



**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM - 305 MONROE STREET**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Will Purdie

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Invocation was led by Alderwoman McSparrin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman Jones.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Jimmy Baldree

All members were present.

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A – F WITH B REMOVED

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the Board approved Consent Items A – F with Item B Removed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM B

Upon **MOTION** made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board approved Consent Item B. Alderman Wilbanks left the meeting at 6:01 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:02 pm. He did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did he vote on this item. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chandra Fontenot, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, gave an update on the Living Young & Abilities Programs & upcoming events at the Wood Center.



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DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION GRANTING A 5-YEAR EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. FOR 2024 EXPANSIONS

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board approved a Resolution granting a 5-year Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to Gulf State Cannery, Inc. for 2024 Expansions. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL 5-YEAR EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO GULF STATE CANNERS, INC. FOR 2020 EXPANSIONS

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderman Lott and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the Board approved a Resolution granting an additional 5-year Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to Gulf State Cannery, Inc. for 2020 Expansions. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION GRANTING A 5-YEAR EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO MCNEELY PLASTICS, INC. FOR 2024 EXPANSIONS

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved a Resolution granting a 5-year Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to McNeely Plastics, Inc. for 2024 Expansions. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL 5-YEAR EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO MCNEELY PLASTICS, INC. FOR 2020 EXPANSIONS

Upon presentation by Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman the Board approved an additional Resolution granting a 5-year Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes to McNeely Plastics, Inc. for 2020 Expansions. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM FIREHOUSE
SUBS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,730.00 FOR 14 SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR**

Upon presentation by Levius Buckley, Fire Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Wilbanks and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board approved the acceptance of a Grant from Firehouse Subs in the amount of \$44,730.00 for 14 sets of turnout gear. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

MOTION made by Alderwoman Godfrey and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver the Board approved entering into a Closed Session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION made by Alderman Chapman and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Oliver 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 Chrisonti Loving, due to Job Abandonment, from the Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott 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
GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES

The Board of Aldermen next took up for consideration the matter of granting tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for Gulf State Cannery, Inc., the following Resolution, having first been reduced to writing, was introduced:

William C. Purdie, Mayor

ALDERMEN

Robert Chapman
Alderman-At-Large

Karen Godfrey
Ward One

T.J. McSparrin
Ward Two

Amanda Jones
Ward Three

Chip Wilbanks
Ward Four

Beverly Oliver
Ward Five

James Lott
Ward Six

Jimmy Baldree
City Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM
AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO
GULF STATE CANNERS, INC.

AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE
OF 1972, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, Gulf State Cannery, Inc., filed in triplicate with this Board an Application for exemption from ad valorem taxation on said equipment being used in the manufacturing process at facilities operated by Gulf State Cannery, Inc., located within the City of Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Gulf State Cannery, Inc. has produced written verification and documentation to this Board as to the authenticity and correctness of its Application in regard to the true value of the prayed-for exemption and the completion date of said enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the equipment was placed in service on December 31, 2024, and as of that date the true value of the equipment was \$ 1,297,284.87 as shown in the itemized list provided with the application, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds as a fact that the property described in the aforesaid Application constitutes an expanded industrial enterprise which was completed on December 31, 2024, and that said company is entitled to an exemption of five (5) years beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2029, subject to approval and certification by the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

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

1. That the Application for ad valorem tax exemption by Gulf State Cannery, Inc., of the property described in Exhibit "A" of the Application filed by said Company for with, the equipment having a true value of \$ 1,297,284.87 is hereby approved for a twenty-four (24) mill exemption and said exemption is hereby granted to the extent of a five-year period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2029 subject to certification of eligibility by the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

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City Clerk

2. That the Clerk of this Board spread a copy of this Resolution on the minutes of this Board; and that the Clerk forward an original copy of the Application and a certified copy of the transcript of the Resolution approving said Application to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for its certification of eligibility; and that the Clerk also forward an original copy of the Application and one certified copy of the transcript of the Resolution approving said Application to the Tax Assessor of Hinds County, Mississippi and obtain the Certificate of said Tax Assessor stating that the aforementioned property as itemized in this Application has been placed on the Appropriate tax roll as "Non-Taxable", except for Mississippi and Clinton Public School District ad valorem taxes, for the duration of the exemption period only.

A Motion for adoption was made by Alderman Godfrey and seconded by Alderman Lott and the foregoing resolution 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, it was submitted to the Board of Aldermen for the passage or rejection on roll call vote upon the vote being as follows, to-wit:

Alderman Chapman
Alderman Godfrey
Alderman McSparrin
Alderman Jones

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Alderman Wilbanks
Alderman Oliver
Alderman Lott

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WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, on this 15th day of July, 2025.

