



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 6, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 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 Small 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 Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Baker

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 16, 2015.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 16, 2015, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson 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 Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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 Becky Johnson, Bo Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** reviewed the new contract with Christmas Décor. The contract is \$13,209.31 per year for all the Christmas lights in the City except the ones on the road.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with Christmas Décor for Christmas Decorations which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Baker was not present for a report.

Councilor Becky Johnson was recognized for a report. She announced the 5k run fundraiser for the Clay Chalkville Bands on April 18, 2015. She called for a report for the Senior Center – which reported a very active calendar.

Councilor Bo Johnson was recognized for a report and stated that the annexation committee is working with the Planning and Zoning Commission to obtain citizen input for the Comprehensive Plan update.



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Councilor Small was recognized for a report. He complimented the Public Works Department for their work on road repair and the Clay Days carnival setup. Councilor Small clarified that Karen Moody resigned from the library and that he Mayor Webster and Mr. Dixon have met consistently to review the library progress. He then reviewed paving progress on Steeple Chase Drive and Renwood Drive. Renwood Drive does have \$11,000.00 of contractor bonds to offset paving costs on that road. Mr. Dixon then explained that he is pursuing options to recoup costs for paving the Holly Springs subdivision.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He reviewed the progress of the restrooms at Cosby Lake House.

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 announced that the City is in the process of changing banks to Bryant Bank. Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$788,560.80; Contractors Bond = \$168,479.83; Capital Improvement Fund = \$387,018.20; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$91,945.57; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$176,749.79; Road Project Fund = \$250,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$300,000.00; BBT Fund= \$12,963.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$60,535.54; and Ballpark Expense = (\$36,351.15).

Mr. Dixon then reviewed the library evaluation progress. Mr. Dixon stated that the Library Board has not functioned properly. He further explained that many Board members' terms have expired and they have not been reappointed. The Board does not follow its own bylaws, Ordinance 2009-04, or the Code of Alabama. Mr. Dixon has consulted with the Alabama League of Municipalities, City Attorney Alan Summers, and Ms. Virginia Doyle of the Jefferson County Library Co-op. As a result of these consultations, Mr. Dixon recommended that the Council reconstitute the Library Board, and that the new Board reviews the bylaws. He further stated that the Library's original budget was \$66,000.00 which is approximately \$90,000.00 less than the Library's 2014 expenditures. He recommended that the Council consider reverting the budget back to the original \$66,000.00 and saving the remainder of the money in the FY 2015 library budget for either building a new library in a better location or building a splash pad near the current library.

Councilor Small made a motion to reconstitute the Library Board as follows:

Christy Steely – 4 year term

Jane Anderton – 4 year term

Jimmi Lynn Amick – 3 year term

Andrea Self – 2 year term

1 year term is still open.

Mayor Webster seconded the motion. Mr. Dixon clarified that this reconstitution will be in the form of an Ordinance – Ordinance 2015-15.



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Before voting, Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Councilor Small's motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-15 was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: Councilor Thackerson

The motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-18, A Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-18, 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 Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-19, A Resolution to Amend Resolution 2014-12, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-19, 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: None

Mayor Webster called an end to this Unanimous Consent and under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** introduced Public Hearing for A-2015-02, annexation of 5657 Heather Lane. He asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the case and recognized Ms. Prosser who expressed interest in beginning recycling.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to re-enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, 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 Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-14, An Ordinance Annexing 5657 Heather Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-14, which was seconded by Councilor Small.



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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 Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Jonie Harlow of 5896 Janet Drive who asked about the carnival by Clay Elementary School.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Dawn Blasingame of 6263 Roe Chandler Road who also questioned/complained about the carnival's presence near Clay Elementary School.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Dixon reminded everyone that due to convention, the City Council will meet on May 21, not May 18.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:10 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager