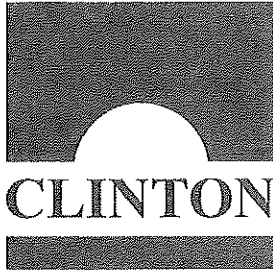
BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GREG EVANS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the appointment of Greg Evans to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
2014 FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT APPLICATION**

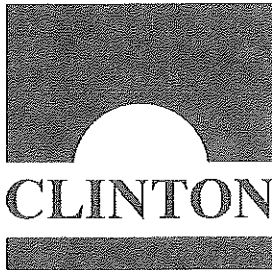
Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a resolution in support of the Clinton Fire Department's 2014 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM DAYSPRING COMMUNITY CHURCH
FOR \$500.00, FRED'S DOLLAR FOR \$279.15 AND WAL-MART INC. FOR \$500.00 TO
THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved accepting donations from Dayspring Community Church for \$500.00, Fred's Dollar for \$279.15 and Wal-Mart Inc. for \$500.00 to the Clinton Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE
MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY PERSONNEL HAVE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND TO ENSURE THE RAPID RESTORATION OF
SUCH COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN THE EVENT OF DISRUPTION CAUSED
BY NATURAL DIASTER, TERRORIST ATTACK OR OTHER EMERGENCY**

Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Captain of the Clinton Fire Department, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board authorized the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission to ensure that all law enforcement personnel and essential public health and safety personnel have effective communications services in emergency situations and to ensure the rapid restoration of such communications services in the event of disruption caused by natural disaster, terrorist attack or other emergency **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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After the Memorandum of Understanding was approved the following motion was made:

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFF BLACKLEDGE, CAPTAIN OF THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

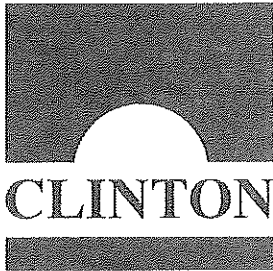
Upon presentation by Alderman Jehu Brabham, Alderman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the appointment of Jeff Blackledge, Captain of the Clinton Fire Department as a liaison officer between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM FRED'S DOLLAR FOR \$279.51 TO THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved accepting a donation from Fred's Dollar for \$279.51 to the Clinton Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND MEET THE PRESS (THROUGH STAGELITE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.) FOR THE FAMILY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA TO BE HELD ON JULY 4, 2015 IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Cole Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board authorized the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Meet the Press (through Stagelite Entertainment, Inc.) for the Family Fireworks Extravaganza to be held on July 4, 2015 in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Brabham wanted to give his appreciation for the remarks concerning the City the Mayor made at the Annual Clinton Chamber of Commerce Banquet held on Thursday January 15, 2015.

ADJOURN 7:42 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

1/21/15
Date

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

1-21-15
Date

