

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 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 Barnett followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Cronin.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

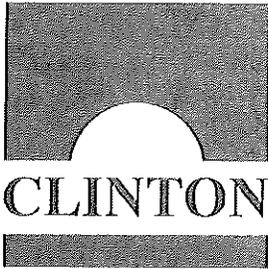
Present: Jehu Brabham – Alderman-at-Large
 David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
 Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
 William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
 Greg Cronin – Alderman Ward 4
 Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
 Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor announced that at the recent meeting of the Mississippi Parks and Recreation Association held in Gulfport Mississippi, Chandra Fontenot, Assistant Director of Therapeutic Recreation Services was recognized by the association as the 2014 professional of the year.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to discuss the proposed Historical Preservation Ordinance. Roy Edwards, Director of Community Services gave an overview of the proposed ordinance and what some of the requirements were of property owners located in the historical district regarding their houses and buildings. George French, PhD. explained why the passage of this ordinance was important to the City. He stated that in order for the City to apply for grants and other monetary assistance the City needed this Historical Preservation Ordinance. Grants could be applied for to build fire and police stations, construct bike and recreation trails and purchase fire trucks. After these comments and there being no comments from the citizens attending the public hearing, the Mayor closed the hearing.



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After the Public Hearing was closed, the board moved to consider the following:

APPROVAL OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the Historical Preservation Ordinance. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - D

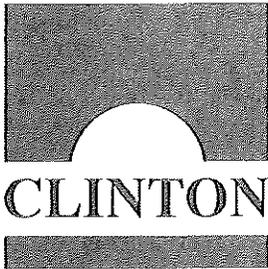
MOTION made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-D. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Michael Warren, Police Chief reported to the board the statistics for calls for service, traffic stops, number of tickets written, and number of arrests for the period September 8, 2014 through October 12, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. The Chief then informed the board that all of his officers had completed in service training in first aid, certification in CPR and received police subject control certification.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls for the period of January 2014 through October 19, 2014 as compared to the previous year. The Chief then updated the board on various activities that the Fire Department was involved in. These activities included that the two (2) fire fighters enrolled in the fire academy had graduated in September 2014 and two more fire fighters were to graduate next week, the department had hired one new fire fighter from the last hiring process, that a new hiring process has been started, the fire department would be participating in an EOC table top exercise, the department would be sponsoring at art contest at station #2, and the department had presented fire extinguisher training, and fire safety classes to various school groups and companies in the month of October 2014.

Mike Parker, Director of the Public Works Department, was absent from the meeting and no report was presented from the Public Works Department.



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BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

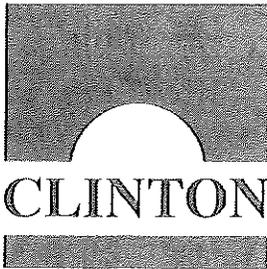
MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

**APPROVAL OF PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE AND WORKER'S
COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015**

Ben Todd, with Todd & Associates, presented a proposal from Trident Insurance Company for fire, auto liability and worker's compensation insurance for the fiscal year 2014-2015. **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the proposal of \$401,786 from Trident Insurance Company as the lowest and best bid, furthermore the board approved the \$2,500 agent fee in the Worker's Compensation Insurance premium. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**HEAR THE APPEAL FROM JERRELL HUTSON CONCERNING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
CONCERNING A HOUSE LOCATED AT 417 EAST COLLEGE STREET**

Upon presentation by, Jerrell Hutson, Property Owner, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board concurred with the interpretation of the regulations by the Community Development Director that covered parking was required in the rear of the house and denied the appeal by Jerrell Hutson. Before the vote was taken Jerrell and Martha Hutson discussed their reasons why the appeal should be granted. Basically they believed having a carport in the rear of the house was dissimilar to the other houses on the street. And they also did not agree with the interpretation of the regulations made by the Community Development Director. Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development stated that he felt the regulations require a carport in the rear of the property. Alderman Brabham felt that the regulations were clear and that covered parking in the rear of the house was required. Alderman Ellis discussed the process and felt the motion should be that the board concurred with the interpretation of the regulations by the Community Development Director. Alderman Cronin felt that the ordinance should be looked at and some way should be found to grant the request. The Planning and Zoning Commission sent the request to the board with no recommendation. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A 5 TO 2 VOTE, WITH ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN**



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ELLIS, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN BARNETT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTING AYE AND ALDERMAN CRONIN AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTING NAY.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – 417 EAST COLLEGE STREET – JERRELL HUTSON

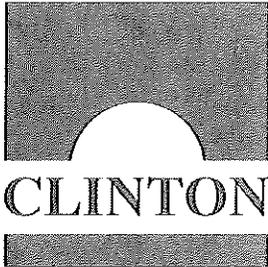
Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the site plan submitted by Jerrell Hutson, including the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission that required covered parking be constructed in the rear of the residence of the house located at 417 East College Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UPDATE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 NEAL STREET

Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, gave an update on the condition of the property located at 1100 Neal Street. She stated that there have been no changes made to the property in the last thirty (30) days and attempts to contact the owner have failed. A public hearing was held but no one representing the property owner was present and there was no public comment. After the discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to demolish the building within thirty (30) days and to bring the property to green field status. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 208 LEAKE STREET

Before a vote was taken, Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer showed various pictures taken of the property and stated that attempts to contact the owner Hugh McLarin have failed. Furthermore, it was the recommendation of the Compliance Officer that the property be found to be not fit for human habitation. Sarah Ammons the renter of the property stated that she has had problems with getting the property fixed. She had contacted the owner many times about the problems. After the discussion a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham to declare the house unfit for human habitation to give the present residents seven (7) days to vacate the property and to notify the owner he has thirty (30) days to bring the property up to code. A public hearing was held but no one representing the property owner was present and there was no public comment. The board also stated that the pictures of the property



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should be included in the minutes. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101-A BRIARMEADE

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

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 369-A HOBBY FARMS

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 369-A Hobby Farms, 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 owner was present and there was no public comment. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk.

