



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 15, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, February 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilman Charles Webster opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Becky Johnson 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

Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick

Councilman Kevin Small

Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the pre-council minutes of February 1, 2010. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the pre-council minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the regular council minutes of February 1, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the regular council minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster 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 Hambrick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie announced that there were none.

Under Reports for Standing Committees Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report on Public Safety. Councilman Feemster announced that he did not have anything to report.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors. Councilwoman Hambrick called for a Seniors Center report but no one was present to speak.



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Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion that the City make installment payments in order to provide the ClasTran service to the Seniors on a monthly basis per the usage set forth at \$429.47 per month for the next nine months or a total of \$3,865.26. Councilman Feemster seconded the motion and questioned a motion in a previous Council meeting whereby the Council approved \$500 to go to ClasTran. Councilwoman Hambrick verified that the \$500 was included in this \$3,865.26 total. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under Committee on Annexation, Business, Planning & Zoning and Schools, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and called on Dr. Chris Walker to give a report on the schools. Dr. Walker gave a report for Chalkville Elementary; Clay Elementary; Clay Chalkville Middle School and Clay Chalkville High School. Also, Dr. Walker announced that the School Committee had met and adopted a vision statement and was preparing an administrative questionnaire. He stated the questionnaire will give the committee insight into the immediate needs our teachers would like to see addressed by the community. Dr. Walker announced that there were coupon books on sale at the schools.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion that the City of Clay be the largest sponsor of the Clay May Days by donating \$5,000 to the Clay Area Chamber of Commerce as requested by the Chamber. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities. Councilman Small announced that he was working on identifying roads for the County to pave. Also, he stated that he was identifying roads for the city to pave this fall and there was a Resolution on tonight's agenda for paving some streets in the Chestnut Hills subdivision.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the Parks and Recreation Committee. He stated that baseball and softball registration was going on at the ballpark and he had seen some new faces which means more teams playing.

Councilman Webster reported that Missy Fredrick, manager of the concession stands at the ball park, requested that the city purchase four picnic tables to go outside the concession stand at the ball park. Councilman Webster made a motion to purchase four picnic tables for the ballpark at \$3,170. Councilman Feemster seconded the motion with a stipulation that Missy check with the manufacturer and get a couple of recommendations from some current customers and, assuming the recommendations are favorable, that we move forward. Councilman Webster agreed and stated he would like for her to get some kind of warranty as well. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster reported that some grass had been taken up or cut back on some of the ball fields in order for the city to hold tournaments. He stated infield material had to be replaced and stated he had quotes of \$6,500 from Pure Turf and Ground Maintenance Plus for \$9,350. He stated these quotes included removing six inches of top soil on one baseball field and two softball fields; installing five inches of infield mix and one inch of safecoat to match existing playing surface and removing and relocating all sprinkler heads and supply lines. Councilman Webster made a motion that Pure Turf proceed with this work for \$6,500 because a softball tournament will start in four weeks and time is short. Mayor McGuffie stated he would check passed Ordinances to be sure there is no conflict and, if there is, the action will be null and void. Councilman Small asks what funds this would be paid from and Councilman Webster responded out of the Park Fund. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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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 the balance in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$232,669.93; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$141,324.12; AmFund Account = \$1,052,366.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$149,856.88; Contractors Bond = \$43,198.30; General Fund = \$482,372.35; Library Fund = \$7,356.27; Park and Recreation Fund = \$8,794.57; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$4,678.70.

Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other business, Mayor McGuffie announced that Ordinance 2010-02 had been postponed until additional petitions are received from property owners in the Kerri Lane sub-division.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Ordinance 2010-03 – An Ordinance to Abate and Control the Growth of Weeds which was read for the second time by City Clerk Bobby Christmas. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-03 which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010-06 – A Resolution calling on the County Commission of Jefferson County, Alabama to perform its Road Maintenance Obligations within the City of Clay which was read for the second time by City Clerk Bobby Christmas. Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-06 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent. Councilman Feemster made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 07, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Resurfacing Streets in the Chestnut Hills Sub-division which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 07 and pay out of the 4c & 5c Gas Fund which was seconded by Councilwoman Feemster.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie



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Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Public Comments and recognized Mr. Todd Biddle who questioned the use of the ballpark facilities. Councilman Webster responded to Mr. Biddle's questions.

Ms. Pat Feemster was recognized and stated the Environmental Committee was willing to work on a tree planting project along Deerfoot Parkway from Old Springville Road to Cougar Drive. She asks if this was a project the Council would be okay with them working on and bringing them some ideas and the cost involved. Mayor McGuffie stated he would definitely be interested in the Environmental Committee working on this.

Ms. Feemster passed out literature from the Alabama Department of Transportation on the 'People Against a Littered State' (PALS) Adopt-A-Mile Program. She requested the Council review this information and decide if the City wanted to be involved and what procedures we wanted to follow. Mayor McGuffie stated he wanted the City to be proactive in our litter campaign and get the community involved to keep the streets and roads clean.

Dr. Chris Walker, Clay Chalkville Middle School Band Director, was recognized and stated it was time for fifth graders to decide if they want to be involved in the school band. He gave some background of some events the middle school band students are involved in to include trips they take etc. Also, he stated band students are able to participate in other activities such as sports and be a member of the school band. He requested that everyone encourage fifth graders to join the middle school band.

Mayor McGuffie called for any other Public Comments and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Mayor or Council comments and there were none.

Councilman Webster made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer