



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 14, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Thursday, October 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilman Kevin Small opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick 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

Councilwoman Becky Johnson

Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick

Councilman Kevin Small

Absent: Councilman Charles Webster

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the pre-council and regular minutes of October 4, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the pre-council and regular minutes, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson 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 Councilman Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie called for Judge Helen Shores Lee to speak but she was not present. City Clerk Bobby Christmas stated that she had said she had a meeting in Center Point at 6:00 p.m. and may be late arriving.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Greg Garnette who identified himself as representing Mr. Theo Lawson for District Attorney of Jefferson County. He gave some background on Mr. Lawson's job experience and qualifications. He asks for everyone's vote for Mr. Lawson on November 2.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster announced that the well at the ballpark had been completed and was pumping water. He stated the next step is to rebuild the old wash house to provide storage for the well and for the Library.



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Councilman Feemster reported that the two radar signs approved for purchase by the Council have arrived and will be installed on Clay Palmerdale Road as planned.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to continue the payments to the ClasTran Transportation service for a total of \$3,865.26 for the year to be divided into twelve monthly payments. Councilman Feemster seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Councilwoman Hambrick reported on the success of the Library to include a grant for videos and books on tape. She invited everyone to visit the Library.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and reported that the School Committee has met and now has a new Chairman. She stated they were working on a time to have their regularly monthly meetings that would not conflict with other meetings.

Councilwoman Johnson announced that the Mayor had received a letter from Mr. Alan Summers Jr., President of the Clay Chalkville High School Athletic Booster Club, thanking the City for the work done by city employees to enlarge the old football practice field and making it regulation size.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is continuing to work on the sign ordinance and will have its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday night October 21. She reported there would be another public hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission on the sign ordinance.

Under the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Small reported that he had been working with the Revenue / Licensing Officers to get some software for the city to help organize the permitting and licenses for the City. He stated he hoped to have some demo's done shortly to look at some of this software.

Councilman Webster was not present for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**.

Under the **Committee on Finance and Ordinances**, the Mayor had nothing to report.

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 on the balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$65,653.15; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$29,642.87; AmFund Account = \$720,986.32; Capital Improvement Fund = \$22,471.72; Concession Stand = \$3,678.32; Contractors Bond = \$43,322.92; General Fund = \$515,912.52; Library Fund = \$9,677.95; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$4,896.67.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie reported there were none.

Mayor McGuffie called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Dot Mercer who identified herself as living at 5568 Spanish Trace. Ms. Mercer reported on the many problems she has continued to



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have with her next door neighbor to include barking dogs, shooting fireworks at night, burning trash in his yard and shooting arrows around children in the neighborhood. Mayor McGuffie asks Deputy Sheriff John Bryant if he was aware of this situation which he acknowledged that he was. Mayor McGuffie asks Deputy Bryant to sit up at the site to check out what is going on and what can be done.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Judge Helen Shores Lee who identified herself as a candidate for Circuit Judge Place 4. Judge Lee gave some background on her job experience and qualifications. She asks for everyone's vote on November 2.

Mr. George Post was recognized and questioned Judge Lee on the mandatory retirement age and whether it was age discrimination.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor and/or Council Comments** and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday November 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas  
City Clerk / Treasurer