



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES June 3, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 2013, 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 Halstead opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Halstead Councilor Johnson Councilor Small
Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Baker

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 22, 2013. *Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 22, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Small made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. City Manager Ronnie Dixon stated that the Center Point Fire Department submitted an invoice that day and that he would like to pay this invoice as soon as possible. The additional invoice to be added to the general fund portion of the consent agenda totals \$3,167.65 to be paid to Center Point Fire Department. *Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve tonight's amended Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Small, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He stated that the next Finance Committee meeting will be noticed soon.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker was not present for a report.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development and Annexations and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead announced that the first Annexation Committee meeting has taken place and they have prioritized annexation pursuits. Councilor Small asked if the committee is considering pursuing annexation in the Emerald Lakes Area. Councilor Halstead answered that he is open to annexing the Emerald Lakes Area, but would like to focus on protecting our borders from encroaching cities on the south end of the city.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson called on Senior Center Co-Director Linda Plummer for a report on the



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Seniors Center Open House event. Ms. Plummer reported that the open house had a great attendance and several residents have joined. The Senior Center will host a Wii bowling tournament with Center Point Senior Center on June 17.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board** and thanked the Mayor and Ronnie for assisting in installing the handicap sidewalk at the library. He plugged the summer reading program and discussed the library's children events scheduled for the summer including a NASA physicist, magic show, and reptile zoo. Councilor Small discussed the landscaping around the library saying he is recruiting volunteers for the project. He commended the Public Works Department for maintaining the roadsides.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He stated that the Fishing Rodeo was a success with over 230 children participating. Councilor Thackerson then discussed the progress of the Disc Golf Course.

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 = \$321,651.22; Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,385.44; Library Fund = \$2,061.78; Contractors Bond = \$53,302.96; Capital Improvement Fund = \$285,862.30; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$136,082.59; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$162,137.97; Ballpark Revenue = \$60,220.37; Ballpark Expense = -\$50,128.08; General Fund Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; General Fund Road Paving Projects = \$50,000.00; and BBT AMFUND Payment Fund = \$12,500.00.

Mr. Dixon reviewed the invoice provided by the Center Point Fire Department, stating the amount saved by allowing the Fire Department to provide the labor for the bathroom repairs to Fire Station 4.

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 Thackerson.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-12, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2012-10, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-12, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-13, A Disaster Recovery Ordinance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-13, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-14, An Ordinance to Establish Fishing Regulations at Cosby Lake and to Provide Penalties for Violations Thereof, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-14, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Halstead and Small.

The Ordinance was approved by a 3-2 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-15, An Ordinance Prohibiting or Regulating the Owning or Keeping of Dangerous Animals Including Pit Bull Dogs and Providing for Registration for Certain Dangerous Animals, and Providing for Penalties for Violations Thereof, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-15, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2013-14, A Resolution Amending Resolution 2013-08, Designating Meeting Times for the Committee on Business Development, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-14, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2013-15, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Committee on Annexations, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-15, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**.

There was no response.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilor Johnson who announced that the Thursday craft program is full.

Mayor Webster announced that Councilor Baker's little league team is playing at an invitational tournament in Pinson.

Councilor Small commented on the City's wise spending habits.



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Mayor Webster announced that a revised personnel manual should be ready for presentation to the Council by the next meeting.

Mayor Webster announced that the next Council Meeting will be Monday, June 17, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager