

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013 - 5:30 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 Brabham followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Ellis.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Jehu Brabham – Alderman-at-Large
 David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
 Tony Greer – Alderman Ward 2
 William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
 Greg Cronin – Alderman Ward 4
 Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
 Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

Joyce Langston Ferris of 810 Dunton Road addressed the board concerning a sewer backup into her house during a recent rain storm. The board took no action.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - W

MOTION made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-W. **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 last seven days of September 2013. The Police Chief updated the board on a DUI arrest and an arrest made for throwing a brick through a window at the Game Stop store. He also announced that his officers were going through their semi-annual weapons qualifications course and he also announced the retirement of the K-9 dog Dolar.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls during the last seven days of September 2013. He also updated the board on various activities and programs the fire department was involved in. These activities and programs included groups visiting the fire station, the use of the Fire Department's fire training

trailer, deputy fire chief meeting, activities the department would be participating in at Home Depot for Fire Safety Month, and the status of hiring new firefighters.

Mike Parker, Director of Public Works updated the board on the Pinehaven Drive expansion project, the 4 C's community garden project, and he announced that the Public Works Department during the recent rubbish cleanup and Hazardous Waste collection project that 3,228 pounds of Hazardous Waste and 64 tons of rubbish were collected.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF THE TAX EXEMPTION ON MUNICIPAL BOND INTEREST

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved a resolution opposing a reduction or elimination of the tax exemption on Municipal Bond Interest. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2013 AS NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved proclaiming the week of October 14, 2013 through October 18, 2013 as National School Lunch Week. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upon a **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board voted to recess the meeting until 8:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi reconvened the meeting at 8:00 pm.

COLLEGE STATION – DIMENSIONAL VARIANCES – DAVE RILEY

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board with the additional qualifications that no alterations would be made to the business section of the project without coming back to the board for their approval, occupancy in the housing would be monitored, the occupants would be issued a parking decal for their vehicles, a statement would be added to the rental agreement that they would not park their cars in the Lions Club Park parking places, and the parking area behind the building be gated to provide more security approved the request from Dave Riley for dimensional variances for the College Station project to be located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee, the Historical Preservation Committee, and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. The request met all the requirements of Section 3004 of the City's Zoning Ordinance. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

During the discussion of this item several members of the Board made various comments. Alderman Brabham felt that this was the type of project that Olde Town needed. He also, felt that the developers had met the three criteria for the variances that were requested. Alderman Cronin also felt that the project met the criteria and he also stated that hopefully others would come forward with projects of this type for the development of Olde Town. Alderman Cashion stated he was against this project at first, however he had changed his mind, He also agreed that this project would be a benefit to Olde Town. Alderman Greer stated that this project was what was intended for Olde Town when the city held the Charette.

616 MERGANSER TRAIL – DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – HOWARD AND AMELIA STUART

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

APPROVAL OF VARIOUS TEXT CHANGES TO THE CITY OF CLINTON'S ZONING ORDINANCE

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved the various text changes to the City of Clinton's Zoning Ordinance with the exception of the changes proposed to Section 406.10 and Section 401.06(c). See the attachment to these minutes that show the various text changes that were proposed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FOR AD VALOREM TAXES TO MCNEELY PLASTIC PRODUCTS FOR TEN YEARS WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$706,833 FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

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

APPROVE AMENDMENT # 11 TO THE CITY OF CLINTON MEDICAL AND DENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN TO CHANGE THE LIFETIME AND ANNUAL BENEFIT AMOUNTS TO UNLIMITED AND FUTUREMORE, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AMENDMENT

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved Amendment # 11 to the City of Clinton Medical and Dental Employee Benefit Plan to change the Lifetime and Annual Benefit amounts to unlimited and furthermore, authorized the Mayor to sign said amendment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alderman Brabham stated that his approval of this item should in no way assume that he was in favor of the Affordable Care Act. His approval was based on the providing for the welfare of the City employees.

APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPLA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for the year ending September 30, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FROM TAMRA MORGAN FOR ATTENDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS STATEWIDE FALL SEMINAR HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2013, THE 2013 PROFESSIONAL JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2013, AND A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR TAMRA MORGAN IN RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MISSISSIPPI COURT CLERK'S ASSOCIATION FOR 25 YEARS

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved receiving the Certificate of attendance from Tamra Morgan for attending the Municipal Court Clerks Statewide Fall Seminar held September 11, 2013 through September 13, 2013, the 2013 Professional Judicial Development Seminar held September 10, 2013 through September 11, 2013, and a Certificate of Recognition for Tamra Morgan in recognition of membership in the Mississippi Court Clerk's Association for 25 years. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL TO ENACT A TRAFFIC TICKET ASSESSMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a proposal to enact a traffic ticket assessment for the purpose of funding a Public Safety Radio Communications System and Equipment. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE RECEIVING A MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR \$4,914.00 FOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved receiving a Mississippi Justice Assistance Grant for \$4,914.00 for vehicle equipment. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELEVEN (11) SPECIFIC UNMARKED VEHICLES IN THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 25-1-87 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, ANNOTATED

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved an Order authorizing the use of eleven (11) specific unmarked vehicles in the Clinton Police Department in accordance with Section 25-1-87 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE ACADEMY TO PROVIDE STAFF TO PROVIDE THE FIELD COURSE CURRICULUM OF NFPA 1521 FIRE SAFETY OFFICER

Upon presentation by Barry Burnside, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Clinton Fire Department and the Mississippi State Fire Academy to provide staff to provide the field course curriculum of NFPA 1521 Fire Safety Officer. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROADWAY, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR HAMPSTEAD BOULEVARD, FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STP-7365-00(001)LPA/105562-701000

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute those documents and agreements required in connection with the Roadway, Drainage and Utility Improvements for Hampstead Boulevard, Federal Aid Project No. STP-7365-00(001)LPA/105562-701000. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE TASK ORDER NO. 2013-010-05 GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND WILLIFORD, GEARHART & KNIGHT, INC.

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved Task Order No. 2013-010-05 General Services Agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Williford, Gearhart & Knight, Inc. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014

Sam Bryson, President of HUB International Gulf South, presented a proposal from Trident Insurance Company for fire, auto liability and worker's compensation insurance for the fiscal year 2013-2104. **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved the proposal of \$409,829.00 from Trident Insurance Company as the lowest and best bid, furthermore the board approved the payment of the additional premium of \$2,609.00 for terrorism coverage and approved the \$2,500.00 agent fee included in the Worker's Compensation Insurance premium. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE A STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS RELATED TO THE 2013 NRCS PROJECTS

Upon presentation by Ken Dreher, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board authorized the Mayor and the City Attorney to execute a Statement of Assurances Relating to Real Property Acquisitions related to the 2013 NRCS projects. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,713.00 FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board authorized the Mayor to execute a loan in the amount of \$3,000,713.00 from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund for pollution control facilities. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

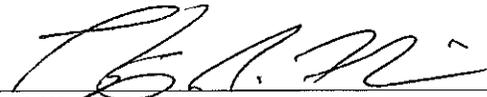
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderwoman Cossitt informed the board of the various awards that were recently received by the City's Parks and Recreation Department for the various recreational programs the department had sponsored over the past year.

Mark Jones, Communications Director, updated the board on the proposal process to be chosen as the first Mississippi city to receive Fiber to Home internet sponsored by C Spire.

ADJOURN 9:31 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 October 15, 2013 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

10/9/13
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

10-9-13
Date

