



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 - 6:00 PM
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. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderwoman Garrett.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Jimmy Baldree

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor recognized Congressman Greg Harper and Thanked him for his continued assistance in securing funding for the Wastewater Infrastructure Projects. Congressman Harper reviewed recent achievements and assured the Board he is continuing to work on additional funding.

Following Congressman Harper's remarks the Mayor also recognized the Parks and Recreation staff, along with the Fire and Police Departments for their outstanding work in preparing for and hosting the Annual 4th of July Celebration.

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

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – U 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 Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the Consent Agenda Item 6B. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:07 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:08 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 REPORTS

Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief updated the board on recent calls and activities. He showed a video from a recent storm related call and stressed the need to be cautious around downed power lines.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARING – REGARDING REVISED WARD MAPS

The Mayor opened a Public Hearing by describing the reason for revising the existing Ward Maps, explaining the process by which the proposed maps were developed, and outlining the procedures that would be followed for receiving public comments, the Board Members discussion, and the Voting process for Adoption of the Revised Ward Maps.

Following the Mayor's invitation, several individuals took the opportunity to address the Board, including several representatives of the NAACP.

DISCUSSION/ACTION - ADOPTION OF REVISED WARD MAPS, BASED ON THE LATEST CENSUS DATA

After No Further Citizens approached the Board with comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing and opened the floor for Board Member comments. Alderman Lott, Alderman Wilbanks, Alderwoman-at-Large Garrett, and Mayor Fisher each commented.

MOTION made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks that the board postpone the adoption of the Revised Ward Maps for Two (2) Months.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO VERIFY THE CITY OF CLINTON IS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CLINTON WELCOME HOME MISSISSIPPI (WHM) PROGRAM.



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Upon presentation by Marlee Price, Communications Director, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board adopted a resolution verifying the City of Clinton is the Governing Body for the Clinton Welcome Home Mississippi (WHM) Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM STEADFAST SERVICES, LLC FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR TRACEWAY PARK FORCE MAIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,650.00

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Public Works Director, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board accepted the quote by Steadfast Services, LLC and approved payment in the amount of \$24,650.00, for Emergency Repairs to the Traceway Park Force Main.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR FIRST PHASE OF ARROW DRIVE MULTI-USE PATH PROPOSED PATH LIGHTING PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved the Advertisement for Bids for the First Phase of the Arrow Drive Multi-Use Path Lighting Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - CONSIDERATION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE 2023 STREET AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS; RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD TO LOW BIDDER AJ CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$824,686.70; AND APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board accepted a bid by AJ Construction, Inc. for \$824,686.70 and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents with AJ Construction, Inc. related to the 2023 Street and Parking Lot Paving Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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DISCUSSION/ACTION - RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PHASE I - HORSESHOE BEND SUBDIVISION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND RECORDING OF EASEMENTS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board passed a resolution approving and accepting the final plat for Phase I of the Horseshoe Bend Subdivision and authorized the acceptance and recording of easements and for related purposes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION – DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE – INDEPENDENT METAL CRAFT – 1016 INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE – WARD 1

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved a dimensional variance for the building located at 1016 Industrial Park Drive in the City of Clinton. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – KAREN GODFREY – 507 CAPITOL ST. – WARD 1

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved a certificate of appropriateness for the building located at 507 Capitol Street in the City of Clinton. Alderwoman Godfrey left the meeting at 6:54 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:56 pm. Alderwoman Godfrey did not participate in the discussion of this item, nor did she vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW - BETTY TODD - 610 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD - WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved a conditional use for the building located at 610 Springridge Road in the City of Clinton. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:57 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:59 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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**DISCUSSION/ACTION – CONDITIONAL USE - MAX LYALL - 322 HIGHWAY 80
EAST - WARD 4**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin to Deny the Request Failed to be Seconded. **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved a conditional use for the building located at 322 Highway 80 East in the City of Clinton **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.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION - RESOLUTION TO CLEAN UNKEMPT PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 800 MEADOW HILL DRIVE PARCEL 2862-111-34 - WARD 6**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved a resolution to clean the unkempt property located at 800 Meadow Hill Drive in the City of Clinton. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION - REQUEST TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO DENY THE OPERATION OF A
YONI WELLNESS SALON AT 507 K SPRINGRIDGE ROAD.**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development and Mrs. Anderson, who asked for the appeal, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks for a closed session to determine the need for an executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential legal matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Having heard the intended purpose, a **MOTION** was made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential legal matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered an executive session at 7:22 PM. Also present in the executive session were William Purdie, City Attorney, Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, and Roy Edwards, Community Development Director. A discussion took place regarding a potential legal matter.



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MOTION was made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey to exit executive session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** The Mayor and Board of Aldermen exited the executive session at 7:33 PM.

After exiting the Executive Session and entering the regular meeting a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett to Confirm the Decision of the Community Development Director and Deny the Appeal regarding a Conditional Use for the operation of a Yoni Wellness Salon at 507 K Springridge Road in the City of Clinton.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT ITEMS A – B

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved hiring contingent on the successful completion of the hiring process the following: Timothy Walker as a Certified Police Officer for the Police Department, and Bradley Hines as Building Inspector for the Community Development Department.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS


Upon presentation by Will Purdie, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved executing a civil award agreement with Hinds County for \$50,000.00 to be used for the paving of a parking lot located at Kids Town Park on Old Vicksburg Road in the City of Clinton.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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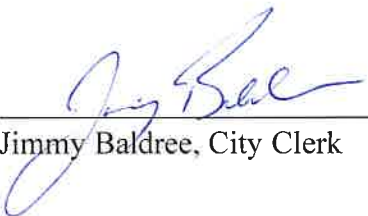
MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held July 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

7/6/2023
Date

ATTEST: 
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

7/6/2023
Date

SEAL

