



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 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 Chapman.

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 by telephone
James Lott III – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor thanked Milwaukee Tools for the recent donation of several tools to the Clinton Fire Department.

The Mayor read a letter from a citizen thanking the Clinton Police Department for the House Watch Program. The citizen appreciated the police in carrying out their responsibilities in performing their duties related to the House Watch Program.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – F

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – F. **THE MOTION WAS 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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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Ford Hayman, Police Chief updated the board on the number of felony crimes in the City compared to the same period last year. He also updated the board on the number of police officers presently employed and of the number of police officers to be hired in the coming weeks.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

**APPROVAL OF PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE AND WORKER'S
COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Upon presentation by Ben Todd, SouthGroup Insurance Services, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Property and Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance for the Fiscal Year 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Mississippi College to construct a golf center building to be located at 450 West Madison St. in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – SHANE ORMON CONSTRUCTION –
110/112 E LEAKE ST. – WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Shane Orman Construction for a dumpster enclosure to be located at 110/112 E Leake St. in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW – HUNTCLIFF VET CLINIC – 451 E NORTHSIDE DR. – WARD
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Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the site plan submitted by Huntcliff Vet Clinic to build a new building to be located at 451 E Northside Dr. in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – QUICK TRIP – 500 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the dimensional variance requested by Quick Trip to place a sixty-foot (60) twin pole hi-rise interstate corridor sign to be located at 500 Springridge Road located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH – 1638
CLINTON RAYMOND RD. – WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the dimensional variance requested by St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church for a restroom addition to the church building located at 1638 Clinton Raymond Rd. in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The variance approved was 42 feet from the side and 3 feet from the front. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**REZONING REQUEST R-E TO A-1 – CHERYL SYKES – 2385 N MIDWAY ROAD
WARD 2**

After the motion and second was made by Alderwoman Godfrey and Alderman Chapman and a discussion was held on this item the Alderwoman Godfrey and Alderman Chapman rescinded their motions and no action was taken on this item.

**APPEAL THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO MANUFACTURED HOMES IN
RESIDENTIAL ESTATE ZONING**

After a discussion of this item Alderman Lott made a motion not to uphold the interpretation of the Director of Community Development as it pertains to manufactured homes in Residential Estate Zoning. This motion died as a result of not receiving a second. The following motion was then made:

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board upheld the interpretation of the Director of Community Development as it pertains to manufactured homes in Residential Estate Zoning. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REQUEST TO REMOVE OR REDUCE PROPERTY CLEANING FEES AT 805 N
MONROE ST. – MICHAEL J LAWRENCE, SR. – WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the request by Michael J Lawrence, Sr. by removing the \$3,000 of penalties on the cleaning fees at 805 N Monroe St. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3. ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED NAY.**



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**REQUEST TO NOT ADD ANY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH
PROPERTY CLEANING AT 622 MAGNOLIA ROAD – CINDY ROBERTSON – WARD**

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Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board denied the request by Cindy Robertson to not add any additional penalties associated with property cleaning at 622 Magnolia Road. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED NAY.**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE GOVERNMENT
AFFAIRS CONSULTING ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON,
MISSISSIPPI AND WATKINS AND EAGER RELATED TO LOBBYING EFFORTS
FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board authorized the Mayor to execute an addendum to the Government Affairs Consulting Engagement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Watkins and Eager related to lobbying efforts for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF A FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION
FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. WITH A TRUE
VALUE OF \$526,790.45 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1,
2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved a final Resolution of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi granting exemption from ad valorem taxes to Gulf State Cannery, Inc. with a true value of \$526,790.45 for a five (5) year period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL OF A FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO MCNEELY PLASTIC PRODUCTS, INC. WITH A TRUE VALUE OF \$2,198,450.00 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved a final Resolution of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi granting exemption from ad valorem taxes to McNeely Plastic Products, Inc. with a true value of \$2,198,450.00 for a five (5) year period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 21, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION FROM GULF STATES DISTRIBUTOR AT STATE CONTRACTING PRICING OF \$14,995.95

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the purchase of ammunition from Gulf States Distributor at state contracting pricing of \$14,995.95. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) DODGE CHARGER PATROL VEHICLES AT STATE CONTRACT PRICING TOTALING \$136,428.00

