

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY JULY 15, 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 Alderwoman Cossitt followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Cashion.

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

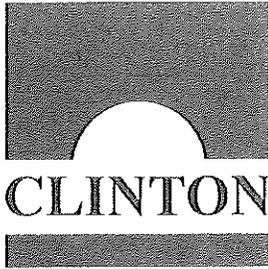
The Mayor read a letter from a citizen sent to Mike Parker, Director of Public Works complementing the work of Water Sewer employee Lenard Kelly for his help with an afterhour's water sewer problem.

The Mayor also read a letter from Robert Collier, lead singer of Meet the Press, complimenting the City and the Parks and Recreation Staff for their help at the recent Fourth of July Celebration. Meet the Press was the main entertainment at the Celebration.

Finally, the Mayor read a letter from a citizen of Texas complimenting the Clinton Fire Department on their professionalism on the handling of a recent accident on I-20.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - G

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



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

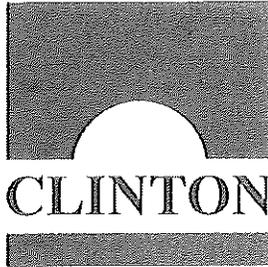
Mike Warren, Police Chief reported to the board the statistics for calls for service, traffic stops, number of tickets written, and number of arrests for the period June 23, 2014 through July 6, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He also reviewed the statistics for the year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as compared to the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The Chief then updated the board on recent arrests made of several burglary suspects and the arrest of eight (8) suspects in which many outstanding warrants were cleared.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls for the period of January 2014 to July 2014 as compared to the previous year. He also informed the board that two firefighters would be attending the Fire Academy in August and updated the board on various other activities the department was involved in including holding classes on fire safety and training of firefighters at the Mississippi College parking garage.

Mike Parker, Director of the Public Works Department updated the board on the proposed completion date of the Pinehaven Drive expansion project, that two houses that the board approved to have demolished were completed, that the intersection improvements to the College Street and Old Highway 80 intersection would be completed by August 1, 2014, and the Hazardous Waste Day would be held from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on October 4, 2014 at the Public Works building located on Springridge Road.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.



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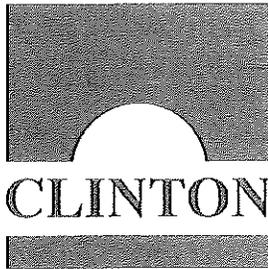
MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 208 CASA GRANDE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 208 Casa Grande, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. The board also approved a thirty (30) day extension to give the owner time to clean the property before the City took over the cleaning. A public hearing was held and the owner of the property Mike Caraway informed the board that the property did need cleaning and if the board would give him thirty (30) days he would have the property cleaned. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1829 MCRAVEN

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 1829 McRaven, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. The board also decided that the property should be cleaned immediately. Several board members were concerned about the pond located on the property and if the pond was a hazard to the health and public safety of the persons living near the property. A public hearing was held and the property owner Mike McDonald stated that he was working on cleaning the property and he intended to have the property cleaned as soon as possible. Len Vernamonti and Tom Hudson neighbors of Mr. McDonald stated that this was a continuing problem and they were concerned with the pond. They were afraid if the pond was not cleaned that the stagnant water may breed mosquito's that would cause West Nile virus. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **THE VOTE WAS 5 TO 2, WITH ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN CRONIN AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTING AYE AND ALDERMAN ELLIS AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTING NAY**



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UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1404 ROSEMONT

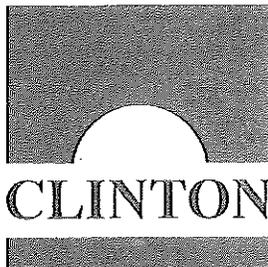
Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 1404 Rosemont, under the authority granted to municipalities by Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and other applicable statutes and ordinances. The board also approved a thirty (30) day extension to the property owner to clean the property before the City stepped in to clean the property. A public hearing was held and the property owner Alvin Buckles asked for a thirty (30) day extension to clean the property. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 206 STONEGATE

