



**City of Clay**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 17, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 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 Councilman Small opened in prayer and 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  
Councilman Kevin Small  
Mayor Ed McGuffie  
Councilwoman Becky Johnson  
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent: Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 4, 2012.

*Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 4, 2012, which was seconded by Councilman Small 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.

*Councilwoman Johnson 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. Jim Neill, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge, Place 27. Mr. Neill explained that he has worked for the District Attorney's Office for approximately 13 years. He further explained that he was a police officer for 16 years. He stated he was experienced in a criminal court room. Mr. Neill asked the residents of Clay to consider voting for him in November.

Mayor McGuffie introduced the Public Hearing for Weed Abatement and City Clerk Bobby Christmas summarized the abatement procedure and announced the addresses on the resolution for weed removal. Mayor McGuffie asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor or against the weed abatement. Mayor McGuffie recognized Ms. Linda Love who identified herself as living at 7780 Shriner Drive. Ms. Love stated that she speaks for the neighborhood and that the property located at 7779 Shriner Drive is overgrown and attracting rodents and snakes. Building Inspections Superintendent Lynn Burch stated that the property is included on the weed abatement resolutions (City of Clay Resolution 2012-19 and 2012-20).

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster thanked everyone for their well wishes during his recuperation from a stroke.

Councilwoman Hambrick was not present for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**.



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Councilwoman Johnson was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**. She announced that the Chamber of Commerce luncheon would be held on Tuesday September 18. She invited everyone to attend the Center Point Fire Department's Breast Cancer Kickoff on October 2 from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm at Center Point Fire Station Number 1. Councilwoman Johnson also announced that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. She stated that she had spoken with several residents of Clay regarding the Public Hearing to amend the Business License Ordinance for Pawn Brokers, and that the owners of Pee Wee's Pawn Shop has found a different location outside of the city of Clay for their second shop.

*Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to leave the Business License Schedule as written, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Small announced that Faith United Methodist Church will dedicate a plaque at their flag pole in honor of Staff Sargent Michael Hosey. He stated that he would like for the city to dedicate the arched bridge at Cosby Lake in honor of Staff Sargent Michael Hosey.

*Councilman Small made a motion to purchase a plaque for a dedication ceremony at a later date, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He announced that Building Inspection Superintendent Lynn Burch has acquired bids for mulching the remaining tornado debris at the park and that one bid is \$141,000.00. He stated that the City has acquired a 30 day burn permit from the Jefferson County Department of Health and that the City began burning on Friday and continued through the weekend with the hope to burn the remaining debris in the near future. Councilman Webster stated that the new Park Superintendent has been successful in establishing lines of communication with the directors of the youth sports leagues.

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$82,455.59; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$158,878.21; Capital Improvement Fund = \$106,672.13; Contractors Bond = \$58,375.76; General Fund = \$359,698.49; Library Fund = \$9,082.33; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$337.14.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent.

*Councilman Feemster made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilman Webster.*

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

Yeas: Councilmembers Feemster, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 – 20, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

*Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-20 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.*

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



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Yeas: Councilmembers Feemster, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 – 21, A Resolution for the Election Results for City Council – Place 5, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

*Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-21 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: Councilmembers Feemster, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Linda Love. Ms. Love stated that the back of the Cosby Lake trail is in need of gravel because there are muddy areas near Steeplechase. Councilman Webster announced that there are plans to put gravel in those areas.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Monday October 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas  
City Clerk