



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 – 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 Cashion followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderwoman Cossitt.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Ricki Garrett – Alderwoman-at-Large
David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
Keith Perritt – Alderman Ward 4
Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor presented to Russell Wall, City Clerk the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2016 City of Clinton Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This was the thirteenth year the City of Clinton has received this certificate.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – Q

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief updated the various calls the Fire Department received over the past year. These calls included EMS calls, Fire calls, Alarm calls and Motor Vehicle Accident calls. The Chief then updated the board on the status of the construction of Fire Station #4 located on Pinehaven Road.



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BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BRYCE YELVERTON TO THE CITY OF CLINTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by, Ricki Garrett, Alderwoman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the appointment of Bryce Yelverton to the City of Clinton Planning and Zoning Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TRACY D. SPIVEY TO THE CITY OF CLINTON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Upon presentation by Alderwoman Garrett, Alderwoman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the appointment of Tracy D. Spivey to the City of Clinton Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE A MOTION TO BRING OFF THE TABLE THE CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 W COLLEGE STREET IN WARD 1, PARCEL #2861-386

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the motion to bring off the table the consideration of a resolution concerning unkempt property located at 500 W College Street in Ward 1, Parcel #2861-386. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVE A RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT
500 W COLLEGE STREET IN WARD 1, PARCEL #2861-386**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 500 W College Street, Parcel #2861-386, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. With the stipulation that the resolution apply to any future purchasers of the property. A public hearing was held and Fariss Chrisler representing the property owner stated that the owner had received a bid for the painting and repair of rotten wood of \$19,000.00. However, since the owner had received an offer for the sale of the property the owner wanted to wait to see if he could sell the property before accepting the bid. Alderman Ellis was concerned on the time it would take before the sale of the property and wanted to know if the resolution would apply to future owners. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CONDITIONAL USE – 101 AUBURN DRIVE – ONE HOPE, LLC – WARD 2

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the request from One Hope, LLC for a conditional use to open an Adult Day Care Facility to be located at 101 Auburn Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. Joe Little and Cheryl Teller explained to the board that they were proposing an Adult Day Care Center for persons 18 and over with various disabilities. The facility would be open from 8 am to 5pm. They further stated that there was a need for this type of facility as they have had many calls from the citizens of Clinton to open a facility of this type. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEW SIGN – 121 CLINTON BOULEVARD – H & R BLOCK – WARD 4

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the request by H & R Block for a new sign to be located at 121 Clinton Boulevard in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVE A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE HINDS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE CENTENNIAL**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved a resolution commemorating the Hinds Community College Centennial. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE TWO HUNDRED THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF CLINTON,
MISSISSIPPI**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved a proclamation recognizing the two hundred thirtieth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America and proclaimed September 17, 2017 through September 23, 2017 as Constitution Week in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LEASE/PURCHASE PROPOSAL
SUBMITTED BY REGIONS EQUIPMENT FINANCE AND FURTHERMORE
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH REGIONS
EQUIPMENT FINANCE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PAC-MAC KNUCKLE BOOM
TRUCK FROM HOL-MAC CORPORATION FOR THE CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board approved the acceptance of the Lease/Purchase proposal submitted by Regions Equipment Finance and furthermore authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with Regions Equipment Finance for the financing of a PAC-MAC Knuckle Boom Truck from Hol-Mac Corporation for the Clinton Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CATERPILLAR AP-255E ASPHALT PAVER MACHINE FROM PUCKETT MACHINERY FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Dexter Shelby, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Perritt and **SEONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the purchase of a Caterpillar AP-255E Asphalt Paver machine from Puckett Machinery for use by the Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD OF THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER ADCAMP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,256.45 FOR THE 2017 STREET PAVING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND FURTHERMORE, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE BID PACKAGE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the acceptance and award of the lowest and best bidder ADCAMP in the amount of \$305,256.45 for the 2017 Street Paving Improvements Project and furthermore, the board authorized the Mayor to execute the bid package documents for the project improvements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BELL SOUTH MOBILITY, LLC FOR LEASED SPACE ON THE CITY'S WATER TANK LOCATED AT 910 OLD VICKSBURG ROAD

