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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
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TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2019 – 7:00 P. M.
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WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Phil Fisher

During the Welcome and Call to Order the Mayor announced that the Clinton Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta was attending this meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Invocation was led by Alderman Cashion and this was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Perritt.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

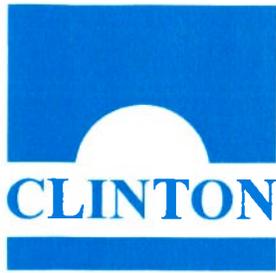
Present: Ricki Garrett – Alderwoman-at-Large
 David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
 Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
 William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3 entered meeting at 8:00 pm
 Keith Perritt – Alderman Ward 4
 Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
 Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor made the announcement that the City of Clinton's Waste Water Treatment Facility had won the MWEA Plant of the Year Award.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - M

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



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Marsha Barham, Director of the Visitor Center updated the board on the number of visitors to the Clinton Visitor Center for the year beginning January 1, 2019 through October 14, 2019. Marsha also updated the board on upcoming events to be sponsored by the Visitor Center. These events included visits by Cycling Groups, the Friday Night at Milepost 89 Event, the Clinton Honors Our Veterans Event, the Civil War Artifacts Exhibit, the Veterans Day Tribute Event, the Christmas Open House Event, and the Saturday and Sunday music events by local musicians.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN 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 2020**

Ben Todd, with SouthGroup Insurance Services, presented a proposal from Travelers Insurance Company for Property, Fire, and Auto Liability Insurance and a proposal from the Mississippi Municipal Plan for Worker's Compensation Insurance for the fiscal year 2019 – 2020.

MOTION made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the proposal of \$396,947.00 from Travelers Insurance Company as the lowest and best bid, and approved the proposal of \$181,410.18 from the Mississippi Municipal Plan for Worker's Compensation Insurance as the lowest and best bid, and furthermore the board approved the \$1,500 agent fee in the Worker's Compensation Insurance premium. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – 109 STAFFORD DRIVE – JESSE BAYNES – WARD 1

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the request from Jessie Baynes for a Dimensional Variance to build a garage with 146 square feet above the 750 square feet the ordinance requires to be located at 109 Stafford Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SITE PLAN – 490 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD – TACO BELL – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the site plan submitted by Taco Bell to remodel their store located at 490 Springridge Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Before the next item was voted on Alderwoman Garrett made the following motion:

MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM TO APPOINT A CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Alderwoman Garrett, Alderwoman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board tabled the item to appoint a City Attorney for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 2. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN PARRETT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED NAY. ALDERMAN BARNETT WAS ABSENT**

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

This item was tabled. See the previous motion.



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After the motion to table the appointment of the City Attorney for the City of Clinton, Mississippi was voted on the Mayor offered the following motion:

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN OTTOWA CARTER AND THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN STEVEN NIXON AND THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY UNTIL THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board approved authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between Otttowa Carter and the City of Clinton, Mississippi and authorized the Mayor to execute a contract between Steven Nixon and the City of Clinton, Mississippi to provide legal services to the City until the appointment of a City Attorney for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 2. ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN PERRITT, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT AND ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY. ALDERMAN BARNETT WAS ABSENT**



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APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KELLY SIMPKINS TO REPRESENT THE CITY IN A CASE BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT AND FURTHERMORE APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020 BUDGET: MOVE \$4,375 FROM ACCOUNT # 001-060-420, \$761 FROM ACCOUNT # 001-060-460, \$328 FROM ACCOUNT # 001-060-470, \$211 FROM ACCOUNT # 001-060-480, \$5,000 FROM ACCOUNT # 001-001-616, \$10,000 FROM ACCOUNT # 001-001-619 AND \$5,000 FROM ACCOUNT # 001-001-698 TO ACCOUNT # 001-001-607 TO PAY FOR THE REPRESENTATION

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the appointment of Kelly Simpkins to represent the City in a case before the Mississippi Supreme Court and furthermore approved the following amendment to the FY 2020 budget: move \$4,375 from account # 001-060-420, \$761 from account # 001-060-460, \$328 from account # 001-060-470, \$211 from account # 001-060-480, \$5,000 from account # 001-001-616, \$10,000 from account # 001-001-619 and \$5,000 from account # 001-001-698 to account # 001-001-607 to pay for the representation. Alderman Martin left the meeting at 7:48 pm and returned to the meeting at 7:51 pm. Alderman Martin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A \$500 DONATION FROM KROGER TO THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Perritt and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved receiving a \$500 donation from Kroger to the Clinton Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRACEWAY PARK SOFTBALL CONCESSION STAND

Upon presentation by Adam Wade, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the rejection of all bids received on September 27, 2019 for the construction of the Traceway Park Softball Concession Stand. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRACEWAY
PARK CONCESSION STAND**

Upon presentation by Adam Wade, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the request to re-advertise for the construction of the Traceway Park Concession Stand. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN PERRITT, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY. ALDERMAN BARNETT WAS ABSENT**

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM SCOGGENSCAPES INC., AS THE
LOWEST AND BEST BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,620 FOR THE LANDSCAPE
MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT THE TRAIN DEPOT, CITY HALL, POLICE
STATION, VISITORS' CENTER AND TOWNE SPRING PARK**

Upon presentation by Adam Wade, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board approved the acceptance of the bid from SchoggenScapes, Inc., as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$40,620 for the landscape maintenance services at the Train Depot, City Hall, Police Station, Visitors' Center and Towne Spring Park. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Alderman Barnett entered the meeting during the discussion of the following item at 8:00 pm.

**ACCEPT THE LEASE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CIT GROUP INC., FOR THE
FINANCING OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON AND
FURTHERMORE AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COINTRACT WITH
CIT GROUP INC.**

Upon presentation by Mark Jones, Director of Communications, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board accepted the lease proposal submitted by CIT Group Inc., for the financing of computer equipment for the City of Clinton and furthermore authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with CIT Group Inc. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR 2019 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved Change Order #1 for the 2019 Street Improvements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR 2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved Change Order #1 for the 2019 Transportation Improvements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COORDINATED SIGNAL TIMINGS PLANS AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board authorized the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the City of Clinton, Mississippi regarding the development and implementation of coordinated signal timings plans at various intersections within the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

After the previous motion was considered the Mayor explained how the infrastructure money the legislature approved to give to the cities in the state would be paid. Basically, the money would be paid in two payments at 50% per payment in January and July of each year.



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The Mayor then announced that he would be hosting two meetings one on Wednesday October 16, 2019 and one on Thursday October 17, 2019 to discuss proposed changes to Highway 80. He invited all citizens who are interested to attend.

After the Mayor finished Alderman Martin made the following motion:

MOTION TO RESCIND THE MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM TO APPOINT A CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Alderman Martin, Alderman Ward 2, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board rescinded the motion to table the item to appoint a City Attorney for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 2. ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN PERRITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTED NAY.**

After the previous motion was approved the Mayor offered the following motion:

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM PURDIE AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board approved the appointment of William Purdie as the City Attorney for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3. ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN PERRITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN ELLIS AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTED NAY.**



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ADJOURN 8:21 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 November 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

10/16/19
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

10-16-19
Date

