

**CITY OF CLINTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 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

**RECOGNITION**

The Mayor read an e-mail from a citizen thanking Wallis Schutt with the Public Works Department for stopping and helping him change a flat tire. The citizen appreciated that a city worker took time out of his work day to help.

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

**MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-X. Item M will serve favorably the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Clinton. **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 March 10, 2014 through March 23, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He also updated the board on recent arrests made for burglary, that no major instances occurred during the Will Graham Celebration weekend, and that his department would be working the upcoming Parkway 5k run. He also informed the board of his department's help with the Hinds County Sheriff's office with the recent riot at the county jail.

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 March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He also updated the board that his department had worked the recent Mud Heights event and that only two minor injuries were handled by the Fire Department Medics. He also informed the board that on April 9, 2014 there would be an after action review held on the major accident that happened on I-55 in March 2014, and a after action report would be held on the active shooter session that was held earlier this year. Also, he announced that Sara Frazier had passed her CPAT exam to enter the fire fighter training academy.

Mike Parker, Director of Public Works gave the board an update on the City Wide Cleanup event being held March 29, 2014 through April 5, 2014. He also updated the board on the NRCS drainage projects progress, and also let the board know that recent letters being received by citizens stating they needed to obtain insurance on their water lines was a scam and that citizens should throw away these letters.

The Mayor thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts during the recent Will Graham Celebration.

### **BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

### **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

#### **SITE REVIEW AND CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – MEME'S BRICK STREET BAKERY – GERALD SMITH**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the site request and Certificate of Appropriateness request by Gerald Smith for two (2) signs for Meme's Brick Street Bakery to be located at 104 West Leake Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee, the Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **SITE PLAN – FAIRFIELD INN**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the Site Plan requested by Fairfield Inn to build a hotel to be located on Hampstead Boulevard in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SITE REVIEW AND CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE EAST CAMPUS – MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the site review plan and the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Mississippi College to build new student residences to be located on the Mississippi College East Campus in the City of Clinton, Mississippi and furthermore made the approval contingent upon meeting all federal, state, and local regulations especially drainage and traffic patterns being met. During the discussion of this item Alderman Martin had some issues concerning traffic entering and leaving College Street. Jeff Stevens, Vice President of the East College Historical District addressed items concerning the increased traffic that would result as a result of this project and of drainage issues. The Mayor informed Mr. Stevens that these items would be looked at and solved before construction would be allowed to begin. Steve Stanford with Mississippi College and Tim Getty with Dean and Dean Architects answered the board's questions concerning the traffic patterns and parking problems that may result from this project. The Historical Preservation Committee, the Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE AN ORDER APPROVING THE BILLBOARD REDUCTION AND ENHANCEMENT PETITION SUBMITTED BY THE LAMAR COMPANY, LLC**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved an Order approving the Billboard Reduction and Enhancement Petition submitted by The Lamar Company, LLC. Alderman Ellis questioned the wording of the resolution concerning how many digital signs would be erected and expressed concerns about the relocation of the signs. Marty Ellrod, Vice President with Lamar Signs informed the board that there would be only two digital signs erected in the City and that after approval they could begin work within thirty (30) days. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SCOTT AND SHAUNA PEACOCK FOR A CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR APRIL 22, 2014 AT 6:30 PM IN THE MUNICIPAL COURTROOM LOCATED AT 305 MONROE STREET**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved setting a Public Hearing for Scott and Shauna Peacock for a Conditional Use Request for April 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Municipal Courtroom located at 305 Monroe Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR BRANDIE LEWIS FOR A  
CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR APRIL 22, 2014 AT 6:30 PM IN THE  
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM LOCATED AT 305 MONROE STREET**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved setting a Public Hearing for Brandie Lewis for a Conditional Use Request for April 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Municipal Courtroom located at 305 Monroe Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR KICKAPOO PROPERTIES, LP  
FOR A CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR APRIL 22, 2014 AT 6:30 PM IN THE  
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM LOCATED AT 305 MONROE STREET**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved setting a Public Hearing for Kickapoo Properties, LP for a Conditional Use Request for April 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Municipal Courtroom located at 305 Monroe Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAMARA JONES FOR A  
CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR APRIL 22, 2014 AT 6:30 PM IN THE  
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM LOCATED AT 305 MONROE STREET**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved setting a Public Hearing for Tamara Jones for a Conditional Use Request for April 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Municipal Courtroom located at 305 Monroe Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 612 PARKER DRIVE**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 612 Parker Drive, 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 agreed to give the property owner thirty (30) days until May 1, 2014 to comply with the ordinances of the City relating to the cleanup of his property. In the event the property was not cleaned up within that time the City would move in and cleanup the property and attach a lien on the property for the costs of the cleanup. A public hearing was held and Carl Landry the owner of the property addressed the board telling them that he was willing to comply with whatever he needed to do to comply with the ordinances. He also stated that he was not made aware of all of the violations and requested sixty (60) to ninety (90) days to clean the property. The board denied

his request for more than thirty (30) days. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE THE HIRING OF RAMIE FORD AS A CONSULTANT IN THE CITY OF CLINTON'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the hiring of Ramie Ford as a consultant in the City of Clinton's Parks and Recreation Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE RETAIL COACH TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board authorized the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and The Retail Coach to consult with the City on Economic Development issues and approved payment option number 2. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 11, 2014 AS PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY AND APRIL 2014 AS PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a Proclamation declaring April 11, 2014 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Day and April 2014 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE ACCEPTING THE CITY OF CLINTON'S 2013 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Upon presentation by Scott Hodges, Partner with Tann, Brown & Russ Co., PLLC, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved accepting the City of Clinton's 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ORDER FIVE (5) NEW POLICE PATROL VEHICLES**

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a request from the Clinton Police Department to order five (5) new Police Patrol Vehicles. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE, CODE BOOKS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR USE BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE OF THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT USING FIRE PREVENTION INSURANCE REBATE MONEY**

Upon presentation by Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the purchase of computers, software, code books and other items for use by the Community Development Department and the Fire Prevention Office of the Clinton Fire Department using Fire Prevention Insurance Rebate money. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A CASH DONATION OF \$20.00 FROM MR. AND MRS. J. E. RIGSBY TO THE CLINTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Chandra Fontenot, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved accepting a cash donation of \$20.00 from Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rigsby to the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE NRCS DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

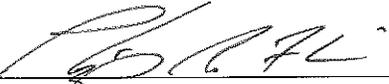
Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents related to the NRCS Drainage Projects. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor reminded everyone of the Fresh at Five Farmers Market that will begin on Tuesday June 3, 2014 and is sponsored by the City of Clinton Main Street Association.

Alderwoman Cossitt recognized former Alderwoman Nancy Davis and that today was her birthday.

**ADJOURN 8:58 P.M.**

**MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED:   
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

4/7/2014  
Date

ATTEST:   
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

4-7-2014  
Date

