

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
WOOD ACTIVITY CENTER – 111 CLINTON BOULEVARD**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Phil Fisher

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was led by Alderman Greer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Barnett.

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

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor recognized the Public Works Department and the Administrative Department for their work in planning and setting up the inauguration ceremony for the new Mayor and Board of Alderman held on July 1, 2013. The Mayor specifically recognized Gisele Champlin, Robyn Cornelius, and Lauren Pennington for their work in coordinating the event.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - P

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

SITE PLAN REVIEW – 950 HIGHWAY 80 E – WAL-MART

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the site plan to replace the existing sign with a new sign requested by Wal-Mart to be located at 950 Highway 80 E in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – 115 W NORTHSIDE DRIVE – THE CORPORATE OFFICES

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the dimensional variance to replace an existing chain link fence with a metal fence requested by The Corporate Offices to be located at 115 W Northside Drive, in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3, WITH ALDERMAN BRABHAM, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT, AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTING “AYE” AND ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN GREER, AND ALDERMAN CRONIN VOTING “NAY”**

SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT – CYNTHIA ROAD – DAVID BRUNSON

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the subdivision preliminary plat submitted by David Brunson to be located on Cynthia Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SITE PLAN REVIEW – CYNTHIA ROAD – BYNUM’S PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved the site plan review to build a building submitted by Bynum’s Professional Cleaning to be located on Cynthia Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT – PINEHAVEN DRIVE - BROOKFIELD

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved contingent upon approval by the City Engineering Department, the subdivision preliminary plat submitted by Brookfield to be located on Pinehaven Drive located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 207 AND 209 W LEAKE STREET – CHRIS AND SCOTT EVANS

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Chris and Scott Evans to be located at 207 and 209 W Leake Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 615 COBBLESTONE CIRCLE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 615 Cobblestone Circle, 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 and neither the owner nor anyone representing the owner of the property was present. No one from the public made any comments. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 708 PINEHURST DRIVE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 708 Pinehurst Drive, 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 and neither the owner nor anyone representing the owner of the property was present. No one from the public made any comments. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 802 LONGWOOD DRIVE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 802 Longwood Drive, 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 and neither the owner nor anyone representing the owner of the property was present. No one from the public made any comments. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 112 ANGELIA LANE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 112 Angelia Lane, 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 and neither the owner nor anyone representing the owner of the property was present. No one from the public made any comments. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 506 HATHAWAY DRIVE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 506 Hathaway Drive, 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 and neither the owner nor anyone representing the owner of the property was present. No one from the public made any comments. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200-B LINDALE CIRCLE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 200-B Lindale Circle, 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 and neither the owner nor anyone representing the owner of the property was present. No one from the public made any comments. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 406 HATHAWAY DRIVE

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 406 Hathaway Drive, 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 and neither the owner nor anyone representing the owner of the property was present. No one from the public made any comments. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

UNKEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1829 N MCRAVEN ROAD

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer the board approved a resolution determining the necessity for cleaning the property located at 1829 N McRaven Road, 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 gave the property owner a thirty (30) day grace period to have the property cleaned before the City took action. A public hearing was held and Grady McDonald the owner of the property told the board that he had just received the notices in the last few weeks. He also stated that he had been ill and he wanted more time in order to clean the property. Kim Condon, 296 Wells Road, Leonard Vernamonti, 1860 McRaven Road, Tom Hudson, 1790 McRaven Road, and others in the neighborhood make comments about how bad a shape the property was in. Comments included tall grass, an uncovered pool, snakes and a rundown house. They feared for the health and safety of those living near the property. The resolution is on file with the City Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO MOW UNKEMPT PROPRTY EVERY TWO WEEKS INSTEAD OF EVERY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS

Upon presentation by Angie Gelston, Compliance Officer, **MOTION**, made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board authorized the Community Development Department to mow unkempt property every two weeks instead of every four to six weeks. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, the board approved the appointment/reappointment of the department heads listed below at the same compensation and benefits as each was receiving as of June 30, 2013. Furthermore, the board approved the appointment of the Director of Economic Development and the City Historian with no compensation and benefits. **MOTION** and **SECONDED** was made by various Aldermen (see below). Each one was voted on individually:

