



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY AUGUST 17, 2021 – 7:00 P. M.
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WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Phil Fisher

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Invocation was led by Reverend Gary Mays, Interim Pastor of Pinelake in Clinton and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Martin.

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

RECOGNITIONS

Kay Brodbeck, President of the League of Woman Voters of the Jackson Area, Inc. addressed the board concerning the organization’s concerns in the board’s recent decision not to stream board work sessions and budget hearings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - R

MOTION made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver to approve the Consent Agenda Items A - R. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Gabriel Prado, Director of Economic Development updated the board on the progress of retaining a tenant for the Delphi Building located in the Clinton Industrial Park. Gabriel also discussed the other projects he was involved with and the progress made to date. Finally, Gabriel announced his resignation to be effective August 31, 2021.



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BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GARRETT DEYOUNG TO THE CITY OF CLINTON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Upon presentation by Chip Wilbanks, Alderman Ward 4, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the appointment of Garrett DeYoung to the City of Clinton Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN HOFF TO THE CITY OF CLINTON LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by Chip Wilbanks, Alderman Ward 4, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the appointment of Carolyn Hoff to the City of Clinton Library Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, the board approved the appointment/reappointment of the department heads listed below at the same compensation and benefits as each was receiving as of June 30, 2021. Furthermore, the board approved the appointment of the City Historian with no compensation and benefits. The Communications Director and Economic Development Director positions were vacant due to recent resignations and will be filled at a later date.

<u>Department Head</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Vote to Approve</u>
Russell L. Wall	City Clerk/Chief Financial Officer	Wilbanks/Godfrey	Unanimous
Williford, Gearhart, & Knight	City Engineer	Barnett/Martin	Unanimous



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Philip Lilley	Director of Public Works	Wilbanks/Garrett	Unanimous
Roy Edwards	Director of Community Development	Godfrey/Martin	Unanimous
Ford Hayman	Chief of Police	Wilbanks/Barnett	Unanimous
Jeff Blackledge	Fire Chief	Barnett/Oliver	Unanimous
Adam Wade	Director of Parks and Recreation	Wilbanks/Godfrey	Unanimous
William Purdie	City Attorney	Wilbanks/Garrett	Unanimous
Steven D. Boone	City Judge	Martin/Godfrey	Unanimous
Ottawa Carter	Judge Pro Tempore	Martin/Garrett	Unanimous
Kevin Rundlett	City Prosecutor	Martin/Wilbanks	Unanimous
Graham Carner	Public Defender	Oliver/Wilbanks	Unanimous
Tara Lytal	Director of Main Street	Godfrey/Garrett	Unanimous
VACANT	Director of Economic Development		
Dr. Walter Howell	City Historian	Martin/Garrett	Unanimous
Chandra Broomfield	Director of Therapeutic Recreation	Godfrey/Wilbanks	Unanimous
VACANT	Director of Communications		



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After the above appointments were made the following motions were made:

MOTION TO REAPPOINT (ANNA BOYD HAWKS /MARSHA BARHAM) TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF (TRAIN DEPOT/VISITOR CENTER) WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE POSITIONS AND DEPARTMENTS. THESE DEPARTMENTS WILL NOW BE SUB-DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM. THESE POSITIONS WILL NO LONGER BE A DEPARTMENT HEAD LEVEL POSITION AND WILL NOW REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OVER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM. THE SALARY FOR THESE POSITIONS IS UNCHANGED

Upon presentation by Karen Godfrey, Alderwoman Ward 1, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the motion to reappoint (Anna Boyd Hawks/Marsha Barham) to the position of Director of (Train Depot/Visitor Center) with the following changes to the positions and departments. These departments will now be Sub-Departments under the Department of Communication and Tourism. These positions will no longer be a Department Head Level position and will now report to the Department Head over the Department of Communication and Tourism. The salary for these positions is unchanged. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN BARNETT VOTED NAY.**

MOTION TO REAPPOINT MARK JONES AS THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE POSITION AND DEPARTMENT. THIS DEPARTMENT WILL NOW BE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM. THIS DEPARTMENT WILL NOW ENCOMPASS THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE TRAIN DEPOT AND VISITOR CENTER AND THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM WILL HAVE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OVER THE DIRECTOR OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS. THE SALARY FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE UNCHANGED.

Upon presentation by Karen Godfrey, Alderwoman Ward 1, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the motion to reappoint Mark Jones as the Communications Director with the following changes to the position and department. This department will now be the Department of Communication and Tourism. This department will now encompass the departments of the Train Depot and Visitor Center and the Director of Communication and Tourism will have supervisory authority over the director of



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those departments. The salary for this position will be unchanged. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN BARNETT VOTED NAY.**

SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR A MURAL – PAUL GORE – 815 NORTHSIDE DRIVE

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the mural to be painted on the side of the building located at 815 Northside Drive in the City of Clinton, contingent on pressure washing the building, repainting the building white, adding a UV coating, and painting the arrows in the mural brown. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval contingent on painting from corner to corner of that side of the building. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE MADE TO THE CITY OF CLINTON ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO INTERSTATE CORRIDOR SIGNS AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

This item was removed from the agenda and no action was taken.

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SAM MINTER TO THE CITY OF CLINTON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the appointment of Sam Minter to the City of Clinton Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 872 CHEERYSTONE CIRCLE – PARCEL 2860-427- WARD 6

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 872 Cherrystone Circle, Parcel 2860-427, 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**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 180 HOBBY FARMS – PARCEL 2860-169- WARD 6

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 180 Hobby Farms, Parcel 2860-169, 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**

COPNDITIONAL USE TO BUILD A CHILD CARE FACILITY – 0 WOODCHASE PARK DRIVE – PARCEL 2860-834-711 – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the conditional use request to build a Child Care Facility at 0 WoodChase Park Drive, Parcel 2860-834-711, located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE TO BUILD A 2,184 SQ. FT. BARN – 5 CHATHAM PLACE
– WARD 3**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the dimensional variance to build a 2,184 sq. ft. barn to be located at 5 Chatham Place in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION BEGINNING 2/15/2021, AS LISTED IN THE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO SCHOGGENSCAPES INC., FOR THE
CONTRACT OF CUTTING AND MAINTAINING KIDS' TOWNE PARK, BRIGHTON
PARK, ROBINSON PARK, AND NORTHSIDE PARK**

Upon presentation by Adam Wade, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved a two-year extension beginning 2/15/2021, as listed in the Professional Services Agreement to SchoggenScapes Inc., for the contract of cutting and maintaining Kids' Towne Park, Brighton Park, Robinson Park, and Northside Park. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON AND THE
CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ADVERTISING ON THE
SCOREBOARD AT ARROW FIELD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AT \$3,000.00, AND
FURTHERMORE AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS
ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH AGREEMENT**

Upon presentation by Mark Jones, Director of Communications, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved a lease agreement between the City of Clinton and the Clinton Public School District for advertising on the scoreboard at Arrow Field for a three-year term at \$3,000.00 per year, and furthermore the board authorized the Mayor to execute any contracts associated with such agreement. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver for a closed session to determine the need for an executive session for the purpose of discussing the location, relocation or expansion of a business or an industry. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Having heard the intended purpose, a **MOTION** was made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the location, relocation or expansion of a business or an industry. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered executive session at 7:59 p.m. Also, Present in the executive session were Richard Copeland, owner of the Delphi Building, Kelly Cook, Mr. Copeland's daughter, Gabriel Prado, Director of Economic Development, William Purdie, City Attorney and Russell Wall, City Clerk. A discussion took place relating to the location, relocation or expansion of a business or an industry. No Action was taken during the executive session. **MOTION** was made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott to exit executive session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The Mayor and Board of Aldermen exited the executive session at 9:05 p.m.

After exiting the Executive Session, the Mayor announced that no action was taken in the executive session.

ADJOURN 9:06 PM

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks 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 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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

8/19/2021
Date

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

8-19-2021
Date