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 cleaning the property located at 206 Stonegate, 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 owners was present and there was no public comment. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FROM TAMRA MORGAN FOR ATTENDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS STATEWIDE SUMMER SEMINAR HELD JUNE 23, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2014

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board received the Certificate of Attendance from Tamra Morgan for attending the Municipal Court Clerks Statewide Summer Seminar held June 23, 2014 through June 24, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVE A REQUEST FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MORRIS & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES RELATED TO POLICE PROMOTIONAL PROCESS

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the request for the Mayor to sign a contract with Morris & Associates for consultant services related to Police promotional process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE REQUEST TO CONVERT 31 PIECES OF EVIDENCE TO CITY PROPERTY

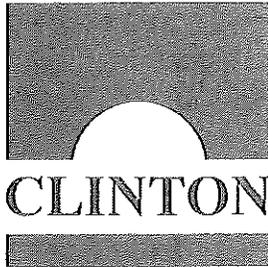
Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the request to convert 31 pieces of evidence to City property. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE RETIRED POLICE OFFICER GREGORY YELVERTON CRAFT TO PURCHASE HIS DEPARTMENT ISSUED SIDEARM FOR THE PRICE OF \$1.00 AS AUTHORIZED BY MISSISSIPPI CODE SECTION 45-9-131

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board authorized retired Police Officer Gregory Yelverton Craft to purchase his department issued side arm for \$1.00 as authorized by Mississippi Code Section 45-9-131. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE DECLARING THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRUCK (1999 F-550 – VIN#1FDAW57F4XEE36773) AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND FURTHERMORE, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID VEHICLE AT AUCTION

Upon presentation by Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved declaring the Special Operations Truck (1999 F-550 – VIN#1FDAW57F4XEE36773) as surplus property, and furthermore, authorizing the sale of said vehicle at auction. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 27 NFPA 2013 COMPLIANT SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS' (WITH 27 SPARE BOTTLES AND 17 ADDITIONAL AIR-MASKS), AND 3 RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM PACKS (WITH 3 SPARE BOTTLES AND 3 AIR MASKS), TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM (AFG)

Upon presentation by Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the purchase of 27 NFPA 2013 compliant Self Contained Breathing Apparatus' (with 27 spare bottles and 17 additional air-masks), and 3 Rapid Intervention Team Packs (with 3 spare bottles and 3 air-masks), to be funded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACCEPT A CHECK FOR \$500.00 FROM KEEP MS BEAUTIFUL FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR MIKE PARKER & GERALDINE SLEDGE TO ATTEND THE STATE RECYCLING CONFERENCE IN THE FALL

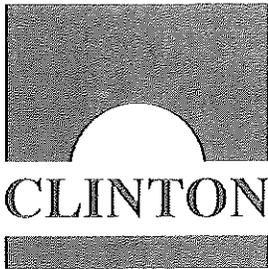
Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board accepted a check for \$500.00 from Keep MS Beautiful for travel expenses for Mike Parker & Geraldine Sledge to attend the State Recycling Conference in the fall. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT FOR OAK MEADOWS PART III C

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved accepting the final plat for Oak Meadows Part III C. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR "HAMPSTEAD BOULEVARD PHASE II" – STPD-7365-00(001) LPA/105562-701000

Upon presentation by Bill Owens, Consulting Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the request to advertise for bids for "Hampstead Boulevard Phase II"- STPD-7365-00(001) LPA/105562-701000. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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OTHER BUSINESS

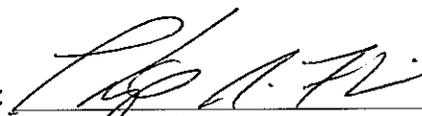
The Mayor asked the board as they were riding through their wards to report to him any areas where they saw standing water to let him know and he would have drains installed to remove the water.

Alderman Cashion asked for an update on the cleaning of the Bill Will property located on Highway 80. He was informed that the property owner was contacted and the property would be cleaned in the next few days.

Alderman Brabham recognized Boy Scout Noah Yates of Troop 88 in attendance at the meeting to work on his citizenship merit badge.

ADJOURN 8:28 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held August 5, 2014 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

7/31/14
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

7-31-14
Date