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the purchase of four (4) Dodge Charger patrol vehicles at state contract pricing totaling \$136,428.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FY 22-23 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$85,000 FOR THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EOD/BOMB TEAM

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the acceptance of the FY 22-23 Homeland Security Grant Award totaling \$85,000 for the Clinton Police Department's EOD/Bomb Team. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AN FY 22-23 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$70,000 FOR THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL A NEW ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AT HEADQUARTERS AND THERMAL IMAGING/NIGHT SIGHT OPTIC SYSTEMS FOR THE SWAT TEAM

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the acceptance of the FY 22-23 Homeland Security Grant Award totaling \$70,000 for the Clinton Police Department to install a new Access Control System at Headquarters and Thermal Imaging/Night Sight Optic Systems for the SWAT Team **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SEVEN (7) AGM PVS-14 NIGHT VISION MONOCULAR W/GEN 3 LEVEL 2 WHITE PHOSPHORUS FOR \$24,761.80 WITH THE FY 22-23 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD 22LE147

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the purchase of seven (7) AGM PVS-14 Night Vision Monocular w/ Gen Level 2 White Phosphorus for \$24,761.80 with the FY 22-23 Homeland Security Grant Award 22LE147. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TEN (10) LS321 R ILLUMINATOR/RED IR LASER FOR \$5,312.90 WITH THE FY 22-23 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD 22LE147

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the purchase of ten (1) LS321 R Illuminator/Red IR Laser for \$5,312.90 with the FY 22-23 Homeland Security Grant Award 22LE147. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) OJI MAVIC 3 THERMAL IMAGING DRONE FROM DRONE NERDS FOR \$6,316.00

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the purchase of one (1) OJI Mavic 3 Thermal Imaging Drone from Drone Nerds for \$6,316.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AN 11-DOOR/15-READER ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM FOR POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND COURT SERVICES FOR \$16,540.00 WITH AN ANNUAL HOSTING FEE OF \$990.00 FROM MS SAFE AND LOCK

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the purchase of an 11-door/15 reader access control system for Police Headquarters and Court Services for \$16,540.00 with an annual hosting fee of \$990.00 from MS Safe and Lock. It was determined that this was the best bid. When comparing the annual hosting cost MS Safe and Lock charged \$990.00 per year as compared to Access Control Group's charge of \$2,640.00 per year. This was a savings of \$1,650.00 per year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE (1) CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER AND TWO (2) NON-CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the hiring of Daniel Moulder as a Certified Firefighter and Jaylen Toney and Brendan Bodkins as Non-Certified Firefighters in the Clinton Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO HIRE CONTINGENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEA DRUG TEST ONE (1) MAINTENANCE WORKER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the hiring contingent on the results of the MEA Drug Test Brandon Winters as a Maintenance Worker in the Clinton Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BROADWAY/SPRINGRIDGE
SEWER REPAIR PROJECT**

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the advertising for bids for the Broadway/Springridge Sewer Repair Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO SDVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE HUNTERS RIDGE SEWER-SLOPE
STABILIZATION AND SEWER REPAIR**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the advertising for bids for the Hunters Ridge Sewer-Slope Stabilization and Sewer Repair. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER AND FINAL PAY ESTIMATE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$487,104.80 TO ADCAMP, INC. FOR THE 2022 STREET PAVING
IMPROVEMENTS**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the Summary Change Order and Final Pay Estimate in the amount of \$487,104.80 to Adcamp, Inc. for the 2022 Street Paving Improvements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2022 PAVEMENT MARKING
IMPROVEMENTS**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the advertising for bids for the 2022 Pavement Marking Improvements. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey 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 Alderman Wilbanks 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 7:41 p.m. Also, present in the executive session were William Purdie, City Attorney, Russell Wall, City Clerk and Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works. A discussion took place relating to a personnel issue.

After the discussion the following motion was made:

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the termination of an employee in the Clinton Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION was made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks to exit executive session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen exited the executive session at 7:44 p.m.

After existing the Executive Session and entering the regular meeting the Mayor made the announcement that a personnel issue was discussed and a vote took place in executive session concerning the issue.

ADJOURN 7:49 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held November 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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

10/19/2022
Date

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

10-19-2022
Date

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