



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 16, 2016

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 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, opened in prayer, and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster
Absent: Councilor Baker and Councilor Bo Johnson

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 1, 2016.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 1, 2016, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilor Becky Johnson requested to add Dr. Chris Walker to her portion.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's amended Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** informed the Council that the audits are on the website and the 2015 audit is underway.

Councilor Baker was not present for a report.

Councilor Becky Johnson introduced Dr. Chris Walker, band director at Clay Chalkville Middle School. Dr. Walker presented the Council with an itemized assessment of the band's needs totaling \$207,700.00. Dr. Walker explained that the fundraising efforts pay for music, travel costs, and instrument repair. He highlighted the size of the band and their accomplishments.

Councilor Johnson reviewed the December and January grant winners: Sutton, Bowman, Phillips, Hayes, Mickle, and Rollins. She encouraged teachers to apply for these grants.

Councilor Johnson announced that the Senior Center was painted over Christmas break and that the addition is finished.



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Councilor Bo Johnson was not present for a report.

Councilor Small made a motion to give \$15,000.00 to Clay Chalkville Middle School Band program to meet their immediate needs which was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Dixon informed the Council that according to the Board of Education President, Dr. Pouncy, there are funds available for band programs in the County but paperwork has to be submitted to the Board of Education for these funds.

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

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Councilor Small asked the City to work with the County Board of Education to secure more funding for the schools. Mayor Webster answered that the City is working on this and will continue to work on bettering the schools

Councilor Small announced that the Clay Public Library will now be open seven days per week. He then informed the Council that he, Councilor Thackerson, and Mr. Ostaseski reviewed road conditions in Clay.

Councilor Thackerson asked about the status of the high school softball fields. The sand should be delivered soon. He thanked Public Works Director, Josh Isbell, for starting to work on the walking trails at Cosby Lake.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$646,580.23; Contractors Bond = \$190,763.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$434,234.48; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$166,136.24; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$83,279.68; Road Project Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$750,000.00; BBT Fund= \$81,713.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$25,751.75; and Ballpark Expense = (\$23,770.38).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster announced there was none.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-07, A Resolution Establishing the Use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices and the Use of Electronic Ballot Marking Devices, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-07, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson.



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

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-08, A Resolution Releasing Lien at 6496 Eagle Ridge Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-08, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and there was no response.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, March 7, 2016.

Councilor Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous vote.

The City Council adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager