

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
WOOD ACTIVITY CENTER – 111 CLINTON BOULEVARD**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Phil Fisher

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was led by Alderman Barnett followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Cronin.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Jehu Brabham – Alderman-at-Large
 David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
 Tony Greer – 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 - Q

MOTION made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-Q. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mike Warren, Police Chief reported to the board the statistics for calls for service, traffic stops, number of tickets written, and number of arrests made in the month of August 2013. He also updated the board on the progress of the Police Department expansion project and on the hiring of new police officers.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls for the month of August 2013. He also updated the board on various activities and programs the fire department was involved in. These activities and programs included fund raisers selling T-Shirts for breast cancer awareness, siren tests, fire drills at Clinton Park Elementary, groups visiting the fire station, participation in a vulnerability assessment with the Police Department and the Clinton Public Schools, participation in an active shooter training exercise with the FBI, CPR training certification classes, and the testing of two types of air packs.

Mike Parker, Director of Public Works reported on the annual Mississippi Health Department Inspection of the Clinton Water and Sewer Department. Mike informed the board that the Water and Sewer Department received a score of 5 out of 5. He also stated that the Health Department said that the City had one of the best run systems in the state. He also announced that on September 21, 2013 through September 28, 2013 the City would sponsor their annual fall cleanup and would have dumpsters located at 529 Springridge Road for citizens to dump their garbage and trash. Also, the City would sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste day on September 28, 2013. He also updated the board on the new water wells project and that he and others in the Public Works Department had attended ADA training during the past month.

Marsha Barham, Director of the Visitor Center reported the statistics on the number of visitors that visited the Visitor Center over the past year. She reported that there has been an increase of 1,546 visitors with the total number of visitors being 8,840. Also, of that total foreign visitors totaled 386. Marsha also informed the board of the many activities and concerts that the Visitor Center sponsored.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF TERSA LOVE TO THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by Jehu Brabham, Alderman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the nomination of Tersa Love to the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF DEWAYNE PARKER TO THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by David Ellis, Alderman Ward 1, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved the Nomination of Dewayne Parker to the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTINE WHITTON TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Upon presentation by David Ellis, Alderman Ward 1, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the nomination of Christine Whitton to the Planning and Zoning Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF GERALD KUCIA TO THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by Tony Greer, Alderman Ward 2, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the nomination of Gerald Kucia to the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF DEANNA DILLARD TO THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by Bill Barnett, Alderman Ward 3, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved the nomination of DeAnna Dillard to the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF MARK OUELLETTE TO THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by Greg Cronin, Alderman Ward 4, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the nomination of Mark Ouellette to the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF JANIE CRISLER TO THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by Jan Cossitt, Alderwoman Ward 5, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the nomination of Janie Crisler to the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION CONCERNING ON STREET PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Mike Cashion, Alderman Ward 6, led a discussion concerning on street parking enforcement. He stated that from his observations that this was an issue in his ward. He was concerned that there was a safety issue from the standpoint of emergency vehicles being able to move through the streets and the possibility of children running into the street from behind these cars. He wanted input from the other board members. Greg Cronin, Alderman Ward 4 and David Ellis, Alderman Ward 1, had the same concerns as Alderman Cashion regarding this issue. They also had issues with repeat offenders, the number of people living in residences and the parking of cars on the front lawn of residences. After the discussion the Mayor announced that he would meet with Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, and come up with some solutions regarding this problem and bring them to the board in the next few weeks for their consideration.

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF JOSEPH LARRY TO THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by Mike Cashion, Alderman Ward 6, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the nomination of Joseph Larry to the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

DISCUSSION CONCERNING PARKING PROBLEMS IN DOWNTOWN CLINTON

The Mayor had Tara Lytal, Director of Main Street; address the board concerning parking problems in downtown Clinton. Tara informed the board that parking in downtown Clinton had become a problem. She proposed that parking be limited to 2 hours and be 24/7. She also recommended that this limit be placed on parking on Jefferson Street between Main Street and West Leake and on Main Street between Monroe Street and Capital Street. After this discussion a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion that the board approve the 2 hour parking limit to be effective 24/7 on Jefferson Street between Main Street and West Leake and on Main Street between Monroe Street and Capital Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION CONCERNING LEAF COLLECTION IN THE CITY

The Mayor had Mike Parker, Director of Public Works; address the board concerning leaf collection in the City. Mike informed the board that leaf collection cost the City approximately \$31,000 per year and used manpower that could be directed elsewhere. Also, citizens would place the leaves in the street and during rain storms the leaves would clog the street drains and cause street flooding. He proposed that the City not provide leaf collection as the City had a contract with Waste Management to pick up leaves that were bagged. Alderman Cashion stated he was not prepared to do away with leaf collection at this time. He stated that he felt this was a service the citizens expected. Alderman Barnett wanted to know if it was possible to limit this service to one month and provide this service at a later time during the year. Alderwoman Cossitt stated that we should provide this service this year and during the year educate the citizens of the costs and possibility of doing away with the service next year. Alderman Cronin stated that some of his older constituents found bagging leaves difficult and that the citizens need to be educated that they should place their leaves in garbage bags and place them on the curb for Waste Management to pick up before doing away with this service. After this discussion a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer that leaf collection in the City be approved from January 15, 2013 through February 15, 2013 and this be the last year that the City would pick up leaves, and furthermore direct the Director of Communications over the next year to prepare an education program explaining to the citizens that leaves must be bagged and placed on the curb for Waste Management to pick up and that this would be the last year that the City would pick up leaves. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF KIM JACKSON AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the nomination of Kim Jackson as the chairman of the City Election Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MUNICIPAL COURTROOM LOCTED AT 305 MONROE STREET

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved setting a Public Hearing for Zoning Text Amendments for September 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Courtroom located at 305 Monroe Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OWENS INSURANCE – SITE PLAN REVIEW – RICHARD OWENS

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the site plan requested by Richard Owens of Owens Insurance for an office building to be located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

COLLEGE STATION – DIMENSIONAL VARIANCES – DAVE RILEY

After concerns the Mayor and Board of Alderman had concerning the variances requested and the building of apartments, the board decided they needed more time to look into this request. The board decided to table this item and place it on the agenda for the September 17, 2013 board meeting.

1000 HAMPSTEAD BOULEVARD – CONDITIONAL USE – ROB NEBLETT

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved a conditional use requested by Rob Neblett to renovate and add approximately 130 sq feet to an existing building to be used as a retail shop located at 1000 Hampstead Boulevard located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ENTERGY – SPRINGRIDGE ROAD – SITE PLAN REVIEW

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the site plan requested by Entergy of its planned conveyance of a portion of its substation property located at 1000 Springridge Road to ITC Holdings Corporation located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. Alderman Ellis left the meeting at 8:26 pm and returned to the meeting at 8:28 pm. Alderman Ellis did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – 1580 CLINTON-RAYMOND ROAD – HAROLD MILLER

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved the site plan requested by Providence Presbyterian Church for a sign to be located at 1580 Clinton-Raymond Road located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

LEAKE STREET COLLECTION – CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – DEBBE TILLMAN

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the request by Debbe Tillman for a Certificate of Appropriateness to paint her retail building located at 201 W Leake Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACCEPT A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE SOLUTIONS GROUP FOUR, FOR MARKETING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON. \$4,000 (50%) DEPOSIT IS TO BE FUNDED IN THE FY 2013, FROM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS BUDGET, WITH THE BALANCE (\$4,000) TO BE PAID UPON COMPLETION IN FY 2014

Upon presentation by Mark Jones, Communications Director, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board accepted and approved the proposal submitted by The Solutions Group Four, for marketing services for the City of Clinton and furthermore, approved a \$4,000 (50%) deposit to be funded in the FY 2013, from the elected officials budget, with the balance (\$4,000) to be paid upon completion in FY 2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACCEPT A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY USTREAM INC. AND FUTHER
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR VIDEO
STREAMING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON**

Upon presentation by Mark Jones, Communications Director, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board accepted a proposal submitted by UStream Inc., and further authorized the Mayor to execute a one year contract for video streaming services for the City of Clinton. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE ACCEPTING A HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT AWARD TOTALING
\$51,812.00 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIFIC USES OF OVERTIME
PAY FOR SWORN POLICE OFFICERS TO WORK INCREASE TRAFFIC PATROLS**

Upon presentation by Mike Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved accepting a Highway Safety Grant Award totaling \$51,812.00 for the Police Department for specific uses of overtime pay for sworn Police Officers to work increase traffic patrols. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACCEPTANCE OF A \$10,000.00 GRANT FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT AND
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT THE CLINTON
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CORPORATION**

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board accepted a \$10,000.00 grant from Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful for a Community Garden at the Clinton Community Christian Corporation. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE "ASSURANCE RELATING TO
REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS" (NRCS-ADS-78) AS IT RELATES TO THE
ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES NEEDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
2013 NRCS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS**

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2013 – 2014 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

A public hearing was held as required by state statute to review the proposed budget for the City of Clinton and the tax levy for the City of Clinton and the Clinton Public School District. There were no questions or comments from the public concerning the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 proposed budget or the 2013-2014 tax levy.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SETTING THE CITY OF CLINTON TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND THE CLINTON SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a resolution setting the City of Clinton tax levy for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the Clinton Separate School District tax levy for fiscal year 2013-2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

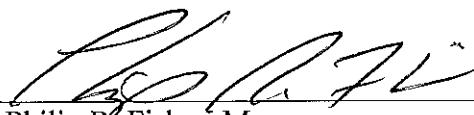
OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF LIZ HARRELL TO THE CITY LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by David Ellis, Alderman Ward 1, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the nomination of Liz Harrell to the City Landscape Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 9:18 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held September 17, 2013 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

9/6/13
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

9-6-13
Date

