



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
TUESDAY MARCH 7, 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 Wilbanks, and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alderwoman Garrett.

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 by telephone
Chip Wilbanks – Alderman Ward 4
Beverly Oliver – Alderwoman Ward 5 by telephone

Absent: James Lott III – Alderman Ward 6

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

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – Q 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 Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver 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

Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief updated the board on the number of serve calls made during 2022, he also pointed out that the most calls his department receives are for EMS service. The Fire Chief then reminded the board and the citizens that this coming Sunday was when the country switches to daylight savings time. He recommended that the board and citizens remember at this time to check and change the batteries in their smoke alarms. He stated that smoke alarms save lives. Finally, the Fire Chief discussed the problems he was having in finding qualified people to be hired by his department and he updated the board on the number of his present staff.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE (1) PARKS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN FOR THE CLINTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the hiring of Ronald McCullough as a Parks Maintenance Technician for the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BID SUBMITTED BY ROTOLO CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,601.36 ANNUALLY AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT VARIOUS PARKS, CITY BUILDINGS AND ROADWAYS

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the acceptance of the bid submitted by Rotolo Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$237,601.36 annually and furthermore the board authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement for Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Services at various parks, city buildings, and roadways. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the hiring contingent upon the results of the MEA drug test Natasha Beggiani as a Public Works Clerk for the Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO REMOVE A TREE – MARGARET DEAN - 311 EAST COLLEGE STREET – WARD 4

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Margaret Dean to remove a tree located at 311 East College Street in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO PUT UP A DECORATIVE FENCE –
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 Alderman Martin the board denied the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Dean Farrar to put up a decorative fence located at 309 E. Main St. in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee recommended approval for all, but the street side would like to see better transition between the two fences and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR EXTERIOR RENOVATION – MANDY
KING - 312 JEFFERSON ST.– WARD 5**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Mandy King for exterior renovations to a residence located at 312 Jefferson St. in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR EXTERIOR RENOVATION – RONNIE
MORTON – 103 E. MAIN ST.– WARD 5**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Ronnie Morton for exterior renovations to a residence located at 103 E. Main St. in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. The Historical Preservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**CONDITIONAL USE TO OPERATE A FOOD TRUCK – LAKESHA HARMON – 205
CLINTON BLVD – WARD 4**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the request from Lakesha Harmon for a Conditional Use to operate a Food Truck to be locate at 205 Clinton Blvd in the City of Clinton, Mississippi with the understanding that the approval would last until July 3, 2023, and only Lakesha Harmon could request a renewal of the time. The board also approved that this approval was for Lakesha Harmon and no other person or business could place a food truck in this location without the board’s approval. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 1.**
**ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN,
ALDERMAN WILBANKS, AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED AYE. ALDERMAN
MARTIN VOTED NAY**

**TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE MADE
TO THE CITY OF CLINTON ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO TREE-
TRIMMING AND FOR RELATED PUROPSES**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved the amendments made to the City of Clinton Zoning Ordinance as it relates to tree-trimming and for related purposes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE MADE
TO THE CITY OF CLINTON ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO ANIMALS
IN RESIDENTIAL ESTATE AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

Alderman Wilbanks offered an amendment to the above item. The amendment was as follows: Add that this ordinance does not supersede covenants in existing or new neighborhoods and add the number of acres be changed from 3 acres to 5 acres. The **MOTION** was made by Alderman Wilbanks, and it was **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey.



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Before the motion was voted on Alderwoman Garrett offered an amendment to the original motion to change the number of acres from 5 acres to 10 acres.

Upon presentation by Alderwoman Garrett, Alderwoman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board did not approve the amendment to change the number of acres in the amendment from 5 acres to 10 acres. **THE MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN MARTIN, AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS AND MAYOR FISHER VOTED NAY. MAYOR FISHER VOTED TO BREAK THE TIE VOTE AMONG THE BOARD**

After the above motion was voted on Alderman Garrett offered an amendment to the original motion to take out plated subdivisions with 5 acres.

Upon presentation by Alderwoman Garrett, Alderwoman-at-Large, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board did not approve the amendment to the original amendment to take out plated subdivisions with 5 acres. **THE MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN MARTIN, AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS AND MAYOR FISHER VOTED NAY. MAYOR FISHER VOTED TO BREAK THE TIE VOTE AMONG THE BOARD**

After the above amendments were voted on the board returned to the consideration of the original amendment as follows:

ADD THAT THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT SUPERSEDE COVENANTS IN EXISTING OR NEW NEIGHBORHOODS AND ADD THE NUMBER OF ACRES BE CHANGED FROM 3 ACRES TO 5 ACRES.

Upon presentation by Alderman Wilbanks, Alderman Ward 4, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the addition to the City of Clinton Zoning Ordinance as it relates to animals in residential estate that this ordinance does not supersede covenants in existing or new neighborhoods and that the number of acres be changed from 3 acres to 5 acres. **THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 2. ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT AND ALDERMAN MARTIN VOTED NAY.**



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Alderman Chapman left the meeting at 7:04 pm and did not return to the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE (1) CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC FOR THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

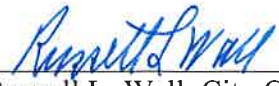
Upon presentation by Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the hiring of Joseph Strait as a Certified Firefighter/Paramedic for the Clinton Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 7:06 PM

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

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

3/8/2023
Date

ATTEST: 
Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

3-8-2023
Date