(SEAL)



William C. Purdie, Mayor

Attest: Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

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FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI
GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES

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James Lott
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Jimmy Baldree
City Clerk

The Board of Aldermen next took up for consideration the matter of granting an additional five-year exemption from ad valorem taxes for Gulf State Cannery, Inc., the following Resolution, having first been reduced to writing, was introduced:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF AD VALOREM TAX
EXEMPTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO
GULF STATE CANNERS, INC.
AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE
OF 1972, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, heretofore, Gulf State Cannery, Inc., authorized to do business and is doing business in the City of Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi, filed with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, an application for exemption from ad valorem taxes, except State and Clinton Public School District, for an initial five-year period as authorized by Section 27-31-101, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, said Application having been approved by this body for submission to the Mississippi Department of Revenue which in turn certified that the properties described in the Application are eligible for exemption in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, that the Application for an additional five-year period Gulf State Cannery, Inc., of the property described in Exhibit A of the Application filed by said Company with a true value of \$ 1,489,257.13 is hereby approved for a twenty-four (24) mill exemption, except State and Clinton Public School District taxation, for an additional five (5) year period beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030.

A Motion for adoption was made by Alderman Lott and seconded by Alderman Oliver and the foregoing resolution 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, it was submitted to the Board of Aldermen for the passage or rejection on roll call vote upon the vote being as follows, to-wit:

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The Board of Aldermen next took up for consideration the matter of granting tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for McNeely Plastic Products, Inc., Inc., the following Resolution, having first been reduced to writing, was introduced:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM
AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO
MCNEELY PLASTIC PRODUCTS, INC.
AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE
OF 1972, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, McNeely Plastic Products, Inc., filed in triplicate with this Board an Application for exemption from ad valorem taxation on said equipment being used in the manufacturing process at facilities operated by McNeely Plastic Products, Inc., located within the City of Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, McNeely Plastic Products, Inc. has produced written verification and documentation to this Board as to the authenticity and correctness of its Application in regard to the true value of the prayed-for exemption and the completion date of said enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the equipment was placed in service on December 31, 2024, and as of that date the true value of the equipment was \$ 8,633,121.99 as shown in the itemized list provided with the application, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds as a fact that the property described in the aforesaid Application constitutes an expanded industrial enterprise which was completed on December 31, 2024, and that said company is entitled to an exemption of five (5) years beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2029, subject to approval and certification by the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

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

1. That the Application for ad valorem tax exemption by McNeely Plastic Products, Inc., of the property described in Exhibit "A" of the Application filed by said Company for with, the equipment having a true value of \$ 8,633,121.99 is hereby approved for a twenty-four (24) mill exemption and said exemption is hereby granted to the extent of a five-year period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2029 subject to certification of eligibility by the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

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2. That the Clerk of this Board spread a copy of this Resolution on the minutes of this Board; and that the Clerk forward an original copy of the Application and a certified copy of the transcript of the Resolution approving said Application to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for its certification of eligibility; and that the Clerk also forward an original copy of the Application and one certified copy of the transcript of the Resolution approving said Application to the Tax Assessor of Hinds County, Mississippi and obtain the Certificate of said Tax Assessor stating that the aforementioned property as itemized in this Application has been placed on the Appropriate tax roll as "Non-Taxable", except for Mississippi and Clinton Public School District ad valorem taxes, for the duration of the exemption period only.

A Motion for adoption was made by Alderman Godfrey and seconded by Alderman Chapman and the foregoing resolution 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, it was submitted to the Board of Aldermen for the passage or rejection on roll call vote upon the vote being as follows, to-wit:

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MCNEELY PLASTIC PRODUCTS, INC.
AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE
OF 1972, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, heretofore, McNeely Plastic Products, Inc., authorized to do business and is doing business in the City of Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi, filed with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, an application for exemption from ad valorem taxes, except State and Clinton Public School District, for an initial five-year period as authorized by Section 27-31-101, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, said Application having been approved by this body for submission to the Mississippi Department of Revenue which in turn certified that the properties described in the Application are eligible for exemption in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, that the Application for an additional five-year period McNeely Plastic Products, Inc., of the property described in Exhibit A of the Application filed by said Company with a true value of \$ 233,424.59 is hereby approved for a twenty-four (24) mill exemption, except State and Clinton Public School District taxation, for an additional five (5) year period beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030.

A Motion for adoption was made by Alderman Oliver and seconded by Alderman Chapman and the foregoing resolution 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, it was submitted to the Board of Aldermen for the passage or rejection on roll call vote upon the vote being as follows, to-wit:

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OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Lott the Board approved hiring, contingent on the successful completion of the hiring process, Benny Jenkins as a Part-time Crossing Guard for the Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – TABB
HATTAWAY – 100 BELMONT STREET – WARD 1**

Upon presentation by Roy Edwards, Director of Community Development, **MOTION** made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Godfrey the Board approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Tabb Hattaway at 100 Belmont Street in Ward 1 for removal of Silos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN 6:33 PM

MOTION made by Alderwoman Oliver and **SECONDED** by Alderman Chapman to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi to be held August 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: W.C. Purdie
William C. Purdie, Mayor

7/16/2025
Date

ATTEST: Jimmy Baldree
Jimmy Baldree, City Clerk

7/16/2025
Date

