

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013 - 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 Cashion followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Brabham.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Jehu Brabham – Alderman-at-Large
David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
Greg Cronin – Alderman Ward 4
Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

Absent: Vacant – Alderman Ward 2

RECOGNITIONS

Russell Wall, City Clerk announced to the board that for the 9th straight year the City of Clinton was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - U

MOTION made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-U. Item V was removed from the agenda and no vote was taken. Item G will serve to advertise 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 made during the first two weeks of November 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. The Chief updated the board on various activities the Police Department has been involved in. These activities included an update on the citations

written as a result of the traffic enforcement grant the Police Department received, the advertisement of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, the hiring of two new dispatchers, and that on December 5, 2013 there would be a graduation ceremony for officers sent to the Police Academy.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls during the previous week of November 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. He also updated the board on various activities and programs the Fire Department was involved in. These activities and programs included an update on the maintenance to Fire Engine #3, training of firefighters, the hiring of four new firefighters, Station tours, the Fit Fire Fighter program, the Table Top exercise held with the FBI, and that there would be an open house for Station #2 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm on November 22, 2013.

Mike Parker, Director of Public Works updated the board on the various activities and programs the Public Works Department was involved in. These activities and programs included an update on the meeting he attended in the last month, that the zero turn mowers in his department have been converted to propane, the County would be assisting with repairs to the Twin Oak bridge, that there would be no garbage collection on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years and there would be no make days, garbage collection letters have been sent out, and he gave an update on the NRCS projects and the Pinehaven Drive expansion project. He also announced that he had received 15,000 assorted tulip bulbs that would be planted throughout the City.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE BALLARD TO THE CITY'S HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the appointment of Mike Ballard to the City's Historical Preservation Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE AN ORDER DECLARING THE WARD 2 ALDERMAN OFFICE VACANT AND SETTING JANUARY 3, 2014 AS THE DATE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE OFFICE OF WARD 2 ALDERMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 23-15-857 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 ANNOTATED

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved an Order declaring the Ward 2 Alderman office vacant and setting January 3, 2014 as the date of a Special Election to fill the office of Ward 2 Alderman in accordance with Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO TELEPAK NETWORKS, INC. DBA C SPIRE FIBER

Upon presentation by Mark Jones , Director of Communications, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved an Ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise agreement to Telepak Networks, Inc. dba C Spire Fiber. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

During the discussion of this item several Alderman made various comments.

Alderman Brabham wanted it understood that the City did not give anything to C Spire that AT&T and Comcast did not have. He also wanted it understood that C Spire had asked for a 25 year agreement which is the most that can be given. AT&T had asked for 10 years and Comcast had asked for 15 years.

Alderman Ellis had asked about the differences in the agreement as compared to the AT&T and Comcast agreements. The major difference was in the term of the agreements.

Alderman Cronin commented that C Spire was not given anything that the other franchise agreements did not have and he welcomed business coming to Clinton to provide these types of services.

Alderman Cashion asked for an explanation of the calculation of Gross Revenues. Basically all franchisors would pay the City 3% on Gross Revenues that was basically on the basic tier of services.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE, DESIGN AND MARKETING OF A MOBILE APP FOR BOTH ANDROID AND APPLE IOS PLATFORMS

Upon presentation by Mark Jones, Director of Communications, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the purchase, design and marketing of a mobile app for both Android and Apple IOS platforms. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,450.00 TO PURCHASE A NEW AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEM

Upon presentation by Mike Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the acceptance of a grant award from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$11,450.00 to purchase a new audio/video system. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$3,000.00 FROM THE CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Upon presentation by Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved accepting a donation of \$3,000.00 from the Clinton Public Schools. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIRS LOCATED AT PINEHAVEN DRIVE AND GORE STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,684.00

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved emergency water main repairs located at Pinehaven Drive and Gore Street in the amount of \$16,684.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE EMERGENCY WATER RELOCATION FOR THE PINEHAVEN DRIVE PROJECT AT THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,110.00

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the emergency water relocation for the Pinehaven Drive project at the Church of Latter Day Saints in the amount of \$9,110.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE SOUTHERN OAKS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS RACIAL RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION MONTH

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a proclamation declaring October as Racial Reconciliation Celebration Month. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVE AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2013 NRCS PROJECTS TO S & S EXCAVATION, LLC FOR \$221,463.00 AS BEING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY NRCS AND FUTUREMORE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THESE PROJECTS

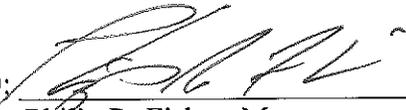
Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved awarding the bid for the 2013 NRCS projects to S & S Excavation, LLC for \$221,463.00 as being the lowest and best bid contingent upon approval by NRCS and furthermore authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents relating to these projects. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF LISA SHOEMAKER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

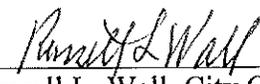
Upon presentation by Jan Cossitt, Alderwoman Ward 5, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the nomination of Lisa Shoemaker to the Planning and Zoning Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 8:09 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 December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

11/21/13
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

11-21-13
Date

