



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES February 13th, 2018

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and City Manager Ronnie Dixon, served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order. Councilor Bo Johnson opened in prayer. Mayor Webster led everyone in the Pledge.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following: Councilor Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Locke, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: none

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 23rd, 2018. *Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 23rd, 2018, which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:
Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster
Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** announced the city received a letter of accounting from the Jefferson County Board of Education with an overview of the 2017 grants awarded to schools in the City of Clay. Clay Chalkville High School purchased software for football, Clay Chalkville Middle School purchased 46 chrome books and 5 smart TV's, and Clay Elementary School used their grant money for the Leader in Me program.

Mayor Webster reminded teachers to apply for monthly scholarships. Clay Chalkville Middle School is making changes for the better. The school's report card highlighted to some areas that will be given more attention. The Mayor expressed thanks to Mr. Dixon for his efforts in helping our schools.

Councilor Don Baker spoke regarding public safety surrounding the shooting event in Clay. Mayor Webster announced the shooter has been captured. Councilor Baker expressed his gratitude for prayers and flowers for his mother's passing and thanked to Bo Johnson for presiding over the funeral.

Councilor Becky Johnson stated that the seniors enjoyed attending a Valentine Banquet at Clay Methodist Church and were planning a celebration of their own at the Senior Center on Valentine's Day. The Library is having their annual International Tea Party March 10th, all are welcome to attend.

Councilor Bo Johnson had no report.



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Councilor Dennis Locke presented Ambassadors from Clay Chalkville Middle School, sponsored by Ms. Willingham. Student Ambassadors Chloe Sparks, Jakala Jackson, and Jalyn Wilson spoke about the program and what they do. They are a group of student mentors. The scope of their work includes helping new students, passing out candy for Valentine's Day, planning a Halloween dance, and sponsoring a suggestion box for students. Recently the students had a can drive and a book drive and earned \$200.00 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Councilor Locke thanked the students for coming and read thank you notes from Clay Elementary School teachers and students. He announced winners of Grants for January:

Clay Elementary School - Carrie Smith who will purchase a Q-ball and rug for meeting time with students.

Clay Chalkville Middle School - Andrew Wood who will use the money to purchase two Chrome Books.

Clay Chalkville High School - Scott Phillips who will purchase materials for in class experiments.

Mr. Dixon announced that Tristan Webster won a Science Olympiad award at UAB.

Councilor Thackerson gave an update on the Cosby Lake new walking trails. They have been cleared by Bobcat up to Roberts Drive.

Under the **City Manager's Report** Mr. Dixon gave an updated report from Volkert on the Cosby Lake dredging project. The cost estimate is from \$470,000 to \$600,000 dollars depending on how much material has to be moved around in the lake. The Core of Engineers permitting process would take around nine months and then another nine months to complete the project. This time period would put us in the next budget year and the project could be pre-funded.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve beginning the permitting process.

Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to approve the motion, which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$775,914.10; Contractors Bond = \$35,640.60; Capital Improvement Fund = \$492,991.74; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$91,938.30; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$50,638.01; Building Fund = \$900,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$300,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$65,527.68; Ballpark Registration Income = 15,100.00 and Ballpark Sports Expense = (11,587.44).

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under Public Hearings, Mayor Webster announced there were none.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to move into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2018-02 abating the property located at 5921 Debbie Drive.

Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02 which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2018-03 abating the property located at 6884 Elliott Road.

Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-03 which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous consent.

Under Public Comments Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Jane Anderton of 5434 White Oak Road. She spoke of a house on Old Springville road that is falling in. The Council discussed beginning the abatement process.

The next City Council meeting will be February 27th. Mayor Webster called for a motion to adjourn. *Councilor Locke made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager