



**CITY OF CLINTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 – 6:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM - 305 MONROE STREET**

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Phil Fisher

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Invocation was led by Alderwoman Godfrey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Martin.

**ROLL CALL** City Clerk, Jimmy Baldree

All members were present.

**RECOGNITIONS**

There were no recognitions.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – N**

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved Consent Items A – N. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Chandra Fontenot, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, updated the Board on recent activities at the Wood Center, including participation numbers from the previous year, recognizing sponsors, and previewing upcoming events including Special Olympics, Challenger League, Senior Valentine's Dance, and Softball Registration.

Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, also gave an update on cold weather preparedness.

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

There were no Board of Alderman items to be discussed.

**MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**



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**DISCUSSION/ACTION – ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE  
GARBAGE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL TO \$27.30 PER MONTH AND  
COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS TO \$31.15 PER MONTH**

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the Board adopted a Resolution to increase the Garbage Rates for Residential to \$27.30 per month and Commercial Customers to \$31.15 per month. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION GRANTING FREE PORT  
WAREHOUSE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO MCNEELY PLASTICS**

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved a Resolution granting Free Port Warehouse Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to McNeely Plastics. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION GRANTING FREE PORT  
WAREHOUSE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO GULF STATE CANNERS**

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved a Resolution granting Free Port Warehouse Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Gulf State Cannery. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD 24LE147B FROM  
HOMELAND SECURITY TOTALING \$77,760.00 FOR THE CLINTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT'S BOMB TEAM**

Upon presentation by Ford Hayman, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the Board approved to accept Grant Award 24LE147B from Homeland Security totaling \$77,760.00 for the Clinton Police Department's Bomb Team. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE  
EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON PINEHAVEN DRIVE  
BEING KNOWN AS PROJECT NO. ERBR-25-049 (03); AWARD TO THE LOWEST**



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**AND BEST BIDDER, JOE MCGEE CONSTRUCTION CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,927,362.70; ALLOWANCE OF APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY; AND FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE CONTRACTS, REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, P.E., Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Marting the Board accepted bids, awarded to the lowest and best bidder, Joe McGee Construction Co., in the amount of \$3,927,362.70, allowed for appropriate construction contingency, and approved the Mayor to execute all documents, including contracts, required for the project improvements, for the Emergency Road and Bridge Replacement on Pinehaven Drive, being known as Project No. ERBR-25-049 (03). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE ARROW DRIVE PEDESTRIAN PATH LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS BEING KNOWN AS PROJECT STP-7357-00 (002)LPA/109587-701000; AWARD TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, MCINNIS SYSTEMS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$482,375.00; ALLOWANCE OF APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY; AND FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE CONTRACTS, REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS**

Upon presentation by Bill Owen, P.E., Consulting City Engineer, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the Board accepted bids, awarded the lowest and best bidder, McInnis Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$482,375.00, allowed for appropriate construction contingency, and approved the Mayor to execute all documents, including contracts, required for the project improvements, for the Arrow Drive Pedestrian Path Lighting Improvements, being known as Project STP-7357-00 (002) LPA/109587-701000. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES ON THE I-20 SPRINGRIDGE ROAD INTERCHANGE**

Upon presentation by Phillip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the Board approved to Advertise for Request for Proposals for Landscaping Services on the I-20 Springridge Road Interchange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST AND BEST BID  
FOR SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT TO STEADFAST SERVICES LLC FOR  
\$35,000.00**

Upon presentation by Philip Lilley, Director of Public Works, **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the Board approved to accept the lowest and best bid for Sewer Line Replacement to Steadfast Services LLC for \$35,000. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**EMPLOYMENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved hiring, contingent on the successful completion of the hiring process, Edwin Ephfrom as a Maintenance Worker for the Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the Board approved entering into a Closed Session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the Board approved entering into an Executive Session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the Board approved the termination of Jonisha Washington, due to theft/misappropriation, from the Public Works Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Garrett and **SECONDED** by Alderman Wilbanks the Board approved exiting out the Closed and Executive Sessions. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, TO INCREASE THE GARBAGE RATES  
FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, Due to rising costs charged by the vendor of garbage services, the cost of providing garbage services to residents of the City has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, in efforts to accommodate the full cost of providing garbage services to the residents of the City, it is necessary for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi ("Governing Body") to increase the rates charged for garbage service; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 3, 2024, pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. Section 21-19-2(2)(c) an intent notice to advertise the rate increases for residential and commercial garbage service was approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, and said Intent Notice was published in the *Clarion Ledger* on January 3, 2025, January 10, 2025 and January 17, 2025, as evidenced by the proof of publication attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Clinton, Mississippi do hereby raise the garbage rates as follows: The residential rate shall be \$27.30 per month per customer and the commercial rate shall be \$31.15 per month per customer.
2. That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi do hereby set the rates for garbage service for the bills to be sent out on are around January 31, 2025 until a new resolution adjusting rates is approved as follows: For residential service \$27.30 per month per customer and for commercial service \$31.15 per month per customer.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and no request being made by the Mayor or any member of the Board of Aldermen that the Resolution be read by the City Clerk before any vote was taken, was introduced by Alderman Lott, seconded by Alderman Godfrey and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Alderwoman-at-Large Garrett:  
Alderwoman Godfrey:  
Alderman Martin:  
Alderman Chapman:  
Alderman Wilbanks:  
Alderwoman Oliver:  
Alderman Lott:

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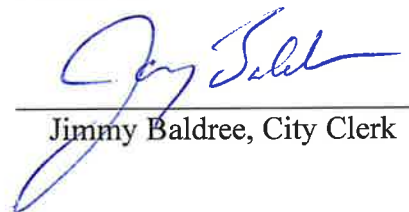
Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution approved and adopted, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI



  
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk



**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF  
CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING FREE PORT WAREHOUSE AD VALOREM  
TAX EXEMPTION TO MCNEELY PLASTICS OF SIGMA PLASTICS GROUP AS  
AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-51 ET. SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (1972),  
AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group seeks an exemption from ad valorem taxes at its warehouse operation located at 1111 Industrial Park Drive, Clinton, Mississippi to the fullest extent permitted by statute on all personal property held in the applicant's finished good warehouse and in transit through the State of Mississippi and which either is moving in interstate commerce through or over the territory of the State of Mississippi or is consigned or transferred to McNeely Plastics finished goods warehouse for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group has filed an Application with the City of Clinton ("City") for exemption from free port warehouse ad valorem tax exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group has produced written verification and documentation to the City Board as to the authenticity and correctness of its Application; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:


1. McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group ships personal property to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi during the calendar year.
2. That McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group is qualified to make application for exemption from Freeport Warehouse Ad Valorem Tax.
3. This Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, acknowledge McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group's contribution to the economic development of Clinton and believe that it should exercise its discretionary authority to exempt from all free port taxes to the full extent permitted by statute all personal property held in McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group's free port warehouse and in transit through this State and which either is moving in interstate commerce through or over the territory of the State of Mississippi or is consigned or transferred to McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group's finished goods warehouse for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi as authorized by Section 27-31-51 et seq. of the Mississippi Code (1972) as amended.
4. This exemption from ad valorem taxation shall be effective January 1, 2025, and shall apply to ad valorem taxes due for 2025 through 2029, so long as McNeely Plastics of Sigma Plastics Group continues to comply with all provisions of Section 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended.

5. That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to incorporate this Resolution in the minutes of this Board; and that said Clerk shall forward the original Application and a certified copy of this Resolution approving said Application to the Tax Assessor of Hinds County, Mississippi.

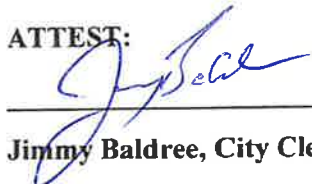
**THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING RESOLUTION**, after having been first reduced to writing and no request being made by the Mayor or any members of the Board of Aldermen that the Resolution be read by the City Clerk before any vote was taken, was introduced by Alderman Godfrey, seconded by Alderman Chapman and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Alderman Garrett:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Godfrey:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Martin:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Chapman:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Wilbanks:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Oliver:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Lott:	<u>AYE</u>

**WHEREUPON**, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, on this the 21st day of January, 2025.

  
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

(SEAL)





**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING FREE PORT WAREHOUSE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO GULF STATE CANNERS INC. AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-51 ET. SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (1972), AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, Gulf State Canners Inc. seeks an exemption from ad valorem taxes at its warehouse operation located at 1006 Industrial Park Drive, Clinton, Mississippi to the fullest extent permitted by statute on all personal property held in the applicant's finished good warehouse and in transit through the State of Mississippi and which either is moving in interstate commerce through or over the territory of the State of Mississippi or is consigned or transferred to Gulf State Canners finished goods warehouse for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf State Canners Inc. has filed an Application with the City of Clinton ("City") for exemption from free port warehouse ad valorem tax exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf State Canners Inc. has produced written verification and documentation to the City Board as to the authenticity and correctness of its Application; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

1. That Gulf State Canners Inc. ships personal property to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi during the calendar year.

2. That Gulf State Canners Inc. is qualified to make application for exemption from Freeport Warehouse Ad Valorem Tax.

3. This Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, acknowledge Gulf State Canners Inc.'s contribution to the economic development of Clinton and believe that it should exercise its discretionary authority to exempt from all free port taxes to the full extent permitted by statute all personal property held in Gulf State Canners Inc.'s free port warehouse and in transit through this State and which either is moving in interstate commerce through or over the territory of the State of Mississippi or is consigned or transferred to Gulf State Canners Inc.'s finished goods warehouse for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi as authorized by Section 27-31-51 et seq. of the Mississippi Code (1972) as amended.

4. This exemption from ad valorem taxation shall be effective January 1, 2025, and shall apply to ad valorem taxes due for 2025 through 2029, so long as Gulf State Canners Inc. continues to comply with all provisions of Section 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended.


5. That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to incorporate this Resolution in the minutes of this Board; and that said Clerk shall forward the original Application and a certified copy of this Resolution approving said Application to the Tax Assessor of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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Alderman Lott:

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ATTEST:

  
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

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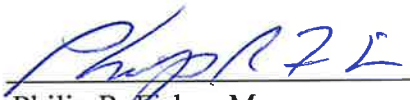
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**OTHER BUSINESS**

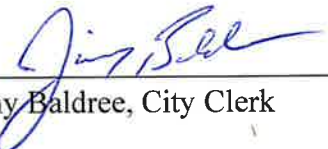
There was no other business.

**ADJOURN 6:34 PM**

**MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held February 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED:   
Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

1/22/2025  
Date

ATTEST:   
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

1/22/2025  
Date

SEAL

