

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Alderwoman Cossitt followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led Alderman Cronin.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

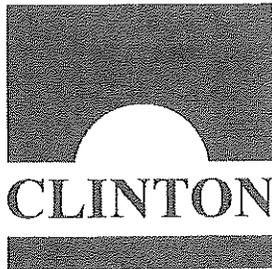
Present: Jehu Brabham – Alderman-at-Large
 David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
 Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
 William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
 Greg Cronin – Alderman Ward 4
 Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
 Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor read a letter from Randy Cotton associated with the Baptist Children's Village thanking the Clinton Fire Department for their participation in a recent day camp event.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2015 – 2016 CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI
BUDGET AND TAX LEVY**

A Public Hearing on the City's proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 budget and tax levy was led by Mayor Phil Fisher. Mayor Fisher read a letter explaining the proposed budget and tax levy. This letter has been made a part of these minutes. Sandra Glasper wanted to know where she could get a copy of the proposed budget and the court order related to the fire station to be built in the annexed area. She also asked about getting a copy of the City's Master Plan. Alderman Brabham stated that this was one of the best budgets he has been associated with since becoming an Alderman. He also stated that this budget set a tone for future budgets with the hope that there would be money for infrastructure and other services in the future. Alderman Cronin stated that he appreciated being a part of the budget process and that he had learned a lot on how the departments of the City operated. He also commended the discipline of the department heads in



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that all departments stayed within their allotted budget during FY 2015. Alderman Cashion stated that the budget was a cumbersome process and mostly an exercise in crunching numbers and compromise. He believed in the discipline approach the board has taken in the budget process and as a result this will lead the City to financial stability. There being no further comments from those attending the Public Hearing the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SETTING THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE CLINTON SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the resolution setting the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Clinton Separate School District tax levy for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – N

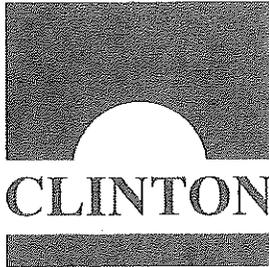
MOTION made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-N. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Marsha Barham, Director of the Visitor Center updated the board on the number of visitors to the Visitor Center from January 2015 through August 2015 as compared to the prior year. She also informed the board of the various projects and events she has been working on. These projects and events included working on a map showing where visitors came from, Friday nights at Milepost 89, Settlers Day at Milepost 89, a tribute trees, the progress on the historical markers project, and the upcoming commemoration of the Clinton Riot of 1875.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.



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MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC RELATED TO THE ROBINSON SPRING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

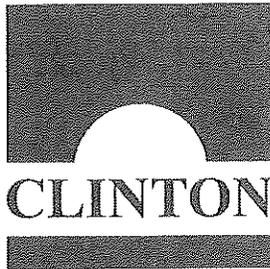
This item was removed from the agenda and no action was taken.

CONDITIONAL USE – 467 EAST NORTHSIDE DRIVE – DARRON & VICKIE BANKS – WARD 3

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the request by Darron & Vickie Banks to open an adult daycare facility to be located at 467 East Northside Drive located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi contingent on the following conditions being met 1.) That the occupancy of the building be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) persons, and 2.) That the operators shall maintain access to at least fourteen (14) parking spaces during the hours of operation. Alderman Cronin left the meeting at 7:41 pm and returned to the meeting at 7:52 pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this matter nor did he vote on this matter. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SITE PLAN REVIEW – 550 EAST NORTHSIDE DRIVE – SIGN FOR NORTHSIDE DENTAL ASSOCIATES – WARD 3

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the site plan from Northside Dental Associates for a sign to be located at 550 East Northside Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1416 ROSEMONT CIRCLE – WARD 4

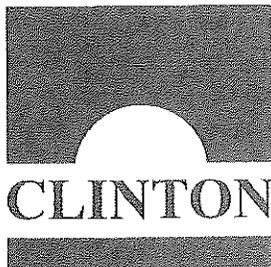
Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 1416 Rosemont Circle, under the authority granted to municipalities 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 302 PARKER DRIVE – WARD 6

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 302 Parker Drive, 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**

**APPROVAL OF A FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION
FOR AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. FOR AN
ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$508,140.26 FROM JANUARY
1, 2015 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a final resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi granting exemption for ad valorem taxes to Gulf State Cannery, Inc. for an additional five years with a true value of \$508,140.26 from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FOR AD VALOREM TAXES TO MCNEELY PLASTIC PRODUCTS, INC. FOR AN INITIAL FIVE YEARS WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$177,341.15 FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

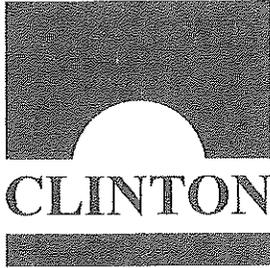
Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi granting exemption for ad valorem taxes to McNeely Plastic Products, Inc. for an initial five years with a true value of \$177,341.15 from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FOR AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. FOR AN INITIAL FIVE YEARS WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$3,298,583.53 FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi granting exemption for ad valorem taxes to Gulf State Cannery, Inc. for an initial five years with a true value of \$3,298,583.53 from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DENIAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FOR AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. FOR AN INITIAL FIVE YEARS WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$918,521.14 FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board voted to deny the resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi granting exemption for ad valorem taxes to Gulf State Cannery, Inc. for an initial five years with a true value of \$918,521.14 from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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DENIAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FOR AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. FOR AN INITIAL FIVE YEARS WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$1,127,090.76 FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

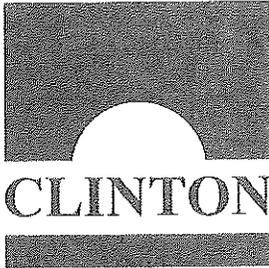
Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board voted to deny the resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi granting exemption for ad valorem taxes to Gulf State Cannery, Inc. for an initial five years with a true value of \$1,127,090.76 from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FOR AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. FOR AN INITIAL FIVE YEARS WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$469,680.26 FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

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

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENTS FROM LOTTIE A. WILLIAMS, CHRIS ANN AND GREGORY CRAFT, PAUL C. AND RHONDA A. FLOYD, AND ST. THOMAS HEAD START FOR THE 2015 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ALONG THE SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY TIE-IN TO ST. THOMAS WATER ASSOCIATION

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the acceptance of the easements from Lottie A. Williams, Chris Ann and Gregory Craft, Paul C. and Rhonda A. Floyd, and St. Thomas Head Start for the 2015 Water System Improvements Project along the South Frontage Road providing an emergency tie-in to St. Thomas Water Association. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



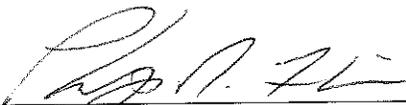
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APPROVE EXTENDING THE GARBAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MISSISSIPPI, INC. FOR ANOTHER THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 18, 2018

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved extending the garbage contract between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Waste Management of Mississippi, Inc. for another three (3) years beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 18, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 8:12 PM

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held September 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

9/3/15
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

9-9-15
Date

