

Bright lights in the city: Entergy to retrofit street lights with LEDs

By Katherine R. Dougan

With a unanimous vote on July 20, the Board of Aldermen voted to negotiate an agreement with Entergy to retrofit the city's 1,800 street lights to high-efficiency LED lights. Not only is Entergy doing the retrofit at no cost to the city, but also the LED lights will lower the cost of lighting the city's streets, said Mayor Phil Fisher.

The changes will transform the street lighting from the older technology of high-pressure sodium vapor that emits an orange glow to the newer LED lights, which provide a whiter, brighter emission, use less energy and provide a clearer lighting experience. LEDs are also brighter than traditional HPS bulbs, which will provide an enhanced level of safety for pedestrians and motorists.

"Numerous municipalities throughout Entergy Mississippi's forty-five-county service area have converted a portion of the street lights to LED or are in the process



Photo by Susalyn Bennett.

of doing so, including Clinton's neighboring cities of Vicksburg and Jackson," Robbie Kemp, regional customer service manager for Entergy Mississippi said. "There are numerous benefits to doing so; not only do they provide energy efficient lighting, but also LEDs have a longer burn life."

"Consistent LED lighting across the city also adds to the overall beautification aesthetic in our neighborhoods and thoroughfares," said Fisher. "This partnership with Entergy will save the city thousands of dollars while also helping to protect our city."

Each fixture costs \$32 per light

but results in a savings of up to \$5 per light each month. Due to the negotiated agreement, Entergy will not charge the City of Clinton the \$32 swap-out fee, which Fisher said will save the City an initial \$58,770.

Entergy is currently in the design and engineering part of phase one,

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Mississippi Brilla FC enjoys stellar season, calling Arrow Field home

By Datti Jinkiri

The 2021 USL League Two season was a unique one for Mississippi Brilla FC. The season was the team's first since 2019. The 2020 season had never left the runway, as the COVID-19 pandemic affected it as well as the seasons of so many other sports leagues.

Brilla entered the season with a hunger to succeed, and the team did just that. Head Coach Luke Sanford's players finished the season with a 9-3-3 record and a Mid South Division title. The division title is the team's first since the 2015 season.

Key Stretch

Brilla began the season on a six-game unbeaten run (four wins, two ties). In game seven, however, the team lost its first game of the sea-



Photo courtesy of Liv Rives

son against Texas United. The disappointing loss came from a goal in the last ten minutes of the match.

However, Brilla recovered to win its next four matches of the season. This was the turning point. The team scored 11 goals and conceded only two during this stretch. The Brilla defense kept two clean

sheets, as well. Brilla was also able to defeat Texas United 2-1 at home to avenge the earlier defeat.

The four-game winning streak was punctuated with a 5-0 thrashing of the Brazos Valley Cavalry on the road. All five Brilla goals were scored in an eventful second half of

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