

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 - 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 Cronin followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Mayor Fisher.

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
 Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

Absent: Alderwoman Cossitt was not present during the roll call, however she did enter the meeting at 7:19 pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - M

MOTION made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-M. Items K and L will serve to advertise favorably the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Clinton. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mike Warren, Police Chief informed the board that the Police Department would be working the upcoming alternative Mardi Gras celebration to be hosted by Mississippi College to be held on March 4, 2014. He also, reported to the board the statistics for calls for service, traffic stops, number of tickets written and number of arrests made during the period of January 27, 2014 through February 9, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief updated the board on calls for service and fire calls for the period of February 1, 2014 through February 16, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He also informed the board that the EMT training was completed during the month of February 2014, that his department made a presentation to the Sumner Hill students and that the new firefighters were assigned to their new shifts.

Mike Parker, Director of Public Works updated the board on the various activities the Public Works Department was involved in. These activities included an update on the Soccer Row well house electrical problems, an update on the collection of leaves throughout the City that ended on February 15, 2014, an update on the repair of the lights under the Clinton Parkway bridge, and he announced that the Annual City Wide Cleanup would be held March 29, 2014 through April 5, 2014.

Chandra Fontenot, Assistant Director of Therapeutic Recreation Services updated the board on the changes made to the Wood Activity Center. These changes included the addition of exercise machines, ping pong tables, pool tables, and sitting areas.

Cole Smith, Assistant Director of Maintenance Services for the Parks and Recreation Department introduced himself to the board by briefing them on his education and experience. He also informed the board that today was his first day and he spent most the day getting to know his staff.

Alderwoman Cossitt entered the meeting at 7:19 pm

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

Mike Cashion, Alderman Ward 6 updated the board on the efforts to obtain a location in Hammett Crossing for a Police precinct. He explained that the owners were willing to donate 1,600 square feet of space for three (3) years at no cost with an option of three (3) more years for a cost of \$3.00 to \$4.00 a square foot. Alderman Cashion had two (2) concerns. 1) Was the leasing of this space feasible and 2) Should the City locate a Police precinct and move the Community Development Department to this space.

Alderman Brabham was concerned that by making physical improvements to the building would constitute a donation to the property owners when the lease expired. Alderman Martin expressed concerns about selling the Community Development building which the City owned and entering into a lease for new space. Alderman Cronin felt that the City should only locate a Police precinct at this space and not move the Community Development Department.

After the discussion of this matter Alderman Cashion offered the following motion.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HAMMETT CROSSING SHOPPING CENTER

Upon presentation by Mike Cashion, Alderman Ward 6, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a lease agreement for the property located in the Hammett Crossing Shopping Center. **MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 1 WITH ALDERMEN BRABHAM, ELLIS, MARTIN, BARNETT, CRONIN, AND CASHION VOTING AYE AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTING NAY**

After the vote on this motion Alderman Cronin offered the following motion.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO REVISIT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TIM PARKMAN FOR USE OF PARKMAN'S PROPERTY LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 80 FOR CITY USE

Upon presentation by Greg Cronin, Alderman Ward 4, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved authorizing the Mayor to revisit negotiations with Tim Parkman for use of Parkman's property located on Highway 80 for City use. **MOTION CARRIED 4 TO 3 WITH ALDERMEN BARNETT, CRONIN, CASHION, AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTING AYE AND ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ELLIS, AND MARTIN VOTING NAY**

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN A GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY AND CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board authorized the Chief of Police to sign a General Agreement between Natchez Trace Parkway and Clinton Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACCEPT A DONATION FROM DIANNE STEFANICK, A CLINTON RESIDENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board accepted a donation from Dianne Stefanick, a Clinton resident, in the amount of \$50.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MDOT) AND THE CITY OF CLINTON, FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPING OF THE INTERSTATE 20 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD INTERCHANGE

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Mississippi Department of Transportation Commission (MDOT) and the City of Clinton, for installation and maintenance of landscaping of the Interstate 20 Springridge Road Interchange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF CHIP WILBANKS TO THE CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the appointment of Chip Wilbanks to the Clinton Public School Board. Alderman Barnett left the meeting at 7:59 pm and returned to the meeting at 8:00 pm. Alderman Barnett did not participate in the discussion of this matter nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS

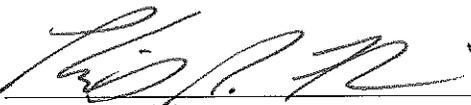
APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY HOLLY TO THE CITY OF CLINTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by David Ellis, Alderman Ward 1, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the appointment of Mary Holly to the City of Clinton Beautification Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

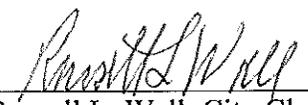
Alderman Cronin introduced Benji Barham his appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Barham gave the board details of his experience in planning and zoning matters.

ADJOURN 8:03 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

2/21/14
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

2-21-14
Date

