

**CITY OF CLINTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2015 – 7:00 P. M.  
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM – 305 MONROE STREET**

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**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

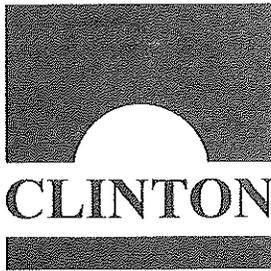
**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - P**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-P. **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 the number of arrests for the period January 1, 2015 through January 25, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014. The Chief also informed the board that the department had started a new hiring process and have eighteen (18) applicants to be considered for the five (5) vacant positions to be filled.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls for the period January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014. The chief also updated the board on the various activities the department was involved in. These activities included a meeting on the upcoming rail car disaster drill, the training of various county fire crews, various in-house training classes for



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firefighters, the progress of the signing up of citizens for the Community Emergency Response team, and the progress of the registration of citizens to receive code red announcements.

Mike Parker, Director of Public Works reported to the board the number of work orders, the number of work orders completed and the number of new water customers for the month of January 2015. He also announced that an advertisement for bids for the annexed area water improvements project would be published in the next week or two.

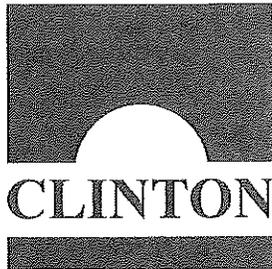
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

**MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

**CONDITIONAL USE – 508 CLINTON BOULEVARD – DR. LEMMIE FLOWERS**

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 Dr. Lemmie Flowers for a conditional use to establish a Kingdom Montessori school to be located at 508 Clinton Boulevard in the City of Clinton, Mississippi contingent upon Dr. Flowers coming back to the board in twelve (12) months to discuss any traffic problems. Darrel McQuirter, Hinds County Supervisor District 2 representing Dr. Flowers was present to answer any questions. Alderman Cashion stated he had long term concerns considering possible traffic and parking problems and concerns of commercial creep in the area as a result of the establishment of the school. Alderman Ellis asked if the carport would be closed in for indoor use. Supervisor McQuirter said there were no plans to do this. The carport would be used as a covered play area for the children in times of bad weather. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**CONDITIONAL USE – 105 CROSS PARK DRIVE – BIRDSONG CONSTRUCTION**

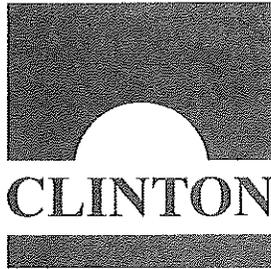
Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the request by Birdsong Construction for a conditional use to erect a fence to include part of the front area to be located at 105 Cross Park Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi contingent upon the company agreeing to maintain the fencing slats in a pleasing matter. Jeff Cox representing the owner was present to answer any questions. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CONDITIONAL USE – HAMPSTAED BOULEVARD AND HAMPSTEAD CIRCLE – NEW VISION VENTURES**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved the request by New Vision Ventures for the construction of a Hilton Garden Inn to be located at Hampstead Boulevard and Hampstead Circle in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. Alderman Cashion commented that he wanted to dispel the rumors that Clinton had too many hotels. Alderman Cashion stated he believed this was not true and that hotels help bring in other businesses especially restaurants. Alderman Brabham agreed with these comments. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – HAMPSTEAD BOULEVARD AND HAMPSTEAD CIRCLE – NEW VISION VENTURES**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the request by New Vision Ventures for a dimensional variance for the construction of a Hilton Garden Inn to be located at Hampstead Boulevard and Hampstead Circle in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL OF TEXT CHANGES TO ORDINANCES SECTION 409.03 – TRASH ENCLOSURES OPTION 2**

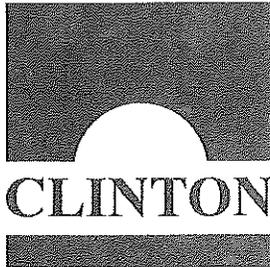
Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the text changes to Ordinances Section 409.03-Trash Enclosures Option 2 with the removal of “other material” the addition that the structure should be enclosed on three sides and the fourth side should be gated by solid fencing and change at “at the effective date of this Ordinance” to “at the effective date of this amendment”. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended Option 2. These changes shall become effective 30 days after adoption. Alderman Cronin left the meeting at 7:46 pm and returned to the meeting at 8:02pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW – SIGN – CITY OF CLINTON MUNICIPAL ANNEX**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the site plan review for a sign to be located at the City of Clinton Municipal Annex located at 961 Highway 80 East in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY GRAPHITE PAYMENTS, AND FURTHERMORE, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND GRAPHITE PAYMENTS TO PROVIDE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE CLINTON VISITORS CENTER**

Upon presentation by Marsha Barham, Director of the Clinton Visitors Center, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved the acceptance of a proposal submitted by Graphite Payments, and furthermore, authorized the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Graphite Payments to provide Credit/Debit card processing services for the Clinton Visitors Center. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin that the Mayor and Board of Alderman consider entering into executive session to discuss personnel matters. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

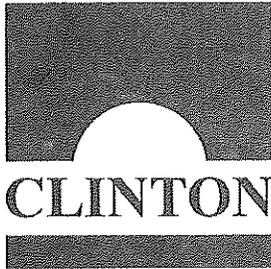
**MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered into executive session at 8:09 p.m. Also, present in the executive session were City Attorney Ken Dreher and City Clerk Russell Wall. A discussion of personnel matters occurred during the executive session. No action was taken during the executive session. **MOTION** was made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett to exit executive session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen exited executive session at 9:53 p.m.

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved re-entering the regular session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF THERAPEUTIC RECREATION, AND FURTHERMORE APPOINT CHANDRA FONTENOT AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2015**

Upon presentation by Alderman Brabham, Alderman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board established the Department of Therapeutic Recreation, and furthermore appointed Chandra Fontenot as the Director of the Department effective March 1, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 1. WITH ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN CRONIN, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT, AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTING AYE AND ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTING NAY.**



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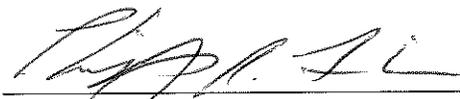
APPROVE THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE SALARIES OF CHANDRA FONTENOT, DIRECTOR OF THERAPEUTIC RECREATION, MARK JONES, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, TARA LYTAL, DIRECTOR OF MAIN STREET, MARSHA BARHAM, DIRECTOR OF THE CLINTON VISITOR CENTER, AND JIMMY BALDREE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2015

Upon presentation by Alderman Brabham, Alderman-at-Large, MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and SECONDED by Alderman Cashion the board approved the adjustment of the salaries of Chandra Fontenot, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, Mark Jones, Director of Communications, Tara Lytal, Director of Main Street, Marsha Barham, Director of the Clinton Visitor Center, and Jimmy Baldree, Deputy City Clerk effective March 1, 2015. MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 2. WITH ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN CRONIN, AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTIN AYE AND ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTING NAY.

ADJOURN 9:56 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and SECONDED by Alderman Barnett to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p. m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

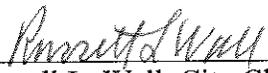
APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

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Date

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

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Date

2-4-15

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