



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 20, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 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 led in prayer and Mayor Webster 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 Johnson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 5, 2015.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 5, 2015, 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 amended to include Ordinance 2015-03 which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by 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 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, Bo Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** recognized Mr. Timothy Alexander of 9-21 Court North West. Mr. Alexander spoke about Clay Chalkville and University of Alabama at Birmingham football community and future generations who want to take part in the community. Mayor Webster thanked Mr. Alexander for speaking.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He informed the Council that the Public Safety Committee will meet next week.

Councilor Becky Johnson was recognized for a report and called on Senior Center Co-Director Linda Plummer. Ms. Plummer announced that they continue to have new members visit and will go to Pell City on Friday, January 23. Councilor Johnson reported that the Clay Chalkville bands will host a mattress sale fundraiser on February 7 at the middle school. The bands will also host a Cougar Band Run on April 18 at 8:00 am. The High School baseball



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team is selling Valentine's Day dinner tickets as a fundraiser. East Jefferson Relay for Life run will be held on January 24 at Trussville Civic Center.

Councilor Bo Johnson was recognized for a report and announced that Auto Zone plans to move into Clay.

Councilor Bo Johnson 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 Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-10, A Resolution in Support of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Football Program, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-10, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report and reminded the Council that the Library Committee will meet the following week. He thanked Public Works Director Josh Isbell for his continued work.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report and reviewed the progress of the construction of restrooms 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**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$376,999.09; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$465,357.70; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$78,356.57; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$162,940.75; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$56,250.00; Ballpark Revenue (Fiscal Year) = \$18,945.54; and Ballpark Expense (Fiscal Year)= 27,889.02.

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

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and re-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:



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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-02, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2006-07, Zoning Ordinance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02, 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, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for a recess.

At 7:03 pm, Mayor Webster called the meeting back to order and introduced the Comprehensive Plan changes.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and adopt the Comprehensive Plan (maps) as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a voice vote as follows: Councilors Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster;

Nays: Councilor Baker.

The motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Z-2014-04, Zoning 6719 Trussville Clay Road. Mr. Dixon explained that the Council held a Public Hearing at the January 5, 2015, meeting and tabled the decision so the Council could do their own research. He further explained that the Council has amended the Special Commercial Zone to allow outdoor storage so this property could be rezoned Special Commercial instead of Light Industrial as originally requested. Many neighboring property owners have balked at the idea of being located near an industrial zone during Public Hearings for this rezoning. Mr. Dixon further explained that on the first page industrial should now read special commercial.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the amended case Z-2014-04, to rezone the property at 6719 Trussville Clay Road from Agricultural to Special Commercial 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 Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: Councilor Baker.

The motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for case Z-2015-01, Special Exception Use for 6020 Steeple Chase Drive. Mr. Dixon explained that the Zoning Ordinance has now been amended to explicitly allow a telecommunications towers in the supplemental use section of medium, low, and estate residential as well as agricultural zones.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Z-2015-01 as a supplemental use 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:



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Nays: None

Mr. Dixon explained that during the course of the audit, it was discovered that the signatories for City Accounts have not been updated and that an Ordinance was placed in the Council's packets at the last minute to remedy this situation. Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-03, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-32, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-03, 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, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. George Post of 6927 Mountain View Drive North East. Mr. Post commented on the progress made by Councilor Johnson.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Linda Hicks of 6778 Trussville Clay Road. Ms. Hicks requested a copy of the covenant for the property at 6719 Trussville Clay Road.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, February 2, 2015, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager