



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 19, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Dr. Chris Walker from Clay Chalkville Middle School opened in prayer.

Councilman Small led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilman L. B. Feemster
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010, City Council meeting. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie recognized Ms. Carol Foster and Dr. Chris Walker from the School Committee. Ms. Foster introduced the students who nominated their Teachers of the Month for December.

Brooke Hatcher, a student at Clay Chalkville Middle School, read her essay nominating Ms. Watkins for teacher of the month. Ms. Watkins was recognized and accepted her award.

Dr. Chris Walker read Tamarreo Tatum's essay nominating Mr. Johnson, teacher at Chalkville Elementary School. Mr. Johnson was recognized and accepted his award.

Dr. Walker read Ebonee Bell's essay nominating Ms. Green, teacher at Clay Chalkville High School. Ms. Green's husband accepted her award and stated she was ill tonight.



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Jake Shoop read his essay nominating Ms. Norris for Clay Elementary School teacher of the month. Ms. Norris was recognized and accepted her award.

Ms. Foster announced that the awards for tonight's teachers came from Cracker Barrel.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized and showed a video presentation of the year '2009 – The Year in Review' for the events that happened in the City in 2009.

Mayor McGuffie introduced case ALC 2010-01, a request for the Transfer of a Retail Liquor License at the Spirit Locker at 5112 Old Springville Road. Mayor McGuffie asks if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of this request and recognized Ms. Anar Abdul, owner of the Spirit Locker. Ms. Abdul requested this transfer be approved.

Mayor McGuffie asks if there was anyone to speak against this request and no one responded.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve case ALC 2010-01 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under Reports for Standing Committees Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report on Public Safety. Councilman Feemster reported that the Safety Zone signs had been installed on Clay Palmedale Road and Tyler Loop Road. He explained that these were two very narrow, crooked and hilly roads and, with the Safety Zone signs installed, would be patrolled more strictly and more frequently to hopefully reduce accidents. He stated there would be a couple of day's grace period before tickets would be issued. Also, Councilman Feemster reported that he had attended the Lazy Brooke Home Owners Association meeting last Sunday and gave an update on the city and answered questions they had.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors. Councilwoman Hambrick called for a report from the Senior Citizens and there was nothing to report. She announced that there was a job opening for the Library Directors position and applications were being accepted. Also, Councilwoman Hambrick informed everyone that Historical signs were being looked at to purchase for the Small Town Down Town Celebration this year.

Under Committee on Annexation, Business, Planning & Zoning and Schools, there was no report.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities and reported that he had attended the Steeple Chase Home Owners Association meeting recently. He stated he was researching what the city can do to help with some of their concerns and what developers or others would have to do. He stated there would be bid openings for paving streets in the Chestnut Hills sub-division at the next council meeting. Also, Councilman Small reported that there were seven great candidates for the vacant City Council position and interviews had been conducted.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the Parks and Recreation Committee. He announced that he had met with the Fresh Water Land Trust concerning one final property at Cosby Lake that they are working on paperwork for them and the city to share in purchasing. He announced there would be a clean-up day in the spring at Cosby Lake. Also, Councilman Webster announced that quotes had been received from three companies for striping the parking lot at the ballpark. He



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stated the quotes were from ACT, LLC. for \$3,300; Drake Lawn Maintenance for \$1,991.50; and Martinez Building Service for \$1,875. Councilman Webster made a motion to proceed with the striping using Martinez Building Service at \$1,875. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc. Mayor McGuffie announced there was nothing to report.

Under the City Clerk's report, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the balance in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$224,300.16; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$132,535.54; AmFund Account = \$1,111,891.09; Capital Improvement Fund = \$151,011.75; Contractors Bond = \$43,179.96; General Fund = \$319,000.08; Library Fund = \$4,235.15; Park and Recreation Fund = \$90,113.70; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,672.53.

Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other business, Mayor McGuffie introduced Ordinance 2010-02 Annexation of 16 properties in the Kerri Lane Sub-division which City Clerk Bobby Christmas read as a first reading.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Don Lomas of 4948 Kerri Lane who stated there were 24 dwellings in this sub-division and they all would like to be annexed into the city. Mr. James Pruitt of 5201 Ruby Circle stated he had gotten petitions from the 16 on the agenda for tonight but had not gotten the others for various reasons. Councilman Small recommended that all petitions from the entire neighborhood be obtained before this Ordinance is acted upon. City Clerk Bobby Christmas will prepare petitions for the remaining property owners and get with Mr. Lomas once they are prepared.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent. Councilman Feemster made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent which was seconded by Councilman Small.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Ordinance 2010 - 01, An Ordinance to Adopt Various Standardized Codes Relating to Inspection Activities and Enforcement of Building Standards as Provided in said Codes for the City of Clay. City Clerk Bobby Christmas read Ordinance 2010-01.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010 - 01 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:



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Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Public Comments and recognized Dr. Chris Walker from Clay Chalkville Middle School. Dr. Walker announced the names of those on the School Committee and reported that he was Chairman of the committee and Ms. Jennifer Sizemore was Secretary. He reported that the School Committee was working on a mission statement and meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall. Dr. Walker gave a report on activities occurring at each school to include Chalkville Elementary, Clay Elementary, Clay Chalkville Middle School and Clay Chalkville High School.

Mr. George Post was recognized and extended a Happy New Year to the Mayor and Council and stated he hoped the city had as great a new year as the Alabama Crimson Tide had last year in winning the National Championship in football.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Mayor or Council comments and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next City Council meeting would be February 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer