



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 21, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 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. Mr. Dixon 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 Halstead	Councilor Johnson
Councilor Small	Councilor Thackerson	Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 6, 2014.

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 6, 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 Halstead 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 Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:  
Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, 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 reported on the **Finance Committee**. He reported that the sales tax revenue is measuring up to what was expected.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker announced the Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, January 27. He stated that the City has acquired new cars from Mt. Brook which are serviced and ready to go.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported that a new business, Reef Revolution would open in Chalkville soon. Councilor Halstead also reported that weed abatements are in process.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson called on Linda Plummer for a report from the Senior Center. Ms. Plummer reported on the achievements of the Senior Center such as assisting with the Easter egg hunt, increasing membership, and taking trips to Pigeon Forge.



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Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. He stated that the Library will hold their monthly meeting on January 28. Mr. Dixon updated the Council on the status of road work around the City.

**Councilor Thackerson** was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He announced the City's progress on building bathrooms and pavilions at Cosby Lake.

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 = \$80,246.74; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,560.86; Library Fund = \$1,890.80; Contractors Bond = \$124,035.55; Capital Improvement Fund = \$163,976.88; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$193,548.00; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$208,102.07; Road Project Fund = \$50,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; Ballpark Revenue = \$124,724.40; and Ballpark Expense = -\$111,463.38.

City Manager Ronnie Dixon discussed the status of houses condemned by Resolution 2012-17 explaining that not all of the houses in this Resolution have been demolished. Councilor Small asked Mr. Dixon to fix it.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

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

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-01, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Demolition of Unsafe Building and/or Structures, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-01, which was seconded by Councilor Baker.*

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

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

*Councilor Johnson recused herself.*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-02, A Resolution to Release the Lien for Abatement of Weeds on the Property Located at 5208 Chestnut Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-02, 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 Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-03, A Resolution to Release the Lien for Abatement of Weeds on the Property Located at 5868 Janet Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-03, 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 Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*



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Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. George Post who identified himself as living at 6927 Mountain View Drive. Mr. Post commented on the date of the next Council meeting.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Dixon who informed the Council that they have a copy of a proposed leash law written by Hale Sides LLC for review.

Councilor Small asked about spring maintenance at Cosby Lake. Mr. Dixon explained that a three year contract went into effect in 2013.

Councilor Thackerson stated that the drop off at the edge of the gravel parking lot at Cosby Lake needs attention.

Mayor Webster recognized City Attorney Alan Summers who reported that the Roberts' property has been recorded and assessed.

Mayor Webster announced that the next Council meeting will take place on February 3.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager