## Fire, water, City services top topics at Board meeting

consecutive weeks," Blackledge said. In January 2019, the Board will need to pass another resolution to go forward with the project. A no-interest loan from Mississippi Development Authority will be used to pay for the work. The Board approved the resolution to advertise for bids, 5 to 0. Alderwoman Ricki Garrett was absent from the meeting.

The board voted 5 to 0 to use funds generated from the sale of municipal personal property to upgrade Clinton Police Department's firearms. In early November, the board discussed how to convert old and outdated City property into funds. This ordinance allows the City to sell the property and use the funds to buy upgraded firearms.

In other business, the Board approved a change order for the Continental tire plant water well. Through a memorandum of understanding, the City agreed to provide services, such as sewer and water to the plant, with the Mississippi Development Authority making funds available for the water and sewer. Funds were allotted for drilling a water well, which is now in the "last 100-yard dash" of completion.

The project is about \$300,000 under

budget, because the City didn't have to drill a second site for the water. Drilling at the first site on Clinton-Raymond Road produced nearly double the amount required at this time by Continental, which is using 100,000 gallons a day. When the plant is in full operation in 2019, it will use a million gallons a day.

The change order allows the well size to be increased, as well as 2,000 feet of twenty-inch stainless steel casing for water lines, stainless steel screens and oversized enclosures to allow for a larger-capacity motor and upgraded pumping equipment in the future. The expensive part of the project is the stainless steel casing and screens, and the larger areas constructed for the motor and pumps.

"When they are up to one million gallons a day, will there be an additional work requirement at that point, and will there be expenses incurred down the road?" Ward 6 Alderman Mike Cashion asked.

"Yes," Mayor Fisher replied, adding that "if we (the City) are selling a million gallons a day," the expense should be negligible.

The Board approved (5 to 0) the appointment of Scott Vernon to the

Planning and Zoning committee.

"One reason I'm particularly excited about nominating Scott is because you hear about people who graduated from high school and left," Ward 4 Alderman Bill Barnett said, adding. "He did leave, but spent fourteen years active in the military." Vernon, who is active in the city of Clinton, including the Lions Club, is also on the board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce. He is a va-

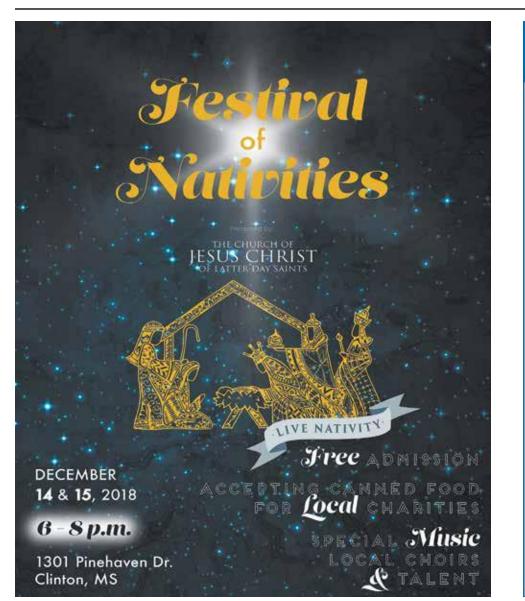
cation cruise planner who has been in business here for five years.

The Board also approved (5 to 0) the submitting of an application for funding under the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund for eligible bridges located at Cynthia Road and Kickapoo Road. There are free funds available for damaged bridges; however, the City needs approval to submit an application to get it going. After the application is submitted, it will go to an MDOT commitPhoto by Doris Bynum

tee that will have to rule unanimously, Fisher said. "We'll see if we can get the money; and, if we can't, we'll do something else."

Also recognized by the Mayor were residents of Windsor Plantation, who had concerns regarding traffic and infrastructure for a potential neighboring development.

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