

RECESSED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1996 - 7 P.M
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM - 305 MONROE STREET

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi met in Recessed Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 1996, 7 P.M., at the Municipal Courtroom, 305 Monroe Street.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Rosemary Aultman

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was led by Alderman Ferrell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Alderman DePriest.

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Nelson Byrd

Present - George Ferrell - Alderman Ward 1
Rodney DePriest - Alderman Ward 2
Ben Todd - Alderman Ward 3
Phil Fisher - Alderman Ward 4
Herb Touchton - Alderman Ward 5
Sharbert Lott - Alderman Ward 6

Attorney - Carolyn Mills
City Clerk - Nelson Byrd

Absent - Jehu Brabham - Alderman-At-Large

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-Q

MOTION made by Alderman Ferrell and SECONDED by Alderman Fisher to approve Consent Agenda Items A-Q as listed on page 1286 of this Minute Book X, noting that Consent Agenda Item B will serve to advertise favorably the opportunities, possibilities, and resources of the City of Clinton. Quotes listed in Item J can be found on file in the office of the City Clerk. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING - UNKEPT PROPERTY

MOTION made by Alderman Fisher and SECONDED by Alderman Todd to delay action until the first Board Meeting in August on 125 Scotland Drive owned by A.F. Rosenthal. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION made by Alderman Fisher and SECONDED by Alderman DePriest to delay action until the first Board Meeting in August on Highway 80 East & Lakeview leased by Rex McRaney. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that ABC Wood Products had cleaned the area around the City elevated storage tank. NO BOARD ACTION

DONNA K. SPELL APPOINTED AS TEMPORARY DEPUTY COURT CLERK

MOTION made by Alderman Touchton and SECONDED by Alderman Ferrell to appoint Donna K. Spell as Deputy Court Clerk temporarily. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THREE ALDERMEN TO SERVE ON NEW STREET PAVING PLANNING CELL

MOTION made by Alderman Fisher and SECONDED by Alderman DePriest to establish three member planning cell tasked with the six duties found on pages 1289-1290 of this Minute Book X and that the recommendations of this cell be presented to the Board of Aldermen no later than the September 3rd Board Meeting and that Alderman Lott, DePriest, and Fisher serve on the cell with one advisor from Public Works and one advisor from Engineering Department. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Copy of letter detailing tasks can be found on pages 1288-1290 of this Minute Book X.

ADJOURNMENT 7:20 P.M.

There being no further business to discuss, MOTION made by Alderman Ferrell and SECONDED by Alderman Fisher to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Copy of Agenda may be found on Pages 1286-1287 of this Minute Book X.

APPROVED: Rosemary G. Aultman July 17, 1996
Rosemary G. Aultman, Mayor Date

ATTEST: Nelson Byrd July 17, 1996
Nelson Byrd, City Clerk Date

SEAL:

CITY of CLINTON MISSISSIPPI

PHIL FISHER
ALDERMAN WARD 4

July 8, 1996

Dear Mayor and Board,

I will be putting an item on the July 16th agenda concerning street paving. Specifically, I will ask that a planning cell of three alderman put together a long term plan for the city in this area and present it no later than our September 3rd meeting.

Background

I have studied this issue throughout our tenure, and to the best of my knowledge, we do not have a comprehensive plan to progress in this very important area. I have received numerous calls from citizens asking two basic questions, "when will my street be paved? or where is my street on the list?". Because we do not have a comprehensive time schedule laid out, those questions cannot be answered. Sure, we can talk about money shortages, priorities, or other ongoing projects, but the questions were not answered.

During the budget discussions last summer we determined the need to update the 1985 paving list and allocated money to begin that process. A computer program was purchased, city employees were sent to school and a survey of all streets was done. This phase was completed in March. That raw data is in the engineer's office waiting to be inputted. It is time that information was processed and put to use.

Throughout this year, I have asked both Public Works and the Engineer's office about the status of our paving program. All answers I have received can be summed up in three statements.

1. There isn't enough money to make a big difference.
2. Somebody needs to do something.

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3. We (the departments) are waiting for the alderman to tell us what to do.

I think it is time for the elected leadership of this city to answer those statements.

Situation

The truth of the matter is this; continued inaction, or inadequate action in this area will not solve our cities crumbling streets. We all have streets in desperate need of attention and there is no long term plan to address this need. Personally, I think it is the responsibility of the Public Works Department/Engineer Department to develop a comprehensive plan. Since one has not been offered, I think it is time we addressed this issue head on and started taking the first steps on the long road to solving this growing problem. Our streets will only get worse and we will get further behind if we do not act.

Solution

The forming of a planning cell is a logical step towards answering the many questions this issue raises and implementing the solutions we all know are needed. This cell would be made up of three alderman, with technical input from the Public Works Department and the City Engineer's Department.

This cell would be tasked with the following duties:

1. Recommend the criteria for paving.
2. Determine the status of the raw data all ready collected and recommend an ordered list of streets.
3. Recommend whether or not the city will pave State Aid/FAU roads in our limits, or demand the county uphold its responsibility in that area, i.e. Northside, Pinehaven, Clinton Blvd. etc.
4. Recommend a reasonable length of time to cycle through all the streets in the city.
5. Recommend the number of miles of road that should be paved per year to achieve that goal. (see #5)

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6. Make recommendations on other paving related matter as brought up by the department heads involved and/or other alderman and /or the Mayor.

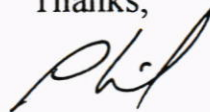
It is important to mention that this cell should function as a representative body for the entire city, and not as advocates for the wards they represent.

Conclusion

I would like to point out that this effort to develop a comprehensive plan is in no way an attempt to criticize the Public Works or Engineer Departments. We have tasked them with many projects in the past three and one -half years and they have responded with enthusiasm. We have stretched them to their maximum capacity and they have responded with a positive attitude and a successful completion record. I am proud of that record and their efforts.

I hope you see a need for a comprehensive street program that will encompass all our paving needs and will view this proposal with favor. If you have any questions, or ideas, please call me.

Thanks,



Phil Fisher

cc: Tim

Richard