



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 19, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Ed McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Mr. Thomas L. Wilder, Manager of Alabama Gas Company's Rebuild Assistance Program, opened in prayer.

Councilman Webster 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 meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of March 5, 2012. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of March 5, 2012, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced Mr. Thomas L. Wilder, manager of Alagasco's Rebuild Assistance Programs. Mr. Wilder shared Alagasco's concern about recent storm activity and their desire to aid in putting the community back together. He also shared information about rebates for current and potential customers. The rebates will continue for at least one year. Alagasco's Boots on the Ground Operation, an information campaign, is scheduled for April 4-5.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster discussed the following items: (1) Disaster response has slowed down. (2) Tuesday and Wednesday, Lutherans from Minnesota will come to Clay to volunteer. (3) The city has received volunteers and supplies from various states across the country including Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New York, Tennessee, Texas, Washington D.C., Louisiana, California, and New Hampshire. (4) The vegetative debris cleanup is approximately 50% finished.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick announced the Library's Easter Egg hunt information is available on their website. She reported that Linda Love's recovery will be gradual. Councilwoman Hambrick reminded everyone about Clay Historical Society's plan for a dedication of the Wear Cemetery Fence in June 2012.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson discussed the following items: (1) Clay schools are out for Spring Break this week; (2) Fred's Job Fair is scheduled to begin April 12; (3) a new Shell Station will open on Sweeney Hollow Road; (4) the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon is scheduled for March 20; and (5) the School Committee will meet on March 27.

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Kevin Small thanked Frank Garner and the crews working to clean up the debris.



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Councilman Webster was recognized for a report on the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He announced that Opening Day at the ballpark is scheduled for March 31. He also presented the Park Board's recommendation to hire a Park Superintendent. Councilman Webster reminded everyone that the Clay Community Singings are held on the second Saturday of every month at the Community Center.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** there was nothing to report.

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas welcomed Mr. Greg Cochran, attorney for the Alabama League of Municipalities to the meeting tonight. City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$103,714.77; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$120,410.42; Capital Improvement Fund = \$257,587.55; Concession Stand = \$3,634.21; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$664,590.15; Library Fund = \$2,109.66; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$6,331.11.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilman Small.

That 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 Ordinance 2012-04, an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2012-A, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-04 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

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 Ordinance 2012-05, an Ordinance Annexing Property at 2441 Old Springville Road into the City of Clay, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-05 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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 2012-04, A Resolution Amending Resolution 2011-37 Designating Meeting Times for the School Committee for 2012, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-04 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

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



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Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**. Mr. George Post of 6927 Mountainview Drive was recognized and asked about the December 25 School Committee meeting. The City Clerk explained that the Resolution was approved for the School Committee to meet the fourth Tuesday of each month and it would be up to this Committee to change the meeting time closer to time for the meeting.

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

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Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Monday, April 2, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk