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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 Garrett, and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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 by telephone
Beverly Oliver – Alderwoman Ward 5
James Lott III – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

Monica McInnis, Clinton Chapter NAACP President, addressed the board concerning the upcoming redistricting process. She felt the present board did not reflect the racial makeup of the City. She urged the board to be fair and transparent in their consideration of the redistricting process. She also suggested that public hearings and citizen input be considered during the process. She also asked that public hearings be advertised well in advance so interested parties could attend if they so desired.

The Mayor read a letter from a citizen thanking Jeffery Williams, Captain, Jeremy Wallace, Lieutenant/Paramedic, and Charles Helmick, Firefighter of the Clinton Fire Department for their help in helping him get his wife to the doctor. They not only helped with this once but twice.



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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – BB WITH ITEM 6H REMOVED

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – BB with Item 6H removed. Item 6BB was added to approve a \$1,000.00 payment to the Clinton Junior Civic league for the Hearts of Gold Gala. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6H

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved Consent Agenda Item 6H. Alderwoman Garrett left the meeting at 6:08 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:09 pm. Alderwoman Garrett did not participate in the discussion of this item, nor did she vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Marlee Price, Director of Communication and Tourism updated the board on the projects she was working on. These projects included her participation in securing and installation of a Christmas Tree at City Hall and the installation of other Christmas decorations around the city, the status of the website redesign, the status of updating the Clinton app, and the status of the City text message notification software.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.



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MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

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

Upon presentation by William Purdie, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved an Ordinance of the City of Clinton, Mississippi adopting regulations for medical cannabis establishments in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

After the above motion was approved Michael Kinard and Joey Sonja addressed the board, They both commented that they were in support of the Ordinance however they hoped the board would be open to some modifications of the Ordinance. There were two concerns they hoped would be looked at. 1.) modify the revoking of licenses section, and 2.) Continue discussions on the rules concerning the transfer of licenses.

During the discussion of Item 9B, and after the motion was made and seconded on Item 9B, Alderman Martin offered a substitute motion. The motion was as follows:

APPROVE USING ALL SIX OF THE VOTING LOCATIONS OF THE CITY FOR THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Upon presentation by Alderman Martin, Alderman Ward 2, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board failed to approve using all six of the voting locations of the City for the Medical Cannabis election to be held on February 28, 2023. **THE MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2 AYES FOR THE MOTION AND 5 NAYS AGAINST THE MOTION. ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERMAN WILBANKS VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED NAY.**



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After the above motion was considered, Alderman Wilbanks offered the substitute motion below:

APPROVE USING WILDWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, THE WOOD CENTER, AND FIRE STATION #3 AS VOTING LOCATIONS OF THE CITY FOR THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Upon presentation by Alderman Wilbanks, Alderman Ward 4, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board failed to approve using Wildwood Baptist Church, The Wood Center, and Fire Station #3 as voting locations of the City for the Medical Cannabis election to be held on February 28, 2023. **THE MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2 AYES FOR THE MOTION AND 5 NAYS AGAINST THE MOTION. ALDERMAN MARTIN AND ALDERMAN WILBANKS VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED NAY.**

After the above motion was considered, the board took up Item 9B, which already had a motion and a second. The results of the vote on the motion are shown below:

ACCEPT CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES RECEIVED TO PETITION THE CITY OF CLINTON TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO PERMIT THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, SALE, AND/OR DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, SET THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD AT TRACEWAY PARK ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AND AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE ELECTION AND TO DIRECT THAT THE ELECTION BE ADVERTISED ON THE CITY'S BILLBOARD, THE CITY'S WEBSITE, THE CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA SITES AND THE CITY'S E-BLAST NEWSLETTER

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board accepted the Certification of Signatures received to petition the City of Clinton to hold a Special Election to permit the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products in the City of Clinton, and the board approved setting the date for the Special Election to be held at Traceway Park on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, and furthermore authorized the advertisement of the election and to direct that the election be advertised on the City's Bill Board, the City's Website, the City's Social Media sites and the City's e-blast newsletter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE (ES&S), TO PROVIDE ELECTION MACHINES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON FOR THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the authorization to execute an agreement with Election Systems & Software (ES&S) to provide election machines and support services for the City of Clinton for the Medical Marijuana Election to be held on February 28, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PHAROS CONSULTING SERVICES, TO PROVIDE ELECTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON FOR THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the authorization to execute an Agreement with Pharos Consulting Services, to provide Election Support Services for the City of Clinton for the Medical Marijuana Special Election to be held on February 28, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Before taking up the next item (Item 9E) on the agenda, the board decided to consider the motion listed below:

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AS IT RELATES TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved an Ordinance amending the official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Clinton, Mississippi as it relates to Medical Cannabis establishments and for related purposes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVE PICKERING’S TASK ORDER #1 PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES TO INCLUDE PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION, WETLANDS DETERMINATION SERVICES, AND LAND SURVEYING RELATED TO THE CITY OF CLINTON 80/20 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved Pickering’s Task Order #1 Proposal for Preliminary Engineering Services to include Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation, Wetlands Determination Services, and Land Surveying related to the City of Clinton 80/20 Development Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUBAWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY RELATED TO THE CLINTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Upon presentation by Russell Wall, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board authorized the Mayor to execute a Subaward Agreement between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality related to the Clinton Regional Wastewater Improvement Project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO HIRE FIVE (5) CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS AND ONE (1) PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board gave its approval to hire Stephen Bell, Christopher Sawyer, Eric White, Zavier Scott, and Cameron Bryant as Certified Police Officers and Benny Jenkins as a Part-Time Crossing Guard in the Clinton Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL FOR THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A 3 YEAR/36 MONTH CONTRACT WITH THOMSON REUTERS FOR ACCESS TO CLEAR PROFLEX, A COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE DATABASE INVESTIGATIVE PLATFORM FOR THE TOTAL COST ACROSS 3 YEARS OF \$11,084.16 OR APPROXIMATELY \$3,700.00 ANNUALLY

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board gave its approval for the Clinton Police department to enter into a 3 year/36 month contract with Thomson Reuters for access to CLEAR Proflex, a comprehensive online database investigative platform for the total cost across 3 years of \$11,084.16 or approximately \$3,700.00 annually. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL FOR THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A 2023 F150 FROM AN AWARDED REALLOCATED HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (21LE147B) FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$47,235.00

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board gave its approval for the Clinton Police Department to purchase a 2023 F150 from an awarded reallocated Homeland Security Grant (21LE147B) for a total cost of \$47,235.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENTS WITH CLINTON SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS: CLINTON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, CLINTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION, CLINTON GIRL'S SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION & CLINTON YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR YEARLY CONTRACT RENEWALS

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board authorized the Mayor to sign the facility usage agreements with Clinton Sports Associations: Clinton Baseball Association, Clinton Soccer Association, Clinton Girls' Softball Association & Clinton Youth Football Association for yearly contract renewals. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board gave its approval to hire contingent upon the results of the MEA drug test Joshua Humphrey as a Grounds Technician in the Parks and Recreation Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH PYROSHOWS FOR THE JULY 4TH 2023 CITY ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW AT TRACEWAY PARK FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board authorized the Mayor to sign the contract with PyroShows for the July 4th city annual fireworks show at Traceway Park for \$15,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LANDSCAPING & GROUNDS SERVICES FOR VARIOUS PARKS, CITY BUILDINGS & ROADWAYS

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board gave its approval to advertise for bids for landscaping & grounds services for various parks, city buildings & roadways. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM WATT EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,500.00 FOR ONE (1) MASSEY FERGUSON 4710 4WD TRACTOR FOR THE CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the lowest and best quote from Watt Equipment in the amount of \$59,500.00 for one (1) Massey Ferguson 4710 4WD Tractor for the Clinton Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**APPROVAL TO HIRE CONTINGENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEA DRUG TEST
TWO (2) MAINTENANCE WORKERS AND ONE (1) SIGNAL TECHNICIAN FOR
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board gave its approval to hire contingent on the results of the MEA Drug Test Edwin Ephfrom and Marcus Banks as Maintenance Workers and Lucy Ewing as a Signal Technician in the Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

SITE PLAN FOR SIGNAGE – RAINBOW SIGNS – 318 HIGHWAY 80 EAST – WARD 4

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the site plan for a sign submitted by Rainbow Signs to be located at 318 Highway 80 East in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE – BRANDON MIZELL – 5413 WILLIAMSON ROAD –
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 request from Brandon Mizell and granted a variance from the subdivision regulations to allow the use of a private treatment facility to be located at 5413 Williamson Road in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**CONDITIONAL USE – CHRIS AND SCOTT EVANS – 207-D WEST LEAKE ST. –
WARD 5**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the conditional use submitted by Chris and Scott Evans to allow the apartment located at 207-D West Leake Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi be allowed to operate as a Short-term Rental Unit (STRU). The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **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.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Having heard the intended purpose, a **MOTION** was made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing two personnel issues. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered executive session at 7:30 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. Presented by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works.

After the discussion the following motion was made:

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the firing of an employee in the Clinton Public Works Department due to a violation of the City's Policy on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

After the above motion was considered, Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works left the Executive Session and the board discussed another personnel issue. No Action was taken on this issue during the Executive Session.



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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 8:13 p.m.

After existing the Executive Session and entering the regular meeting the Mayor made the announcement that a personnel issue was discussed concerning the dismissal of an employee in the Public Works Department, and a vote took place in executive session concerning the issue. Then the following motion was made:

APPROVE THE HIRING OF JIMMY BALDREE AS THE NEXT CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, MOTION made by Alderman Martin and SECONDED by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the hiring of Jimmy Baldree as the next City Clerk for the City of Clinton, Mississippi. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN 8:15 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and SECONDED by Alderwoman Garrett to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held February 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVED: Philip R Fisher
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

2/9/2023
Date

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

2-9-2023
Date

SEAL

