



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY DECEMBER 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 Alderwoman Godfrey, and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Martin.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Ricki Garrett – Alderwoman-at-Large
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 read a letter from Tim Bruss thanking an employee from the Parks and Recreation Department for his help during a recent visit to the city.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – O

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation notified the board of flyers that have been prepared showing upcoming sports events that she would be distributing to many places to inform the citizens of Clinton of the upcoming events. She then updated the board on various ongoing projects within the city's parks. These projects included Installation of Kids Towne swings, installation of Robinson Park swings, progress on the Traceway Park Drainage project



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and progress on the painting of Traceway Park foul poles. She announced that a CPR Certification course would be held within the next month for the employees of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Therapeutic Recreation Department. Finally, Courtney gave an update on the recent Christmas Parade.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – CHRIS EVANS – 301 E MAIN ST. – WARD
5**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the Certificate of Appropriateness requested by Chris Evans to repair a faulty roof with metal roofing at a residence located at 301 E. Main St. located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CONDITIONAL USE – VERIZON SMALL CELL SITE – CASCADES CIRCLE WEST –
WARD 4**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the Conditional Use request from Verizon to construct a small cell site to be located on Cascades Circle West in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – DEAN FARRAR – 309 E. MAIN 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 Dean Farrar for the white picket fence, however the board denied the approval for the wire fence located at 309 E. Main St. located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended the request be denied. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CONDITIONAL USE – MAKER STAR INC – 0 FRONTAGE ROAD – WARD 1

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

**CONDITIONAL USE – MAKER STAR INC – 0 CLINTON INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE
– WARD 1**

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

CONDITIONAL USE – HOME2SUITES – 0 HAMPSTEAD BIVD – WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the Conditional Use requested by Home2Suites to construct a hotel at 0 Hampstead Blvd located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee recommended approval with recommendations and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – CHOCTAW WINE & SPIRITS – 219 CLINTON BLVD –
WARD 4**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the Dimensional Variance of 5 foot from the required 10-foot variance requested by Choctaw Wine & Spirits to add an additional storage area on the property at 219 Clinton Blvd located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Architectural Review Committee recommended approval with recommendations and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REZONING REQUEST C-4 TO I-1 – MCNEELY PLASTICS – 503 BATTERY DRIVE –
WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the rezoning request made by McNeely Plastics to rezone property from C-4 to I-1 located at 503 Battery Drive located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE MILL SUBDIVISION

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the final plat for THE MILL subdivision located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:38 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:39 pm. Alderman Wilbanks did not participate in the discussion of this item, nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2023 DODGE EXTENDED CAB, 2 WD FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Extended Cab 2 WD pickup truck for the Community Development Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MS ADOPTING
REGULATIONS FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF
CLINTON, MS**

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

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND CENTURY
CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. (THAT SUBMITTED THE BEST RFP) FOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES RELATED TO
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOUNDED BY SOUTH OF
US HIGHWAY 80 TO INTERSTATE 20 AND WEST OF SPRINGRIDGE ROAD TO
CLINTON RAYMOND ROAD FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON**

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board authorized the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Century Construction Group, Inc. (that submitted the best RFP) for Construction Management at Risk Services related to infrastructure for economic development bounded by south of US Highway 80 to Interstate 20 and west of Spirngridge Road to Clinton Raymond Road for the City of Clinton. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND PICKERING
FIRM, INC. (THAT SUBMITTED THE BEST RFP) FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOUNDED BY SOUTH OF US HIGHWAY 80 TO INTERSTATE 20 AND WEST OF
SPRINGRIDGE ROAD TO CLINTON RAYMOND ROAD FOR THE CITY OF
CLINTON**

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board authorized the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Pickering Firm, Inc. (that submitted the best RFP) for General Engineering Services related to infrastructure for economic development bounded by south of US Highway 80 to Interstate 20 and west of Spirngridge Road to Clinton Raymond Road for the City of Clinton. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL TO ALLOW OFFICER LAFAYETTE MARTIN TO PURCHASE HIS DEPARTMENTAL-ISSUED GLOCK SERVICE WEAPON (GLOCK G45 SERIAL # BKSU9909) FOR \$1.00 PURSUANT TO MS CODE 45-9-131, BASED UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board gave its approval to allow Officer Lafayette Martin to purchase his department-issued Glock service weapon (Glock G45 serial# BKSU9909) for \$1.00 pursuant to MS Code 45-9-131, based upon his retirement from Law Enforcement. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:50 pm and did not return.

APPROVAL TO SURPLUS THE LISTED CITY-OWNED POLICE VEHICLES DUE TO OLD AGE AND/OR EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE REPAIR COSTS BY SELLING THESE VEHICLES AT AUCTION, WITH PROCEEDS BEING REMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board gave its approval to surplus the listed city-owned police vehicles due to old age and/or extensive maintenance repair costs by selling these vehicles at auction, with proceeds being remitted to the city clerk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL CROSSING GUARD FOR CLINTON PARK ELEMENTARY WITH CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYING THE CITY OF CLINTON THE APPROVED CROSSING GUARD HOURLY RATE

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board gave its approval to hire an additional crossing guard for Clinton Park Elementary with Clinton Public School District paying the City of Clinton the approved crossing guard hourly rate. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL TO HIRE CONTINGENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEA DRUG TEST,
ONE (1) CERTIFIED BOOKING OFFICER AND ONE (1) PART-TIME CROSSING
GUARD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved contingent on the results of the MEA Drug Test Phylis Thomas as a Certified Booking Officer and Krushandra Butler as a Part-Time Crossing Guard in the Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN 80KW NATURAL GAS TAYLOR POWER,
3-PHASE STAND-BY GENERATOR WITH SWITCH GEAR AND INSTALLATION
FOR \$69,596.00 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT STATION 1**

Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board gave its approval for the purchase of an 80KW Natural Gas Taylor Power, 3-phase stand-by generator with switch gear and installation for \$69,596.00 for the Fire Department at Station 1. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BREAD CREATIVE
AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,600 FOR THE CREATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW CITY OF CLINTON, MS WEBSITE**

Upon presentation by Marlee Price, Director of Communication and Tourism, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board gave its approval to the Mayor to sign a contract with BREAD Creative Agency in the amount of \$50,600 for the creation and implementation of a new City of Clinton, MS website. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TEXT MY GOV IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE FIRST YEAR, WITH A RECURRING \$9,000 ANNUAL FEE, FOR A CITIZEN TEXTING SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MS

Upon presentation by Marlee Price, Director of Communication and Tourism, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board gave its approval to the Mayor to sign a contract with Text My Gov in the amount of \$10,000 for the first year, with a recurring \$9,000 annual fee, for a citizen texting service for the City of Clinton, Ms. **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 Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the hiring contingent on the results of the MEA Drug Test Keyuante Brown as a Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, 4-D CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$286,720.00 FOR THE 2022 HUNTERS RIDGE SLOPE STABILIZATION AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the acceptance and award to the lowest and best bidder, 4-D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$286,720.00 the 2022 Hunters Ridge Slope Stabilization and Sewer Improvements and furthermore authorized the Mayor to execute all documents associated with the project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVE ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD TO LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER,
TRAFFIC CONTROL PRODUCTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,774.20 FOR THE
2022 PAVEMENT MARKING IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the acceptance and award to lowest and best bidder, Traffic Control Products, Inc. in the amount of \$247,774.20 the 2022 Pavement Marking Improvements and furthermore authorized the Mayor to execute all documents associated with the project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER AND FINAL PAY ESTIMATE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$145,293.25 TO HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR
BROADWAY SEWER REPAIR**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Summary Change Order and the Final Pay Estimate in the amount of \$145,293.25 to Hemphill Construction Company for Broadway Sewer Repair. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE CANCELING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI TO BE HELD
DECEMBER 20, 2022, AND TO SET THE NEXT MEETING FOR JANUARY 3, 2023**

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved canceling the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held December 20, 2022, and to set the next meeting for January 3, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Alderwoman Garrett 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 Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver 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 7:13 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 Martin the board approved the firing of an employee in the Clinton Public Works Department for abandoning their position. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION was made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey to exit executive session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The Mayor and Board of Aldermen exited the executive session at 7:14 p.m.

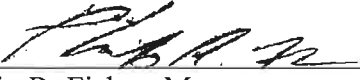
After existing the Executive Session and entering the regular meeting the Mayor made the announcement that a personnel issue was discussed, and a vote took place in executive session concerning the issue.

ADJOURN 7:17 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held January 3, 2023, at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

12-7-2022
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

12-7-2022
Date

