



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023 – 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 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
Robert Chapman – Alderman Ward 3
Chip Wilbanks – Alderman Ward 4
Beverly Oliver – Alderwoman Ward 5
James Lott III – Alderman Ward 6

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6B

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved Consent Agenda Item 6B. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:02 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:03 pm. Alderman Wilbanks did not participate in the discussion of this item, nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Tara Lytal, Director of Main Street notified the board that Main Street hosted 59 events in 2022. She then reported that in the late fall of 2022 she hired a Depot Manager/Assistant Manager of Main Street. Tara also gave an update on the work of the Downtown Roadmap Committee and she announced some of the upcoming events for 2023. These events included Olde Towne after Dark, Art in the Parks, Dinner & a Movie and the Olde Towne Markets. Finally she announced that Red Brick Roads Festival would be held again this year and she gave an update on the new Christmas decorations that were placed around the City during the recent holiday season.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EXISTING ORDINANCE OF MAY 7, 2002, REGULATING THE SALE OF BEER AND LIGHT WINS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CLINTON TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE AND SERVICING OF BEER AND/OR LIGHT WINE TO CERTAIN BUSINESSES, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Upon presentation by Alderman Lott, Alderman Ward 6, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board did not approve an Ordinance amending the existing Ordinance of May 7, 2002, regulating the sale of beer and light wine within the municipal limits of the City of Clinton to allow for the sale and servicing of beer and/or light wine to certain businesses, and for related purposes. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2 AYES AND 5 NAYS. ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE TO APPROVE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN AND ALDERMAN WILBANKS VOTE NAY TO NOT APPROVE.**



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REQUEST ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BANKPLUS, TO SERVE AS PRIMARY DEPOSITORY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON FOR THE NEXT FOUR (4) YEARS, WITH THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board accepted the proposal submitted by BankPlus, to serve as Primary Depository for the City of Clinton for the next four (4) years, with the period ending December 31, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 2 DODGE CHARGER POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE BEST QUOTE OF \$63,200.00 FROM LANDERS DODGE

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the purchase of 2 Dodge Charger police vehicles for the best quote of \$63,200.00 from Landers Dodge. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO HIRE CONTINGUENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEA DRUG TEST ONE (1) GROUNDS TECHNICIAN FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved contingent on the results of the MEA drug Test the hiring of Kyeonia Harris as a Grounds Technician in the Parks and Recreation Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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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 Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved contingent on the results of the MEA drug Test the hiring of Joe Banks as a Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM BOBCAT OF JACKSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,903.24 FOR ONE (1) E50 R2-SERIES BOBCAT COMPACT EXCAVATOR FOR THE CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board accepted the lowest and best quote from Bobcat of Jackson in the amount of \$74,903.24 for one (1) E50 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator for the Clinton Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,972,358.00 FOR THE LOVETT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE AND FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT

Upon presentation by Greg Gearhart, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved and accepted the award to the lowest and best bidder Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,972,358.00 the Lovett Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade project and the board furthermore authorized the Mayor to execute all documents associated with the project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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OTHER BUSINESS

ALLOW THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND A NOTICE TO PROCEED BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. RELATED TO THE LOVETT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE PROJECT

Upon presentation by Greg Gearhart, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board voted to allow the Mayor to execute a contract and a Notice to Proceed between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. related to the Lovett Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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 Alderman Wilbanks 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 6:42 p.m. Also, present in the executive session were William Purdie, City Attorney, Russell Wall, City Clerk and Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation. A discussion took place relating to a personnel issue.

After the discussion the following motion was made:

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the firing of an employee in the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department due to insubordination and dereliction of duty. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION was made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey to exit executive session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen exited the executive session at 6:51 p.m.



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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 6:52 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held February 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

1/18/2023
Date

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

1-18-2023
Date

