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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 – 6:00 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, and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Wilbanks.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Ricki Garrett – Alderwoman-at-Large - by telephone
Karen Godfrey – Alderwoman Ward 1
Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
Robert Chapman – Alderman Ward 3
Chip Wilbanks – Alderman Ward 4
Beverly Oliver – Alderwoman Ward 5
James Lott III – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor recognized the new Alderman from Ward 3 Robert Chapman to make any comments. Alderman Chapman thanked the citizens in Ward 3 for coming to the poll and voting in the special election. He also thanked the other candidates. He then thanked his kids, his wife, his parents and the Board of Alderman for their support.

The Mayor then read a letter thanking the Clinton Police Department for their help with crowd and traffic control at a recent Clinton Public School football game.

After this the Mayor recognized the parents of a child that had Pitt Hopkins Syndrome and that this was a rare disorder. The Mother explained the symptoms and asked for the citizens of Clinton to support a Proclamation proclaiming International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Clinton, Mississippi.

The following motion was made:



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APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 AS PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved a Proclamation proclaiming September 18, 2022 as Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – R

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – R. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Daniel Lang, Director of Economic Development updated the board on previous activities he has been working on and he updated the board on activities he would be working on going forward. Activities in process were the MC 80/20 Project, the compiling of a building and site inventory for the City, and an update on the Hampstead Boulevard development near Sonny's Bar-B-Que. He also informed the board that he was working on a Fall Recruitment of Business Project in order to make businesses aware of what Clinton has to offer.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the 2022-2023 proposed budget and the 2022-2023 tax levy for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing by discussing the major items in the budget. These items included salary increases for the employees, additional police vehicles, a new fire truck, a generator for fire station #1, and trucks for various other departments. He also explained the problems in hiring police officers, firefighters and public works employees and he explained the salary increases that were made as a part of the FY 2023 budget to help with this problem.



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The Mayor then asked for public comment from the citizens attending the Public Hearing. Laurie Lawson, Director of the 4 C's addressed the board and spoke about the ministry of the 4 C's and the help that they provided the citizens of the City of Clinton. Wanda Thomas and Kenny Stanteen spoke on their support of the 4 C's and their hope that the board would consider the full funding of the organization.

The Mayor then asked for comment from the Board of Alderman. Alderman Lott spoke on the reasons for the reduction in the 4 C's contribution in the FY 2023 budget. Alderman Wilbanks commented on the process of preparing the budget and the difficult decisions that had to be made during the process. Finally, Alderwoman Oliver talked about the reason the City-Wide Drainage Study cost was included in the FY 2023 budget.

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

APPROVE A RESOLUTION FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVY ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND FOR THE CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2022-2023 BUDGET YEAR

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the Resolution fixing the ad valorem tax levy on real and personal property for the City of Clinton, Mississippi and for the Clinton Public School District for the 2022-2023 budget year. Alderman Chapman left the meeting at 6:55 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:57 pm. Alderman Chapman did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.



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MAYOR’S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE HIRING OF A DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the hiring of Marlee Price as the Director of Communication and Tourism for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17, 2022 through September 23, 2022 as Constitution Week in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT KINGS FIREARMS AS THE HIGH BIDDER FOR EIGHT (8) CPD FIREARMS THAT HAVE BEEN DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR \$2,200.00

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board accepted Kings Firearms as the high bidder for eight (8) CPD firearms that have been declared surplus property for \$2,200.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL TO HIRE FOUR (4) CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS UPON
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE HIRING PROCESS IN THE CLINTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the hiring of William Grant, Marcus Adams, Jeroderick Draper, and Kaitlin Kehoe as Certified Police Officers upon successful completion of the hiring process in the Clinton Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A 3-YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH
BARON WEATHER, INC. TO PROVIDE WEATHER RADAR SERVICES**

Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board authorized the Mayor to sign a 3-year license agreement with Baron Weather, Inc. to provide weather radar services. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO HIRE TWO (2) CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS AND ONE (1) NON-
CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER CONTINGENT ON PASSING THE PSYCHOLOGICAL
AND MEDICAL EVALUATIONS IN THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the hiring of Lee Roy Anderson and Luie Price as Certified Firefighters and Brandt Parks as a Non-Certified Firefighter contingent on passing the psychological and medical evaluations in the Clinton Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM CHEMPRO
SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,500.00 FOR THE FALL 2022/2023 DRAINAGE
DITCH HERBICIDE PROGRAM**

