

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 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 Martin followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Barnett.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - M

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mike 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 April 7, 2014 through April 27, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He updated the board on the activities that the department was involved in. These activities included the cleaning out of the evidence room of drug evidence, the working of the 5k run to be held Friday April 9, 2014, the attendance of the Tasty Bite Out of Crime event held Monday April 5, 2014, participation in the Special Olympic Torch run to be held Wednesday April 7, 2014, the SWAT Day at the local Junior High School to be held May 16, 2014, and participation in Jackson Metro Center terrorism exercise to be held Tuesday night April 6, 2014.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls for the period January 1, 2014 through May 4, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He also updated the board on other activities the Fire Department was involved in. These activities included working the MC baseball game where the Mayor threw out the first pitch, raising money for Muscular Dystrophy, went to Louisville, MS to help with locating persons lost from the recent tornado, participation by members of his department in the annual physical agility tests, and participation in several public education events.

Rob Richey, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department gave the board an update on the SRF projects, the Pinehaven Road project, and the Hampstead Boulevard project. He also informed the board that the welcome sign on East Northside Drive had been repaired and that the 2013 Water Quality Report had been posted on the City's website. Also, the old sewer lines across from the downtown post office had been replaced and that the department would be attending chlorine leak training with the Clinton Fire Department.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR POLICE PRECINCT

After discussion of this item, Alderman Cashion withdrew his motion and no action was taken.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE AND AWARD OF A NEGOTIABLE NOTE, SERIES 2014, OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI TO BE DATED THE DATE OF DELIVERY THEREOF, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$350,000)

Upon presentation by Tray Hairston with Butler Snow LLP, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a resolution directing the sale and award of a negotiable note, Series 2014, of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be dated the date of delivery thereof, in the principal amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105-A OWENS ROAD

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for the demolition of a building located at 105-A Owens Road, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. Furthermore, the board gave the property owner a ninety (90) day grace period to repair the house and remove the junk vehicles. A public hearing was held and Gloria Hodges the owner and her son Anthony Singletary asked for more time to repair the property. They also informed the board that some work had been done on this property and they felt they could have it finished in ninety (90) days. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105-B OWENS ROAD

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for the demolition of a building located at 105-B Owens Road, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. Furthermore, the board gave the property owner a forty-five (45) day grace period to demolish the building located on the property. A public hearing was held and Gloria Hodges the owner and her son Anthony Singletary asked for more time to clean the property. Ms. Hodges informed the board she was having difficulty with her reimbursement from the insurance company. They also stated that some work has been done on the property and it was their intention to have the building located on the property demolished within the forty-five day (45) period. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 222 RECTANGLE STREET

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for the demolition of a building located at 222 Rectangle Street, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. Furthermore, the board gave the owner a thirty (30) day grace period to demolish or repair the building located on the property. 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**

DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 212 RECTANGLE STREET

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for the demolition of a building located at 212 Rectangle Street, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. Furthermore, the board gave the property owner a thirty (30) day grace period to demolish or repair the building located on the property. The board also asked that the owner be contacted and asked to meet with the board to discuss the plans for the demolition or repair of the building. 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**

DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 NEAL STREET

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

DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 NEAL STREET

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for the demolition of a building located at 1100 Neal Street, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. Furthermore, the board gave the property owner a ninety (90) day grace period to demolish or repair the building located on the property. A public hearing was held and Thomisine Bennett and Caroline Roberson asked the board for ninety (90) days to repair the building. It was their intention to repair the building and reopen the restaurant within that period of time. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 12, 2014 THROUGH MAY 16, 2014 AS NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved a Proclamation declaring May 12, 2014 through May 16, 2014 as National Nursing Home Week in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION DESIRING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING FEDERAL FUNDING IN ORDER TO MAKE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOTEL AND OTHER BUSINESSES

Upon presentation by George French, Grants Coordinator, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved a resolution desiring technical assistance from the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District for the purpose of seeking federal funding in order to make infrastructure improvements to support the construction of a new hotel and other businesses. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR CITY RADIOS TO OPERATE ON THE STATE RADIO SYSTEM

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Mississippi Wireless Communications Commission for City radios to operate on the State Radio System. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$2,000.00 FROM JACKSON POLICE FOUNDATION, TASTY BITE OUT OF CRIME TO UPGRADE THE E-911 DISPATCH WORKSTATIONS

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved accepting a donation of \$2,000.00 from Jackson Police Foundation, Tasty Bite Out of Crime to upgrade the E-911 dispatch workstations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE LAMAR COMPANIES

Upon presentation by Ken Dreher, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the acceptance of a Quitclaim Deed from The Lamar Companies. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 8:34 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

5/8/14
Date

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

5-8-14
Date