<u>Department Head</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Vote to Approve</u>
Russell L. Wall	City Clerk/Chief Financial Officer	Ellis/Greer	Unanimous
Williford, Gearhart, & Knight	City Engineer	Barnett/Brabham	Unanimous

Mike Parker	Director of Public Works	Greer/Ellis	Unanimous
Roy Edwards	Director of Community Development	Brabham/Ellis	Unanimous
Michael Warren	Chief of Police	Greer/Ellis	Unanimous
Barry Burnside	Fire Chief	Brabham/Cossitt	Unanimous
Ray Holloway	Director of Parks and Recreation	Brabham/Cronin	Unanimous
Ken Dreher	City Attorney	Greer/Barnett	Unanimous
Samuel D. Habeeb	City Judge	Barnett/Brabham	Unanimous
Steven Nixon	City Judge	Ellis/Cossitt	Unanimous
Steven D. Boone	City Prosecutor	Brabham/Greer	Unanimous
Graham Carner	Public Defender	Barnett/Ellis	Unanimous
Tara Lytal	Director of Main Street	Brabham/Ellis	Unanimous
Curnis Upkin	Director of Economic Development	Greer, Barnett	Unanimous
Dr. Walter Howell	City Historian	Greer, Cashion	Unanimous
Marsha Barham	Visitor Center Director	Ellis, Cashion	Unanimous

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board appointed Alderman-at-Large Jehu Brabham as Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. There was no discussion and Alderman Brabham did not vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE MAYOR

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cronin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the establishment of a Communications Director position for the City of Clinton, Mississippi to report directly to the Mayor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2013 VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the resolution appointing Mississippi Municipal League 2013 voting delegates for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE, THE CITY CLERK, AND THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK TO SIGN CHECKS AND PERFORM OTHER BANKING FUNCTIONS AS NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Alderman-at-Large, the City Clerk, and the Deputy City Clerk to sign checks and perform other banking functions as necessary for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A LEASE PROPOSAL FOR A MULTI FUNCTION (COPY/SCAN/PRINT/FAX) SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FROM RJ YOUNG FOR THE MONTHLY LEASE AMOUNT of \$251.65

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved a lease proposal for a multi-function (copy/scan/print/fax) system for the Community Development Department from RJ Young for the monthly lease amount of \$251.65. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

Upon presentation by Ray Holloway, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved a proclamation declaring the month of July as Park and Recreation month. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$1,040.00 FOR BLACK LEATHER DESK CHAIRS FOR THE WOOD ACTIVITY AND THERAPEUTIC CENTER

Upon presentation by Ray Holloway, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board accepted a donation of \$1,040.00 for black leather desk chairs for the Wood Activity and Therapeutic Center. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF THE NRCS EWP SITE AGREEMENT PACKAGE FOR THE 2013 NRCS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION**, made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cossitt the board authorized the Mayor to execute the necessary components of the NRCS EWP Site Agreement Package for the 2013 NRCS Drainage Improvements Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLIFORD, GEARHART & KNIGHT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,920.00 TO PROVIDE THE SURVEYING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION/REVIEW FOR THE 2013 NRCS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Upon presentation by Mike Parker, Director of Public Works, **MOTION**, made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board authorized the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Williford, Gearhart & Knight, Inc. in the amount of \$54,920.00 to provide the surveying, design and construction administration/review for the 2013 NRCS Drainage Improvements Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVE THE UNFREEZING OF FIVE (5) POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION**, made by Alderman Greer and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved the unfreezing of five (5) Police Officer Positions in the Clinton Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE HIRING BRENT JOHNSTON OF OLD TOWN REALITY & APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC. TO APPRAISE LEASES THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI HAS WITH THE CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon presentation by Ken Dreher, City Attorney, **MOTION**, made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt the board approved hiring Brent Johnston of Old Town Reality & Appraisal Services, Inc. to appraise a lease with the Clinton Public School District on which a City treatment plant stands and to appraise the value of a sign billboard owned by Lamar Signs that is located near Morrison Heights Baptist Church on Hampstead Boulevard. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the second board meeting in July would be on Tuesday July 23, 2013. This change was made due to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen would be attending the Mississippi Municipal League Convention to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi the week of July 15, 2013 through July 17, 2013.

ADJOURN 8:23 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Greer to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held July 23, 2013 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: _____

Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

Date

7/8/13

ATTEST: _____

Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

Date

7-8-13

