The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2016, 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 and Councilor Bo Johnson opened in prayer. 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 Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 4, 2016.
*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 4, 2016, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight’s Meeting Agenda. .
*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight’s amended Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Becky 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 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*

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** called for a motion to sign the contract (included) with Sain and Associates so that the City can call on the company when engineering services are needed.
*Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sain and Associates for engineering services which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to allow City Attorney Alan Summers to draft a lease agreement between the City of Clay and Birmala Masonic Lodge for the use of the lodge on Clay Palmerdale Road.
*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to allow Attorney Summers to draft the rental agreement 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, and Thackerson
Nays: None*Mayor Webster recused himself from voting because he is a member of the lodge.

**Councilor Baker** was not present for a report.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** announced that the school committee will review scholarship applications and award the scholarships at the next meeting. She asked the Council to pray for committee member Mrs. Mercer.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** reported that the Lovelady Center held their grand opening on April 16. Clay United, a group of local pastors, held a meeting recently. Councilor Bo Johnson reported that most retail spaces in the city are occupied. He announced the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on May 6 at Grayson Valley Country Club.

**Councilor Small** had nothing new to report.

**Councilor Thackerson**reported that the Park Committee has discussed a playground near the ball fields for the younger children.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.,** Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager’s Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = $657,918.32; Contractors Bond = $190,757.80; Capital Improvement Fund = $405,600.48; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = $180,343.21; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = $51,545.83; Library and Fire Station = $200,000.00; Road Project Fund = $325,000.00; Contingency Fund = $750,000.00; BBT Fund= $13,427.68; Ballpark Revenue = $60,350.88; and Ballpark Expense = ($51,913.01).

Under the **Public Hearing,** Mayor Webster announced there were none.

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

Mayor Webster called on Brad Appleton of the Center Point Fire District who reported that they have begun fire hydrant painting and reminded everyone to be safe during the summer.

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Steve Ostaseski of 5583 Summit Point. Mr. Ostaseski spoke on behalf of the Cross Keys Homeowners’ Association. He asked for a timeline for paving the remaining streets in Cross Keys: Steadman Circle, Hatchers Run, Hanover Drive, the remainder of Somersby Parkway. Mr. Dixon answered that the city’s precedent is not to put the wearable surface in a subdivision until it is 80% complete and there are other subdivisions in the city that are not 80% complete that do not have wearable surface either and expressed concern about finishing Cross Keys without finishing those other subdivisions. He confirmed that the city still has the approximately $45,000.00 in bond money. Councilor Thackerson expressed concern that the subdivision’s roads will deteriorate without a wearable surface. Councilor Small asked Mr. Dixon to go ahead and get estimates to finish paving the roads in Cross Keys since the city has bond money to cover the anticipated expense for these roads.
Councilor Becky Johnson informed the Council that she has received an email from a resident on Debbie Drive who thanked the Council for repaving that street.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Dana Henry of 6120 Eagle Ridge Drive and Ms. Pam Stringfellow of 6117 Eagle Ridge Drive. Ms. Henry asked the Council what ordinance is in place to protect residents in a neighborhood from vicious dogs. She explained that the dogs have been an ongoing problem and recently killed another dog. Mayor Webster answered that the Council passed an ordinance and was sued and Judge Boohaker found the ordinance unconstitutional. City Attorney Alan Summer explained that the city has presented other ordinances to the judge and none of the versions presented have been deemed acceptable. Mayor Webster informed Ms. Henry and Ms. Stringfellow that the owners of the dog that was killed could sue the owners of the vicious dogs.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 2, 2016.

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager