



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 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 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: 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

Absent: Ricki Garrett – Alderwoman-at-Large

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – G

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Ford Hayman, Police Chief updated the board on the number of personnel presently employed by the Police Department and he informed the board of his plans to reinstate the traffic division and add personnel to the warrants division by mid to late summer of 2023. Chief Hayman then updated the board on the crime statistics in the City for the period 2013 through 2023. The statistics showed that overall crime had a significant reduction during the period. Finally, he announced the upcoming Citizens Police Academy to be held February 27, 2023, through March 4, 2023.



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BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

**APPROVAL OF THE HIRING OF 4 FIREMEN CONTINGUENT ON PASSING
MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND DRUG SCREENING FOR THE CLINTON FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the hiring of Gavin Bullock, Aarin Hancock, and Garrett Lee as firemen contingent on passing medical, psychological, and drug screening for the Clinton Fire Department. Chief Blackledge mentioned that one of the applicants did not pass the MEA Drug test and therefore he only asked for the approval of the hiring of three firemen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) SCAG WINDSTORM BLOWER FOR \$10,437.00
FROM REVELL HARDWARE CO IN CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI**

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the purchase of one (1) Scag Windstorm blower for \$10,437.00 from Revell Hardware Co in Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL TO ENTER A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH REVELL/WESTERN
EQUIPMENT FINANCE FOR THE LEASE OF ONE (1) GRAVELY PRO-TURN MACH
ONE FOR A 36-MONTH LEASE TERM WITH A LEASE PRICE OF \$609.07 PER
MONTH**

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board gave its approval to enter a lease agreement with Revell/Western Equipment Finance for the lease of one (1) Gravelly Pro-Turn Mach One for a 36-month lease term with a lease price of \$609.07 per month. **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 Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the hiring contingent upon the results of the MEA drug test Percy Greenwood as a Grounds Technician for the Parks and Recreation Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND PAYMENTECH, LLC, JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NA
JOINED WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE WATER
BILLING DEPARTMENT WITH PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES**

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board authorized the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Paymentech, LLC, JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA joined with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide the Water Billing Department with payment processing services. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM COVINGTON SALES & SERVICE,
INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,957.00 FOR SEWER CAMERA DIAGNOSTIC
SOFTWARE FOR THE CLINTON 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 the lowest and best quote from Covington Sales & Service, Inc. in the amount of \$10,957.00 for Sewer Camera Diagnostic Software for the Clinton Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE OF WATER TOWER SPACE
FOR ALLTEL CORPORATION D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS**

Upon presentation by William Purdie, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved a Second Amendment to the Lease of Water Tower Space for Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless. **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 executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered executive session at 6:21 p.m. Also, present in the executive session were William Purdie, City Attorney, Russell Wall, City Clerk and Tara Lytal, Director of Main Street. A discussion took place relating to a personnel issue. After the discussion of the issue the following motion was offered and voted upon:

APPROVE THE FIRING OF AN EMPLOYEE IN THE CLINTON MAIN STREET DEPARTMENT DUE TO THE ABANDONMENT OF THEIR JOB

Upon presentation by Tara Lytal, Director of Main Street, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the firing of an employee in the Clinton Main Street Department due to the abandonment of their job. **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 6:24 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, and a vote took place in executive session concerning the issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman James Lott, Alderman Ward 6 introduced three members of Turn Point USA who attended the meeting to the citizens and the Board of Aldermen. Haylen King, President from Clinton informed the board that he and the other two members were happy to be at the meeting.



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ADJOURN 6:26 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver 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 March 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

2/22/2023
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

2-22-2023
Date

SEAL