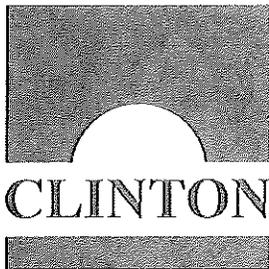
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

After the above item was voted on, the Mayor asked Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development to give an update on unkempt property located at 111 Meadow Lane. Roy stated that no work had been done and he recommended that the property be demolished. After this discussion a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham that the building located at 111 Meadow Lane be demolished. A public hearing was held but no one representing the property owner was present and there was no public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 4, 2014 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2025 AS THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a proclamation declaring November 4, 2014 through November 11, 2025 as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



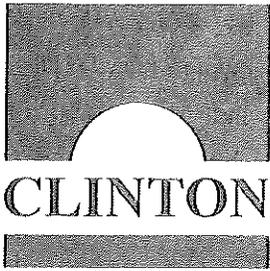
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APPROVAL OF A BUILDING SWAP BETWEEN THE CITY (200 W LEAKE STREET)
AND TPI (961 HIGHWAY 80 E)

Before the vote a discussion was held on this item. The Mayor explained the rationale for this swap and that he planned on opening a police precinct in this building and moving the Community Development Department and the Personnel Department to this building. He also stated that Main Street employees would be moved to City Hall in the space vacated by the Personnel Department. Michael Warren, Police Chief stated that he had no problems with this and that the Police Department would use part of the Building as a police precinct and that he was going to move the uniform patrol offices to this building. Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development stated that he had no problems with this move and in fact it would give his department more room and would open up approximately seven (7) parking places in Olde Towne that could be used by visitors. Alderman Cashion questioned whether there would be an impact on the budget and was told this move would not impact the budget in a negative way. Alderman Cashion stated he felt this would bring more investment to the Old Towne area and was a good idea. Alderman Barnett stated that Old Towne needs another building for retail development and he supported this swap. Alderman Martin stated he remained in opposition to this swap and did not feel it was prudent for the City to make this swap. He was also concerned that the City was swapping a building with no foundation problems for a building that did have known foundation problems. Alderman Cronin stated he felt that this was a prudent decision and that the City would gain additional office space for future expansion. He also felt that this swap would fill the needs of having a police precinct on Highway 80. After the discussion a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett to approve the building swap between the City (200 W Leake Street) and TPI (961 Highway 80 E). **THE MOTION PASSED BY A 4 TO 3 VOTE, WITH ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN CRONIN, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTING AYE AND ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN ELLIS AND ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTING NAY**

APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE 2013-2014 AMENDED BUDGET FOR NEW AND EXISTING FUNDS

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the adoption of the 2013-2014 amended budget for new and existing funds. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FROM TAMRA MORGAN FOR ATTENDING THE 2014 PROFESSIONAL JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 AND THE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS STATEWIDE SUMMER SEMINAR HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

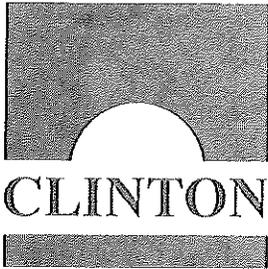
Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board received the Certificate of Attendance from Tamra Morgan for attending the 2014 Professional Judicial Development Seminar held September 9, 2014 through September 10, 2014 and the Municipal Court Clerks Statewide Summer Seminar held September 11, 2014 through September 12, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELEVEN (11) SPECIFIC UNMARKED VEHICLES IN THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 25-1-87 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, ANNOTATED

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved an Order authorizing the use of eleven (11) specific unmarked vehicles in the Clinton Police Department in accordance with Section 25-1-87 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DECLARE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY A LIFEPAK 12, SERIAL #11361503, AND FURTHERMORE APPROVE SENDING THE LIFEPAK 12 BACK TO PHYSIO CONTROL FOR A \$4,000 CREDIT WHICH WILL BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE OF A LIFEPAK 15

Upon presentation by Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board declared as surplus property a Lifepak 12, serial #11361503, and furthermore approved sending the Lifepak 12 back to Physio Control for a \$4,000 credit which will be applied to the purchase of a Lifepak 15. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WALKING TRAIL AT
NORTHSIDE PARK, AND APPROVAL OF THE LOW QUOTES FOR THE
PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE RENOVATIONS AND THE BASKETBALL COURT
RESURFACING AT NORTHSIDE PARK**

Upon presentation by Cole Smith, Assistant Director of Maintenance for the Parks and Recreation Department, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board gave its approval to advertise for bids for the walking trail at Northside Park, and approval of the low quotes for the playground structure renovations and the basketball court resurfacing at Northside Park. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION

Upon presentation by Ken Dreher, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved the purchase of land for the new fire station. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 9:30 P.M.

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

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

10/30/14
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

10-30-14
Date

SEAL

