



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY MAY 2, 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 Alderwoman Cossitt 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 read a letter from a citizen of Clinton thanking Officer Matt Campbell for his assistance with a break-in of their residence that had occurred recently. The citizen also thanked the Clinton Police Department for their support in this matter.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – K

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Cole Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation updated the board on three events coming up within the next month that the Parks and Recreation Department would be involved in. These events included the Admiral Cup, the Brilla Spring Final Soccer Tournament and the NJCAA National Softball Tournament.



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BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

**CONDITIONAL USE – 2002 W NORHSIDE DRIVE – LOVETT ELEMENTARY –
WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the request by Lovett Elementary for a conditional use permit to allow for three modular units to be placed on the northern side of Lovett Elementary School located at 2002 W Northside Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CONDITIONAL USE – 1004 HAMPSTEAD BOULEVARD – HAVANA NIGHTS –
WARD 5**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the request by Havana Nights for a conditional use permit to allow the sale of beer, wine, and spirits to be located at 1004 Hampstead Boulevard in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CONDITIONAL USE – 901 HIGHWAY 80 EAST – REJUVENATION MEDI-SPA –
WARD 6**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the request by Rejuvenation Medi-Spa for a conditional use permit to offer therapeutic massage services to be located at 901 Highway 80 East in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE/CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 402 EAST
MAIN STREET – RONALD MORTON/MORTON LAW FIRM – WARD 5**

Before this item was voted on the following discussion took place:

Alderman Brabham stated he appreciated all the information concerning this matter that was presented to the board by the owner Ronnie Morton. He felt that the spirit and intent in Olde Towne was to develop a mixed-use area containing both businesses and residences. He felt he was on solid legal ground and that the request met all of the requirements for a dimensional variance.

Alderman Martin felt that the request did not meet the legal requirements for a dimensional variance. He stated that the board in a similar request denied a dimensional variance. He stated he believed that a dimensional variance should be granted if the property would be unusable without the dimensional variance. He felt the property in question would still be usable as a residence if the dimensional variance was not granted.

Alderman Cronin extended his appreciation for the information provided concerning this request for a dimensional variance. He stated that he considered this as a combined property and as a result of changes due to the railroad and the government there was a true change to the property and the request warrants the approval of the dimensional variance.

Alderwoman Cossitt stated that she would be voting no on the approval of this variance because of the problems that would be encountered with walkers and bikers. She asked that the owner Ronald Morton would help the City with ideas that would make the area friendly to walkers and bikers.

Alderman Barnett stated that the problems for walkers and bikers was not an issue to consider in approving or not approving this request for a dimensional variance.

After the discussion, the following motion was made:



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Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the dimensional variance request and the other related requests of the applicant based on the finding of fact that the applicant has met the criteria for this dimensional variance and the dimensional variance will be consistent with, and not materially impair, the purpose and intent of the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance, including the OTC Zone District, and meets both the intent as well as the spirit of the standards for approval of a dimensional variance. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A 5 TO 2 VOTE. ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN CRONIN, AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTED NAY.**

SITE PLAN – NORTHSIDE DRIVE AND PINEHAVEN DRIVE – CLEVELAND, LLC – WARD 1

After a discussion of this item concerning whether or not the request met the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, the following motion was made:

APPROVE TABLING THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO BE HELD MAY 16, 2017

Upon presentation by Alderman Brabham, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved tabling this item until the next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held May 16, 2017. Alderman Cronin left the meeting at 7:47 pm and returned to the meeting at 8:15 pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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CONDITIONAL USE – NORTHSIDE DRIVE – BIG TEN TIRES – WARD 1

This item was removed from the agenda and no action was taken. Alderman Cronin left the meeting at 7:47 pm and returned to the meeting at 8:15 pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item.

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 20, 2017 AS KIDS TO PARKS DAY IN CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved a Proclamation recognizing May 20, 2017 as Kids to Parks Day in Clinton, Mississippi. Alderman Cronin had left the meeting at 7:47 pm and did not return to the meeting until 8:15 pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A LEASE/PURCHASE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY REGIONS EQUIPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION, AND FURTHERMORE, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH REGIONS EQUIPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCING OF A CUSTOM E-ONE PUMPER TRUCK FOR THE CLINTON FIRE STATION

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the acceptance of a lease/purchase proposal submitted by Regions Equipment Finance Corporation, and furthermore authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with Regions Equipment Finance Corporation for the financing of a Custom E-One Pumper Truck for the Clinton Fire Station. Alderman Cronin had left the meeting at 7:47 pm and did not return to the meeting until 8:15 pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF
CLINTON TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION TO THE C.J. STEWART FOUNDATION
IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET FOR THE
NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE TOURNAMENT**

Upon presentation by Cole Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved a Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton to authorize a donation to the C.J. Stewart Foundation in connection with the National Championship Banquet for the National Junior College Tournament. Alderman Cronin had left the meeting at 7:47 pm and entered the meeting at 8:15 pm during the discussion of this item. Alderman Cronin did participate in part of the discussion of this item and did vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 8:17 PM

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held May 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

5/4/17
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

5-4-17
Date

