

CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2015 – 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 Martin 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
 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

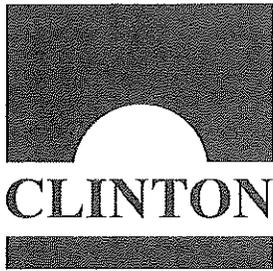
The Mayor recognized Tara Lytal and Marsha Barham for their efforts in securing old photographs of many of Clinton's historical spots and hanging them in the Municipal Courtroom.

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**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Cole Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation updated the board on two events coming up. These events were the Kid's Towne cleanup to be held on Saturday March 21, 2015 and the Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Monday August 27, 2015. He also informed the board that he checked with the Department of Finance and was told the money for the renovations of Northside Park would be available as soon as the MOU was approved.



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BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

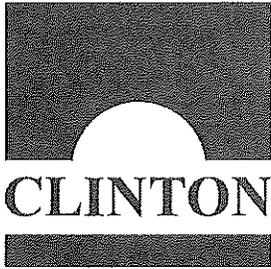
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO HIRE AN APPRAISER FOR THE TRAIN DEPOT PROPERTY

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board authorized the Mayor to hire an appraiser for the train depot property. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DECLARE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY THE ITEMS ON THE ATTACHED LIST, AND FURTHERMORE APPROVE THE SALE OF VEHICLES AT AUCTION AND DESTRUCTION OF THE OTHER PROPERTY

A discussion was held concerning the three leaf machines that were on the list for sale. Alderman Martin stated that he thought the board was going to revisit the discontinuation of leaf collection in the City and he was concerned that if the leaf machines were sold the City would have to come up with the money to purchase new machines. Mike Parker, Director of Public Works stated that he estimated that it would cost approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 to bring the present leaf machines back to working order. After the discussion the following motions were made:

Upon, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board agreed to remove the three leaf machines from the list and not to dispose of them until the board revisited the discontinuation of leaf collection. **THE VOTE WAS 6 TO 1 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN CRONIN, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT, AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN BARNETT VOTED NAY.**



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After the discussion and presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved declaring as surplus property the items on the attached list with the exception of the three leaf machines, and furthermore approved the sale of the remaining vehicles at auction and the destruction of the other property. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2012 CLINTON SRF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

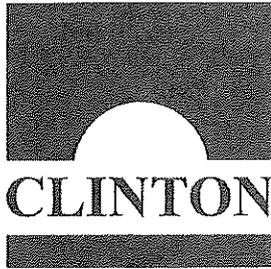
Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the request to advertise for bids for the 2012 Clinton SRF Sewer Improvements Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) NEW POLICE PATROL VEHICLES TOTALING \$117,840.00 AT STATE CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board gave its approval to purchase five (5) new police patrol vehicles totaling \$117,840.00 at state contract price for the Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board authorized the Police Department to apply for the Fiscal Year 2016 DUI Enforcement Grant. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2016 PTS TRAFFIC SERVICES GRANT**

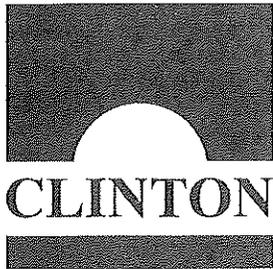
Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board authorized the Police Department to apply for the Fiscal Year 2016 PTS Traffic Services Grant. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS

**MOTION TO BRING OFF THE TABLE THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON,
MISSISSIPPI AND THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION (USTA) FOR THE
USE OF BRIGHTON PARK FOR TENNIS LESSONS**

Upon presentation by Jehu Brabham, Alderman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board agreed to the motion to bring off the table the matter of authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the United States Tennis Association (USTA) for the use of Brighton Park for tennis lessons. Alderman Cronin left the meeting at 7:30 pm and did not return to the meeting until 7:39 pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A discussion was held on this item and Alderman Cashion stated he had a problem with the registration fee including a membership in the Tennis Association. He did not feel it was right for someone signing up for these lessons to have to join the association. Alderman Ellis stated he agreed with Alderman Cashion's concerns. Alderman Brabham stated that in the other activities that are sponsored by outside associations such as baseball, soccer, and softball the registration fees included membership in those associations. Alderman Martin wanted to make sure that the agreement made it clear that the association would only be renting two courts and these lessons would be held in the summer and not in the spring.



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After the discussion, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board agreed that the agreement would made it clear that the association would only be allowed to rent two tennis courts and that the lessons would begin in the summer. Alderman Cronin had left the meeting at 7:30 pm and did not return to the meeting until 7:39 pm.

Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item.

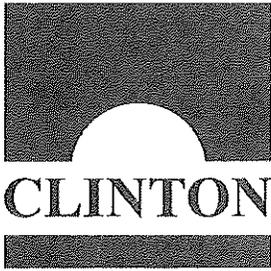
THE VOTE WAS 5 TO 1 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN BARNETT, AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED NAY.

After the passage of the above motion a **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the United States Tennis Association (USTA) contingent on the agreement including that the association would only be allowed to rent two tennis courts and the lessons be held in the summer. Alderman Cronin had left the meeting at 7:30 pm and did not return to the meeting until 7:39 pm. Alderman Cronin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item.

THE VOTE WAS 4 TO 2 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN BARNETT, AND ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN ELLIS AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED NAY.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 208 LEAKE STREET

The Mayor had Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer update the board on numerous failed attempts to contact Mr. Hugh McLaurin about this property. She informed the board that Mr. McLaurin had contacted Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development in February 2015, however Mr. McLaurin did not respond back about his plans for cleaning and renovating the property. Angie did say she had been contacted by several people about purchasing the property; however her attempts to contact Mr. McLaurin to give him the names and contact information had failed. Alderman Martin stated Mr. McLaurin had contacted him just before tonight's meeting and told him that the property was owned by the Hugh H McLaurin Jr Trust and not by him. Alderman Martin inserted into these minutes a copy of the Hinds County Tax Receipt for this property. The Mayor stated that he received a call from Mr. McLaurin wanting to meet with him about the property, however Mr. McLaurin never showed up. The Mayor stated that the City will move on the demolition of this property on or after April 1, 2015. A copy of the attempts in trying to contact Mr. McLaurin has been made a part of these minutes. No further action was taken on this item.



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The Mayor wanted to thank Hinds County Supervisors Darrel McQuirter and Tony Greer for their efforts in getting approximately \$300,000 for the City to go towards resurfacing and restriping the City streets.

ADJOURN 7:49 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 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: *Philip R. Fisher*
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

3/17/15
Date

ATTEST: *Russell L. Wall*
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

3-18-15
Date

