



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 Alderman Martin.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Jimmy Baldree

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - F

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeff Blackledge, Fire Chief presented the board with a report outlining the volume and types of calls his department has received year-to-date. He also showed photos of the recently converted “Brush Truck” which has been outfitted for use in off-road grass fire type situations. Chief Blackledge also reminded everyone that we are currently in under a Burn Ban due to the Drought Conditions and Urged everyone to remain cautious.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

There were no Board of Aldermen Items to be Discussed.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

DISCUSSION/ACTION - ADDENDUM TO EXTEND THE EXISTING CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WATKINS & EAGER PLLC AND THE CITY OF CLINTON, FOR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SERVICES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.



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Upon presentation by Mayor Fisher, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board Approved an Addendum to Extend the Existing Consulting Agreement between Watkins & Eager PLLC and the City of Clinton, for Governmental Affairs Services through September 30, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - ACCEPT A PROPOSAL BY SOUTHGROUP INSURANCE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH SOUTHGROUP INSURANCE SERVICES TO PROVIDE GENERAL, CYBER, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON.

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, and John Holder, Managing Principal at SouthGroup Insurance, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Garrett the Board Accepted a Proposal by SouthGroup Insurance Services and Authorized the Mayor to Execute the Required Documents with SouthGroup to Provide General, Cyber, and Workers Compensation Insurance for the City of Clinton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - UPDATE TO THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION BETWEEN BANKPLUS AND THE CITY OF CLINTON.

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the Board Authorized an Update to the Resolution Authorizing Use of Financial Institution between BankPlus and the City of Clinton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVAL FOR THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD 23LE147B TOTALING \$95,000 FOR CPD'S EOD UNIT SERVICES, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 23-24.

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board Authorized Acceptance of a Homeland Security Grant Award (23LD147B) totaling \$95,000 for the Clinton Police Department EOD Unit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION - APPROVAL TO ALLOW CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF CLINTON FOR ONE (1) FULL-TIME CROSSING GUARD (MRS. GREEN) AT THE STANDARD HOURLY RATE / ANNUAL RATE FOR CROSSING GUARDS (\$14.00/HR.@ 730 HRS. ANNUALLY).

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board Authorized Acceptance of a Reimbursement from Clinton Christian Academy for One (1) Full-Time Crossing Guard at the Standard Hourly Rate currently paid by the City of Clinton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MISSISSIPPI, INC. FOR AN ADDITIONAL PICKUP FOR THE CITY HALL DUMPSTER.

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey that the Board Authorized Updating the Service Agreement between Waste Management of Mississippi, Inc. and the City of Clinton for an Additional Pickup for the City Hall Dumpster. After comments by Alderman Martin and Alderwoman Garrett expressing Concerns that Business Owners and the City of Clinton were essentially both paying for the same Garbage Collection Services, Alderman Wilbanks Rescinded his Motion.

A **MOTION** was made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin to Table this Item until the next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen on November 7, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE - 108 NORTON PLACE - JAMES & LAURA PURDIE - WARD 3

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the board approved a Dimensional Variance for a building located at 108 Norton Place in Clinton, Mississippi.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION - ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW - 161 BROADWAY STREET - KIRKLAND DEVELOPMENT - WARD 5

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the board approved the painting of a business located at 161 Broadway Street in Clinton, Mississippi.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION - ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW - 941 HIGHWAY 80 EAST - COWBOY MALONEYS - WARD 6 - ROY EDWARDS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board approved the painting of a business located at 941 Highway 80 East in Clinton, Mississippi.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

There were no Employment Items.

OTHER BUSINESS

Upon presentation by Will Purdie, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the board approved entering an Agreement with Lindsay Watson to provide Legal Representation for the City of Clinton, in a possible litigation matter. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:30 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:31 pm. Alderman Wilbanks did not participate in the discussion of this item, nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upon presentation by Courtney Nunn, Director of Parks and Recreation, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the board accepted a proposal by Canizaro Cawthon Davis (CCD) and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with CCD to provide Architect Services for the Master Planning of Kids' Towne and Traceway Parks for the City of Clinton.

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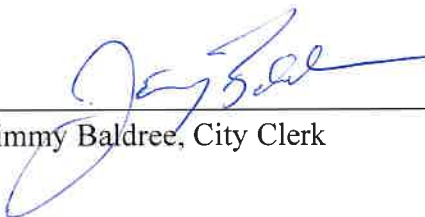
ADJOURN 7:33 PM

MOTION made by Alderman Wilbanks and SECONDED by Alderwoman Oliver to adjourn until the next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held November 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVED: 
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

Oct 18, 2023
Date

ATTEST: 
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

10/18/2023
Date

SEAL