Upon presentation by Chelsea Brannon, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Perritt and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved a resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton to approve Amendment Number Four to the Lease Agreement with Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, successor to BellSouth Mobility, LLC for leased space on the City's Water Tank located at 910 Old Vicksburg Road. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME

Upon presentation by Lauren Stubblefield, City Grants Administrator, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved a resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton to accept a grant from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation and authorized execution of an agreement in connection with the same. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM (SAFER), AND TO AUTHORIZE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AGREEMENT ARTICLES AND OBLIGATING DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME

Upon presentation by Lauren Stubblefield, City Grants Administrator, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved a resolution by the Board of Alderman of the City of Clinton to accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program (SAFER), and authorized the Acknowledgement of Agreement Articles and Obligating Documents in connection with the same. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2017 – 2018 CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

A Public Hearing on the City's proposed fiscal year 2017-2018 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. After the Mayor read his letter he opened the floor to public comment. Herman Cooper stated that he was pleased to see that the board was concerned with the maintenance and upkeep of the City's infrastructure and was willing to appropriate money for this endeavor. Bernard Kines also commented the board on their concern for appropriating money for the maintenance and upkeep of the City's infrastructure. There being no further comments from the public the Mayor asked the board for any comments they may have.



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Alderman Cashion stated that the concept of raising taxes was not something everyone wants to do. However, he believed as an Alderman he must be a good steward and must take the appropriate steps to meet the needs of maintenance and upkeep of the City's infrastructure. He further stated that he could not find any fluff in this proposed budget and he felt it was the elected official's responsibility to maintain the City's infrastructure and action must be taken. He asked that the board approve the millage increase.

Alderwoman Garrett stated that she was a conservative and that the board has agonized over this decision. She stated that she has been involved in many budgets over her career and she felt the only way to get the money to maintain the City's infrastructure was to increase the millage. Furthermore, she believed that the Federal and State governments would not supply the City with funds for this purpose. She further stated that deferred maintenance does not solve the problem it only enhances the problem by increasing the costs.

Alderwoman Cossitt stated that her Ward had many elderly persons. Most of these persons were on fixed income and they have difficulty in finding the money for this increase. However, she believed there was no other option than to increase the millage in order to get the money for the maintenance and upkeep of the City's infrastructure. She also felt by having well maintained roads this would set our City apart from the other Cities in the Metro area.

Alderman Ellis stated that we must maintain our infrastructure ourselves as we will not get any help from the Federal and State governments. He believed that we must set a rate that will provide for the maintenance of our infrastructure and the services that our citizens expect. We must take care of the City. He also felt that this was an economic development issue. He felt that by maintaining our infrastructure this would help in attracting residents and other businesses to our City.

Alderman Perritt stated that as Aldermen we have to make the hard decisions and raising the millage was one of the hard decisions. He stated that the board had looked at many options such as budget cuts and getting revenue from other sources. All of the options did not pan out. He also stated that he did not feel we would get any help from the legislature. Finally, he stated after looking at the options the only one left was raising the millage and we must do this to maintain our infrastructure.

Alderman Martin stated that there was no question that the City streets needed resurfacing. However, he was against a millage increase. He stated that the board did look at outside funding, however he believed that other options should be explored before instituting a millage increase.



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Alderman Barnett stated that all cities have this same problem of finding the money for infrastructure. He stated that the board did look at many options as stated in the Mayor's letter and that raising the millage was the only option left. He believed that we must take care of the streets now and not wait. He did state that if we do receive outside money the board would reduce the millage to offset the outside money received.

There being no further comment from the citizens or the Board of Aldermen the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION SETTING THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE CLINTON SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR THE 2017 – 2018 BUDGET YEAR

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board approved a resolution setting the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Clinton Separate School District tax levy for the 2017-2018 budget year. **THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 6 TO 1 VOTE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN PERRITT, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY**

OTHER BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FINALIZE THE EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE CONTINENTAL TIRE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Upon presentation by Chelsea Brannon, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved authorizing the City Attorney to finalize the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement related to the Continental Tire Water Improvement Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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ADJOURN 8:23 PM

MOTION made by Alderman Cashion and SECONDED by Alderman Ellis to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held September 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

9/7/2017
Date

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

9-7-2017
Date

