



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 Garrett. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderwoman Godfrey.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Jimmy Baldree

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Fisher read a letter recognizing Clinton Public Works Department Employees for their assistance and quick response to a citizen's report of a leak at their meter.

Mayor Fisher read a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 – 23, 2023, as Constitution Week in the City of Clinton, MS.

MOTION made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board ratified the proclamation read by the Mayor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - DD WITH ITEM 6B REMOVED

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – DD 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 Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Consent Agenda Item 6B. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:04 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:05 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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CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ITEMS

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR.

Dr. Andy Schoggin addressed the Board briefly, recognizing the importance of the partnership between the City and the School District. He introduced Mrs. Libby Callegan, who presented an overview of the School District's Budget for the 2023-2024 Budget Year. To conclude the presentation, Dr. Schoggin answered questions from the Board and reported the district expects to once again be a top-rated district when the State issues the annual report later in September.

DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVE A RESOLUTION FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVY ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE 2023-2024 BUDGET YEAR.

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved a resolution fixing the Ad Valorem Tax Levy on Real and Personal Property for the Clinton School District for the 2023-2024 year. Alderman Chapman left the meeting at 6:12 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:13 pm. Alderman Chapman did not participate in the discussion of this item, nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no items from the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGETS AND THE 2023-2024 TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI.

Mayor Phil Fisher presented an overview of the City's Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. The floor was opened for comments from the Board and then the Public.



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Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved a resolution fixing the Ad Valorem Tax Levy on Real and Personal Property for the City of Clinton for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ADOPTION OF REVISED WARD MAPS, BASED ON THE LATEST CENSUS DATA.

Mayor Phil Fisher presented an overview of the steps the City has taken to develop the maps being considered, the NAACP proposed map, and the voting process. The floor was opened for comments from the Board and then the Public. Alderwoman Garrett expressed concern over the lack of a consensus by the Board. Mrs. Monica McInnis of the Clinton NAACP chapter expressed appreciation for the Boards previous extension of additional time and the willingness to consider the proposed map her organization had provided. Some discussion was had among the Board Members and the Mayor about postponing the vote until the next meeting.

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

MOTION made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver that the board table this item until the September 19th, 2023, meeting, the Mayor requested a Roll Call Vote.
MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER, AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, AND ALDERMAN WILBANKS, VOTED NAY.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY A MONTHLY ADMINISTRATION FEE OF \$ 0.75 PER WATER METER TO THE CLINTON RAYMOND BOLTON WASTEWATER AUTHORITY FROM THE WATER & SEWER OPERATIONS FUND.



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Upon presentation by Mayor Phil Fisher, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the payment of a monthly Administration Fee to the Clinton Raymond Bolton Wastewater Authority from the Water & Sewer Operations Fund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION - CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW - TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM 2023. THE APPLICATION WOULD REQUEST FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE BOLLARD LIGHTING ALONG THE ARROW DRIVE MULTI-USE PATH.

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the board passed a resolution approving the submittal of an application to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for funding to continue the Arrow Drive Multi-Use Path Lighting Project.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR AWARD FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PINEHAVEN ROAD BRIDGE.

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board authorized the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement and all other documents related to the Replacement of the Pinehaven Road Bridge Project with the Mississippi Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM LAYNE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,890.00 FOR A 20HP VHS MOTOR FOR ARMORY WELL.

Upon presentation by James Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board accepted the quote by Layne and authorized the purchase of a 20HP VHS Motor for the Armory Well in the amount of \$25,890.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW SCANNING SOFTWARE FOR THE CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS WATER BILLING DEPARTMENT.

Upon presentation by James Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved the purchase of new Scanning Software for the Clinton Public Works Water Billing Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FROM J-MISSISSIPPI CARPORTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,464.00 FOR METAL STORAGE GARAGE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Upon presentation by James Caldwell, Assistant Public Works Director, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board accepted the quote by J-Mississippi Carports and authorized the purchase of a Metal Storage Garage for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$8,464.00. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION - VARIANCE FROM THE CITY OF CLINTON SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS - HORSESHOE BEND - KIRKLAND DEVELOPMENT - WARD 3 - ROY EDWARDS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved a variance until January 31, 2024, for the Horseshoe Bend – Kirkland Development in the City of Clinton, contingent on the completion of a contract by the City Attorney, and with the stipulation that no Certificates of Occupancy will be issued until the project is completed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - CONDITIONAL USE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL - 209 B WEST LEAKE ST. - EVANS INVESTMENTS - WARD 5.

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved a Conditional Use as a Short-Term Rental the property located at 209 B West Leake Street in Clinton, Mississippi.

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APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT ITEMS A – D

MOTION made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved hiring contingent on the successful completion of the hiring process the following: Eric Pearson as a Certified Police Officer for the Police Department, Jordan Shannon, Henry Mosley, Michael Boboski, and Cody Livingston as Firefighters, Marcus Dent as a Maintenance Worker for the Public Works Department, and to move Jayden Lewis from a Part-Time Summer Worker to a Full-Time Maintenance Worker position for the Public Works Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.


ADJOURN 7:06 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett to adjourn until the special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held September 12, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

9/6/2023
Date

ATTEST: 
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

9/6/2023
Date

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