



**CITY OF CLINTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN  
TUESDAY MAY 3, 2022 – 6:00 P. M.  
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM – 305 MONROE STREET**

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Phil Fisher

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Invocation was led by Alderwoman Oliver and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Lott.

**ROLL CALL** City Clerk, Russell Wall

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

**RECOGNITIONS**

The Junior Civic League presented an \$11,000 donation to the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department for improvements to Kids' Towne Park.

The Mayor gave an update to the Board and citizens on the matter regarding the rental of telephone poles from Entergy that is before the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

The Mayor gave an update on the recent trip to Washington DC to meet with Congressional Representatives of the State of Mississippi to procure funds for the Big Black River Sewer Project.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – V WITH ITEM 6B REMOVED**

**MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – V with Item 6B removed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6B**

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved Consent Agenda Item 6B. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:09 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:10 pm. Alderman Wilbanks did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief updated the board on the number of service calls the Fire Department received from January 2022 through April 2022. These calls included false alarms, EMS calls, house fires, grass fires, etc. He also reminded the board and citizens to remember to sign up for CODE RED. This is a notification service related to severe weather. The Fire Chief announced that the new siren located at Fire Station #2 has been installed and in working order. Finally, the Chief announced that due to a shortage of Fire Fighters the Clinton Fire Department was hiring.

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

**MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – CONDITIONAL USE – BRIAN BIERNAT –  
JEFFERSON ST./BELMONT PARCEL 2860-794 – WARD 1**

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



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**CONDITIONAL USE – SHANTWINA COLLINS – 580 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD – WARD  
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Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the Conditional Use requested by Shantwina Collins to open Bliss Day Spa & Studios a nail salon to be located at 580 Springridge Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – TIM MCCARTNEY – 204 BELMONT ST. –  
WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Tim McCartney to make structural changes to the existing detached garage located at 204 Belmont Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE ADVERTISING THE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF  
QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE  
USE OF ELIGIBLE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED UNDER THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AS WELL AS OTHER PROJECTS FUNDEED  
UNDER FEDERAL AND/OR NON-FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved advertising the Request for Statement of Qualifications to provide engineering services pertaining to the use of eligible funds that have been provided under the American Rescue Plan Act as well as other projects funded under federal and/or non-federal programs. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**SELECT PARK CONSULTANT FOR 84 ACRES SOUTH OF I-20**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board selected the firm of Native Habitats as the Park Consultant for the 84 acres South of I-20. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, TO INCREASE THE GARBAGE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY**

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, to increase the garbage rates for residential and commercial customers of the City. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO HIRE A CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CPD'S HIRING PROCESS**

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the hiring of Steven Luckey as a Certified Police Officer in the Clinton Police Department upon successful completion of CPD's hiring process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HIND'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CITY OF BYRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A UNIFIED SWAT TEAM**

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hinds County Sheriff's Office, City of Byram Police Department and the City of Clinton Police Department for the purpose of a unified SWAT Team. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL TO HIRE CONTINGENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEA DRUG TEST ONE (1) MAINTENANCE WORKER I AND ONE (1) MAINTENANCE WORKER III IN THE CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved Jordan Ingram as a Maintenance Worker I and Stanley Lomax as a Maintenance Worker III in the Clinton Public Works Department contingent on the results of the MEA drug test. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES (PAS) REQUEST TO CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE ON WATERSHED DRAINAGE STUDIES**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board gave its approval to submit Planning Assistance to States (PAS) request to Corps of Engineers for potential assistance on watershed drainage studies. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS TO SUBMIT APPLICATION UNDER THE EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR FUND (ERBRF) PROGRAM**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved the Resolutions to submit applications under the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF) Program. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI REGARDING WALKING TRAILS IN AND AROUND BRIGHTON PARK**

Upon presentation by William Purdie, City Attorney **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Hinds County, Mississippi regarding walking trails in and around Brighton Park. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD IMPLEMENT A 2% TAX UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES OF RESTAURANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PROMOTE TOURISM AND PARKS AND RECREATION WITHIN THE CITY**

Upon presentation by William Purdie, City Attorney **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a Resolution by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to authorize a Special Election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City whether the City should implement a 2% tax upon the gross proceeds of sales of restaurants for the purpose of providing funds to promote Tourism and Parks and Recreation within the City. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN BARNETT, ALDERMAN WILBANKS, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY.**

**ADJOURN 6:52 PM**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett 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 May 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED:   
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

5/4/22  
Date

ATTEST:   
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

5-4-22  
Date

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