



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES June 2, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2014, 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. Mr. Dixon opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker  
Councilor Small

Councilor Johnson  
Councilor Thackerson

Councilor Halstead  
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 19, 2014.

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 19, 2014, 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 Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Baker and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

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

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

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Under **Mayor and Council Comments** Mayor Webster informed the Council that nets are in the lake for the Fishing Rodeo. Fish will be delivered on Wednesday, June 4.

**Councilor Baker** was recognized for a report. He announced that the price for traffic security cameras is \$54,000.00 and the Public Safety Committee is still working. Councilor Baker will have more information soon.

**Councilor Halstead** was recognized for a report. He announced that abatement resolutions will be addressed under Unanimous Consent.

**Councilor Johnson** was recognized for a report. She reported on the following: (1) The School Committee will not meet during the summer. (2) Volunteer opportunities are available for the School Committee's reading program. (3) School Committee Chair, Steve Ostaseski,



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and Councilor Johnson met with Trussville Board of Education about discipline. (4) The Senior Activity Center is planning a Father's Day celebration and their July calendar.

**Councilor Small** was recognized for a report. He announced that the library has 60 people signed up for the summer reading program and reminded everyone to visit Clay library's website for more information. There is at least five weeks of work left on Old Springville Road. The County still has to complete paving, road shoulders, markers & permanent striping.

**Councilor Thackerson** was recognized for a report. He reminded everyone about the fundraiser walk for Camp Smile A Mile. It will be held on June 7 at Cosby Lake at 8:00 am. There will be a \$10 donation to enter the walk. Everyone is invited. The Fishing Rodeo will take place at 10:00 am. Councilor Thackerson received preliminary drawings from the architect for Cosby Lake Park for the Park and Recreation Committee.

The Council discussed options for restricting football registration.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to restrict football and cheerleading registration to children who are zoned for Clay Chalkville School and children and family members of children who played for Clay in 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Small.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$312,132.47; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,213.06; Library Fund = \$3,847.87; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$366,034.22; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$20,267.43; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$234,142.24; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$18,750.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$59,896.87; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$56,873.59.

Mr. Dixon reported that he has received the findings from the actuarial study for the City to join the Retirement System of Alabama. Mr. Dixon recommended that the City not join the RSA. He explained that the State has a defined benefit program of 8%. The City does not have a stable enough income in order to cover this expense. He asked to be allowed to research a 401 retirement plan for employees.

Mr. Dixon informed Council that Councilor Halstead has submitted a letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2014. Councilor Halstead thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve and stated that he and his wife will be moving out of Clay to be closer to their family. Mr. Dixon explained that the City may receive resumes for appointment during this time and must appoint a new Councilor within 60 days after Councilor Halstead's resignation becomes effective.



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Mayor Webster accepted Councilor Halstead's resignation and thanked Councilor Halstead for his service.

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to declare a vacancy on the City Council which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mr. Dixon asked the Council if they would like to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss implementing a property tax. The Council discussed different dates for the Public Hearing.

*Councilor Small made a motion to hold a Public Hearing to discuss implementing a property tax on June 16 at 7:00 p.m., which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

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

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2014-02, A Proclamation to Recognize the Historical Importance of Bryant Park, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2014-02, 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 Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-10, A Resolution Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Eliminate a Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-10, which was seconded by Councilor Small.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-11, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 5410 Balboa Circle, Pinson, AL 35126, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-11, 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 Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-12, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 5523 Spanish Trace, Pinson, AL 35126, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead.*

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

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. George Post who identified himself as living at 6927 Mountain View Drive. He commented that no politicians are at the meeting and encouraged everyone to vote at the primaries.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, June 16 at 6:30.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager