



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 – 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 Garrett followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderwoman Cossitt.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Ricki Garrett – Alderwoman-at-Large
David Ellis, Alderman Ward 1
Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
Keith Perritt – Alderman Ward 4
Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor had Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief discuss the preparations the City is making in advance of the Tropical Storm Gordan that was predicted to be in the area late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

The Mayor then read a letter from a citizen complementing the Clinton Fire Department Para-Medics for the handling of a medical emergency that happened at Traceway Park on Saturday September 1, 2018.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - V

MOTION made by Alderman Perritt and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt to approve the Consent Agenda Items A - V. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Chandra Broomfield, Director of Therapeutic Recreation updated the board on the participation numbers for the various events that the Therapeutic Recreation Department has sponsored over the past few months. Chandra then informed the board that the kitchen remodel has been completed and that at present a Senior Art Exhibit was being held at the Therapeutic Recreation Building. She then updated the board on several upcoming events. These events included a leisure education program, a life skills class, flu shots, the St Dominic Caravan that would include blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screening, and an AARP driving class. Finally, Chandra introduced to the board the new Therapeutic Recreation Department's intern Gregg Holly.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

CONDITIONAL USE – ARROW GRILL – 957 HIGHWAY 80 – WARD 6

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the request from Harpreet Singh for a conditional use to construct a restaurant to be located at 957A Highway 80 East in the City of Clinton, MS. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval.

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SITE PLAN – ASPEN DENTAL – 226 HIGHWAY 80 – WARD 4

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Perritt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the site plan for a sign requested by Aspen Dental to be located at 226 Highway 80 in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CONDITIONAL USE – AT&T – 556 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the request from AT&T for a Conditional Use to locate a small cell antenna at 556 Springridge Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SITE PLAN – BUSBY OFFICE SUPPLY – 526 E COLLEGE STREET – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Ellis the board approved the site plan submitted by Busby Office Supply for the renovation of a building located at 526 E College Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – HILTON GARDEN INN – 5007 HAMPSTEAD BOULEVARD – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board denied the dimensional variance requested by Hilton Garden Inn for a sign to be located at 5007 Hampstead Boulevard in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **THE MOTION PASSED 6 TO 1. WITH ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN PERRITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTING AYE. ALDERWOMAN COSSITT VOTED NAY.**



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CONDITIONAL USE – MAYDAY MOVERS – 1171 E NORTHSIDE DRIVE – WARD 6

After a discussion of the conditional uses for a food service conditional use and a lease vehicle parking conditional use the following motions were made:

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the conditional use for a food service facility requested by Mayday Movers to be located at 1171 E Northside Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

After the previous motion the following motion was made concerning the lease vehicle parking conditional use request:

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board decided to table until the next meeting of the board on September 18, 2018 the consideration of the lease vehicle parking conditional use request. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SITE PLAN – BETTY GEER – 590 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the site plan for the renovation of a building located at 590 Springridge Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 AS ASSISTED LIVING WEEK IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Perritt the board approved a Proclamation recognizing the week of September 9, 2018 through September 15, 2018 as Assisted Living Week in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the 2018-2019 proposed budget and the 2018-2019 tax levy for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing by reading a document (this document has been made a part of these minutes) that presented his recommendations on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. After the Mayor made his presentation, Ricki Garrett, Alderwoman-at-Large stated that she was representing the majority of the board and read a document (this document has been made a part of these minutes) that presented the views of the majority of the board on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

The Mayor then asked for public comment from the citizens attending the Public Hearing:

Comments from the citizens were mixed. Some citizens did not believe that Department Heads should receive such large raises and one citizen stated that she had never heard of such large raises being given in other circumstances. Some citizens stated that it is hard to find qualified workers and that when you find them you need to pay them properly. Also, it was stated that Department Head raises should be based on how well they perform their duties. There being no further comments from the citizens the Mayor asked for comments from the board members:

Alderman Barnett stated that some of the big increases in salary for department heads in February 2017 was due to promotions from Assistants to Department Heads. And Alderman Barnett went on to discuss the hiring procedures for Department Heads.

Alderman Cashion stated that higher salaries demanded a higher work effort from the Department Heads and that the board needed to support the Department Heads and if they did not support them then they should find Department Heads they could support. He also stated that he supported the Mayor's recommendation of giving the Department Heads these raises.

Alderman Martin stated that he found some of the recommendations good, however he felt that he and other board members did not have time to review and discuss some of the recommendations such as the Department Head raises, the addition of a full-time judge and the addition of an Economic Development Director. He felt that the board needs more time to fully study these recommendations.

Alderman Perritt stated that he had some reservations about several recommendations in this budget, however he did not feel that his reservations were enough to disrupt the functioning of the City. He also stated that he was in favor of the Mayor's recommendations.

There being no further comments from the citizens and the board the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.



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**APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SETTING THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI
AND THE CLINTON SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR THE 2018-
2019 BUDGET YEAR**

Before this motion was voted on Alderman Martin stated that he still felt the 3 millage increase for the resurfacing of City streets was not needed. He felt that the recent special session of the state legislature that included money for cities for infrastructure projects could be used for the resurfacing of the city's streets and that the 3-millage increase was not needed this fiscal year. For this reason, he stated that he would vote no on the city's tax levy for the 2019 budget year.

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the Resolution setting the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Clinton Separate School District tax levy for the 2018-2019 budget year. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A 6 TO 1 VOTE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN ELLIS, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN PERRITT, ALDERWOMAN COSSITT AND ALDERMAN CASHION VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY.**

ADJOURN 9:11 PM

MOTION made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: _____


Philip R. Fisher, Mayor


Date

ATTEST: _____


Russell L. Wall, City Clerk


Date

SEAL