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board accepted the lowest and best quote from ChemPro Services in the amount of \$36,500.00 for the Fall 2022/2023 Drainage Ditch Herbicide Program. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**COSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF THE BASE BID AND ALL
ALTERNTTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$714,134.10 TO ADCAMP, INC. FOR THE 2022
NORTHSIDE DRIVE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE THE BID PACKAGE DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS FOR THE
PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board considered and approved the award of the base bid and all alternates in the amount of \$714,134.10 to Adcamp, Inc. for the 2022 Northside Drive Paving Improvements and the board gave its approval for the Mayor to execute the Bid Package documents and contracts for the project improvements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 100
COLLEGE ST. - WARD 5**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by the First Baptist Church to construct a Gazebo with wood posts on the playground to be located at 100 College Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – CLINTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –
100 E LEAKE ST. - WARD 5**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce to paint and freshen the outside of the building located at 100 E Leake Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee recommended to table the request and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE – 450 W
MADISON ST. - WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Mississippi College to construct a patio addition with an awning on the building located at 450 W Madison Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW – THE BRIARS SUBDIVISION – MELROSE AND OLD
VICKSBURG ROAD – WARD 6**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the Site plan presented by the Briars Subdivision to place two signs at the entrance to the Briars Subdivision to be located at Melrose and Old Vicksburg Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REZONING – LARK PROPERTIES – 5590 WILLIAMSON ROAD PARCELS 2852-585,
2852-585-002 AND 2852-577 – WARD 3**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board denied the Rezoning request by Lark Properties to rezone Parcels 2852-585, 2852-585-002 and 2852-577 from R-E to A-1 located at 5590 Williamson Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 2. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN CHAPMAN AND ALDERMAN WILBANKS VOTED NAY.**



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SITE PLAN REVIEW EXTERIOR PAINT CHANGE – THE WINNING SMILE – 104 CLINTON CENTER DRIVE – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Site Plan submitted by The Winning Smile to change the paint color on the building located at 104 Clinton Center Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SITE PLAN REVIEW SIGNAGE – THE WINNING SMILE – 104 CLINTON CENTER DRIVE – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the Site Plan submitted by The Winning Smile to place a sign facing I-20 on the building located at 104 Clinton Center Drive in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW – JACKSON AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION – 204 CLINTON BLVD – WARD 4

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Architectural Review Plan submitted by the Jackson Area Federal Credit Union to remodel the outside of a building located at 204 Clinton Boulevard in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS VARIANCE – MATTHEW KNIGHT – 5417
WILLIAMSON RD – WARD 3**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the variance to Section 412.4 of the Subdivision Regulations to allow the homeowner not to have to connect to the city sewer system for a residence located at 5417 Williamson Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. Also, made a part of these minutes are letters from two plumbers explaining why the connection to the City sewer system could not be made in a feasible matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Before the next item was brought up for a vote the following motion was made:

**MOTION TO DENY WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE
MADE TO THE CITY OF CLINTON ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT PERTAINS TO
SHORT-TERM RENTAL AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

Upon presentation by Jim Martin, Alderman Ward 2, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board voted to deny whether or not certain amendments shall be made to the City of Clinton zoning ordinance as it pertains to Short-Term rental and for related purposes. **THE MOTION FAILED TO PASS TO DENY BY A VOTE OF 3 AYES TO 4 NAYS. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED NAY.**

After the above motion was voted on the following motion was made:



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TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE MADE TO THE CITY OF CLINTON ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved that certain amendments should be made to the City of Clinton Zoning Ordinance as it relates to short-term rental and for related purposes. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 2. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED NAY.**

TO DETERMINE WHEATHER OR NOT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE MADE TO THE CITY OF CLINTON BUILDING CODE AS IT'S RELATED TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved that certain amendments shall be made to the City of Clinton building code as it's related to short-term rental units. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY.**

TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE MADE TO THE CITY OF CLINTON FIRE CODE AS IT'S RELATED TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved that certain amendments shall be made to the City of Clinton fire code as it's related to short-term rental units. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY.**



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver for a closed session to determine the need for an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Having heard the intended purpose, a **MOTION** was made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered executive session at 8:23 p.m. Also, present in the executive session were William Purdie, City Attorney, Russell Wall, City Clerk and Ford Hayman, Police Chief. A discussion took place relating to a personnel issue. After the discussion the following motion was made while in executive session:

APPROVE PLACING AN EMPLOYEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH OUT PAY AND WITH OUT BENEFITS

Upon a, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved placing an employee on Administrative Leave with out pay and with out benefits. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION was made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman to exit executive session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen exited the executive session at 8:40 p.m.

After exiting the Executive Session and entering the regular meeting the Mayor made the following announcement:

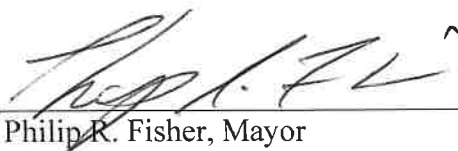
During the executive session the board passed a motion to place an employee on Administrative Leave without pay and without benefits.



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ADJOURN 8:42 PM

MOTION made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held September 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

9-7-2022
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

9-7-2022
Date

