



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES March 3, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2014, 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 Johnson	Councilor Halstead	Councilor Small
Councilor Thackerson	Mayor Webster	

Absent: Councilor Baker

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 18, 2014.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 18, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Small made a request to remove Ordinance 2014-01 from the agenda and made a motion to approve tonight's amended Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2014-01, Proclamation to Recognize the Clay Chalkville High School Cheerleaders, which was read by City Manager, Ronnie Dixon.

The Mayor and Council presented copies of Proclamation 2014-01 to the Clay Chalkville High School Cheerleaders.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to adopt Proclamation 2014-01, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for Z-2014-01, Rezoning 6456 Roe Chandler Road. City Manager Ronnie Dixon explained that this property is currently zoned Residential Rural and the property owners would like to rezone it as Community Institutional for a proposed church site. He further explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission has unanimously recommended approval for the rezoning of this parcel.

Councilor Small made a motion to rezone the parcel located at 6456 Roe Chandler Road from



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Residential Rural to Community Institutional, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster stated that he had nothing new to report on the **Finance Committee**.

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

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported that Super Nails has moved their location to Deerfoot Parkway in the Piggly Wiggly Shopping Center.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson again congratulated the High School Cheerleaders for winning first place at the Cheersport Competition. She also congratulated the Clay Chalkville Middle School Cheerleaders for achieving third place in the same competition. The Seniors are planning a trip to Savannah later in March.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. He called on Library Director, Karen Moody who announced that the library will host Kevin Manning for a "Night Sky Explained" program on March 25 at the Community Center. Councilor Small announced the Library Board will meet on March 11 and reiterated the Public Works Department is still waiting for cooperative weather to begin road repairs.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He asked Mr. Dixon for a report on Cosby Lake. Mr. Dixon explained that the Master Plan for Cosby Lake was never completed beyond the conceptual drawing. After speaking with Nimrod Long they have submitted a proposal to complete the Master Plan for \$19,500.00. This will include architectural plans for pavilions, parking lots, restrooms, fences, and additional walking trails. Mr. Dixon further explained that a Resolution has been prepared to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with Nimrod Long for the completion of the Master Plan at Cosby Lake Park.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Nimrod Long and Associates to Begin Phase II of the Cosby Lake Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon then announced that Nimrod Long has submitted a proposal to begin a Master Plan for Bryant Park for \$3,750.00. This plan will restore the baseball field, create a concession stand, restrooms, and address the playground and potential dog park. Mr. Dixon explained that a condition of the City being given the land at Bryant Park is that the baseball field must remain a part of the park. Mr. Dixon further explained that a Resolution has been prepared to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with Nimrod Long for a Master Plan at Bryant Park.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-05, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Nimrod Long and Associates to Create a Master Plan for Bryant Park. The motion was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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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 = \$400,524.67; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,928.51; Library Fund = \$841.84; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$206,327.42; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$200,529.12; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$213,292.59; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$41,110.50; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$7,388.55.

Mr. Dixon stated that he delivered the proposed deed for the red light at Clay Palmerdale Road to Mr. Roper's office and has not heard a response yet.

Mr. Dixon asked City Attorney Alan Summers about whether or not the City can proceed with demolition of the houses listed in Resolution 2012-17. Mr. Summers stated that he believed the City can continue the abatement process as the structures have already been condemned.

Councilor Small asked Mr. Dixon to put the leash law created by Hale Sides on the next meeting agenda.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Wear who thanked the Council for approving the rezoning case.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**.

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager