



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Alderman Wilbanks. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderwoman Oliver.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Jimmy Baldree

RECOGNITIONS

Alderman Lott Recognized Alison Lauderdale, Candidate for Hinds County Supervisor District 4, who then introduced herself to the Board.

Following Mrs. Lauderdale's comments, Mrs. Bobby McLure Graves approached the Board and introduced herself. Mrs. Graves is currently a candidate for Hinds County District 2 Election Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - I

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

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the Consent Agenda Items A – I 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 Oliver 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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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Ford Hayman addressed the Board and reported that thus far in 2023, the department has responded to 39,700 calls for service. He also pointed out the Board's move to appoint a full-time judge has helped hold offenders accountable and greatly cut down the amount of crime in the city. He outlined a breakdown of crime statistics including 44 cases of Auto Burglary, 7 cases of Residential and 3 cases of Business Burglary, along with 19 incidents of Grand Larceny, 1 Armed Robbery, and 1 Strong Armed Robbery. He pointed out the highest item on that list was Auto Burglaries, in 42 of the 44 cases the vehicles were left unlocked. He urged everyone to remember to lock their vehicles and help reduce this issue.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

Alderwoman Oliver recognized Marlee Price, Clinton's Director of Communications and Tourism for her work in getting the City featured in the TV Special "Hometown Clinton with Walt Grayson."

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE USE OF THE 2% RESTAURANT TAX PROCEEDS.

Mayor Phil Fisher presented an overview of the 2% Restaurant Tax proceeds and the plan for the Public Hearing. He then turned the floor over to Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation who presented a Review of Recent Park Upgrades and the City's Plan for using the 2% Restaurant Tax Proceeds. The floor was opened for comments from the Public and then the Board.

Several citizens addressed the Board and expressed support for the plans, especially the development of facilities for Pickleball. Following the Public Comments, members of the Board expressed appreciation to Courtney Nunn for her work in preparing the plans, and to those in attendance for their comments and input. The public was invited to stay engaged as the proposed projects progress and additional plans are developed.



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DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A FULL-TIME TENNIS PRO POSITION FOR THE CLINTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved advertising for a Full-time Tennis Pro Position for the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL TO HIRE A DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF THE MEA DRUG SCREENING.

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the board approved hiring a Deputy Director for the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Upon presentation by Mayor Phil Fisher, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin that the board table this item until the October 3rd, 2023, meeting. **MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 3 TO 4. ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN MARTIN, AND ALDERWOMAN OLIVER VOTED AYE. ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN, ALDERMAN WILBANKS, AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTED NAY.**

The Mayor reopened the discussion. Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Garrett, Alderman Wilbanks, Alderwoman Oliver, and Alderman Martin each commented on plans and the process through which the maps have been developed. **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver that the board vote by Roll Call Vote with each Representative voting for the Map Number of their Choice, with the Plan provided by the NAACP being referred to as Plan #7. **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.**



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A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALDERWOMAN GARRETT, ALDERMAN MARTIN, ALDERWOMAN OLIVER AND ALDERMAN LOTT VOTING FOR PLAN #7, AND ALDERWOMAN GODFREY, ALDERMAN CHAPMAN AND ALDERMAN WILBANKS VOTING FOR PLAN #3. RESULTING IN PLAN #7 BEING ADOPTED.

*** MAYOR FISHER VETOED THE ABOVE ACTION ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023.**

APPROVAL TO SURPLUS FOUR (4) CPD SHOTGUNS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING THEM TO THE CITY OF BYRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the Board Declared as Surplus Four (4) Shotguns and Approved Donating them to the City of Byram Police Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ITI DIGITAL FOR \$29,000 THE FIRST YEAR AND \$19,000 THE SECOND YEAR FOR AN EVENTS, PLACES, AND ITINERIES SOFTWARE SYSTEM.

Upon presentation by Marlee Price, Director of Communications and Tourism, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved Executing a Two-year Agreement with ITI Digital for an Events, Places and Itineraries Software System.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE TWO LETTERS TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATING WGK, INC. AS THE CITY'S ENGINEER FOR THE PINEHAVEN ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TO BE FUNDED BY THE EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE (ERBR) PROGRAM.

Upon presentation by Will Purdie, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the Board Authorized the Mayor to Execute Two (2) Letters to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Designating WGK, Inc. as the City's Engineer for the Pinehaven Road Bridge Repair Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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DISCUSSION/ACTION - ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO RENAME A CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE PINEHAVEN ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT.

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the Board Adopted a Resolution to Rename a Checking Account for the Pinehaven Road Bridge Repair Project.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT ITEM B

MOTION made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved hiring contingent on the successful completion of the hiring process the following: Jamaine Bailey as a Maintenance Worker, and Michael Wiggins as a CDL Truck Driver for the Public Works Department.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN 7:22 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman to adjourn until the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held October 3, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVED: Philip R. Fisher
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

9/26/2023
Date

ATTEST: Jimmy Baldree
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

9/26/2023
Date

SEAL

