



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES February 3, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, February 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 Baker Councilor Johnson Councilor Small
Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Halstead

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 21, 2014.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 21, 2014, 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 Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Nays: None

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

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

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker announced that the price of cameras for the City was less than \$40,000.00. Councilor Baker specified that the cameras will be at the four main intersections and will be used only for Public Safety, not for traffic violation tickets.

Councilor Halstead was not present for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning**



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Councilor Ex-Officio, Councilor Johnson thanked everyone for their part in helping with the ice storm. She reported that one Senior had to stay overnight in the Senior Center, but everyone else was able to be driven home.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. He thanked the Public Works Department and Public Works Superintendent Josh Isbell for all of the work done during the ice storm. Councilor Small cited the ice storm as reason for not holding the January Library Board meeting and called on Library Director Karen Moody for a report from the library. Ms. Moody reviewed the 2013 numbers from the library: 14,653 people checked out 26,738 items, 2,497 people used public computers, 1,169 people attended the 101 library sponsored programs, and 169 people became new members. The Library Board will meet on February 11 at 6:30. Councilor Small reiterated that the City is waiting for good weather to perform roadwork.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He announced that Nimrod Long has reviewed Cosby Lake and Bryant Park and is creating drawings for restrooms at Cosby Lake. The Council discussed adult softball fields, dog parks, spring ball registration, and the water leak at Bryant Park.

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 = \$406,810.80; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,303.86; Library Fund = \$1,443.94; Contractors Bond = \$124,035.55; Capital Improvement Fund = \$181,327.42; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$193,548.00; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$207,300.00; Road Project Fund = \$50,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$3,656.00; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$5,808.55.

Mr. Dixon reminded the Council to complete their statement of economic interest for the ethics committee.

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

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Gail Kohser who identified herself as living at 7090 Goodner Mountain Road. She questioned the Council about the state of the finance committee and audit. Ms. Kohser also asked the Council about the decision to discontinue posting the Consent Agenda on the website and having not yet received her requested financial documents.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Kevin Berry who identified himself as living at 5290 Jean Drive and the representative for the Clay Chalkville High School softball team. Mr. Berry discussed hosting a softball clinic for the youth softball teams. He also requested \$100.00 to assist in repairing the lawn mower for Clay Chalkville High School's softball team. Mr. Dixon explained that the City cannot donate the money, but that he would donate it as an individual.



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Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Councilor Thackerson who commented on the success of the Library and Seniors Center.

Councilor Baker discussed registration of youth sports.

Councilor Small announced that he and his wife are expecting their seventh child.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at 6:30 pm

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager