



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 21, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and City Clerk Bobby Christmas opened in prayer.

City Clerk Bobby Christmas 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
Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small (entered at 7:05)
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of March 7, 2011. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of March 7, 2011, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a majority voice vote with Councilman Webster voting no.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie opened a Public Hearing on recycling by recognizing Councilman Small. Councilman Small explained that Advanced Disposal, who is the company that has the current contract for garbage collection in the City of Clay, reported that their price for recycling would be the same regardless of how many participated. He stated there was no obligation by anyone to participate but those who chose to would be charged \$4.93 per month per household. Councilman Feemster asks and Councilman Small acknowledged that Advanced Disposal would send out notices informing their customers of the recycling program and giving them the opportunity to participate. Councilwoman Hambrick asks if containers would be furnished and Councilman Small stated the information given speaks to a 35 gallon recycle cart. There was no objection by anyone to notify Advanced Disposal to begin the process by sending out notices.



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Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster reported that he had filed for two projects for the Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) being (1) work at Cosby Lake and (2) widening of Old Springville Road at Dug Hollow Road and from Deerfoot Parkway to BOSS Construction. He stated the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) had \$50 million for projects and had request for \$150 million in projects. He stated that the first phase of work for Old Springville Road was on the TIP which would be \$450,000 for engineering and the City would have to come up with a 20% match or \$90,000. He stated the Mayor planned to meet with County Commissioner Joe Knight to see if they could help with the match. He stated the engineering could begin in 2012. He stated that Phase 2 is scheduled for 2015 and would involve a \$2 million grant for purchasing right of way which would also include a 20% match.

Councilman Feemster announced that the Jefferson County Health Department had doggy stations they were going to give to the City that could be placed on the back side of Cosby Lake on the walking trail.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors** and thanked everyone who attended the Library's first Book Club meeting where they discussed the book Fried Green Tomatoes last Thursday night. She stated the next Book Club meeting would discuss the book It's All Over But The Shouting by Rick Bragg and invited everyone to participate. She encouraged everyone to get to know Joy Lee, the Assistant Library Director, who was doing a great job at the Library and conducting the Book Club meetings. She announced there would be a summer reading program for the children and invited everyone to involve their children.

Councilwoman Hambrick asks Ms. Pat Feemster, Chairperson of the Environmental Committee, for an update on the directional signs. Ms. Feemster reported that the signs were ready and there was one issue on the placement of one of the signs.

Councilwoman Hambrick asks the Senior Citizens if they had a report and there was none. She announced that Ms. Linda Love, Director of the Senior Citizens Center, would be getting married this coming Saturday.

Councilwoman Hambrick thanked the city for the cleanup of the Ware Cemetery and stated the Clay Historical Society was working on getting a fence to go around the cemetery.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported on the following: (1) the Mayor, Councilman and Mrs. Feemster, Councilwoman Johnson and City Clerk Bobby Christmas attended a Legislative Breakfast this morning at the Golden Rule on Highway 79 in Pinson. She reported that State Senators Slade Blackwell and Scott Beason were present and spoke at the breakfast; (2) she reported that there would be a meeting of the Clay May Days Committee tomorrow night at 6:30 at Cosby Lake and invited anyone interested to attend; (3) The Clay Chalkville Middle School Band received all superior ratings with distinction; and (4) there would be a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 5 at First Baptist Church in Pinson. Councilwoman Johnson encouraged everyone to attend this breakfast.



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Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported that the paving would begin tomorrow on the four roads approved for paving in the last City Council meeting.

Councilman Small made a motion to purchase a firewall for the computers at City Hall at \$695 which he explained would be a one-time purchase instead of the \$200 monthly currently being paid to lease one. Councilwoman Hambrick seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small made a motion to purchase a server for City Hall at the cost of \$4,993 to replace the current server that is six years old and needs replacing. Councilwoman Hambrick seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small recommended that the Council discuss the Gas Tax money once the increase is determined based on the 2010 Census. He stated the Council would need to decide what amount should be set aside for paving projects and what amount should be set aside for TIP projects. Mayor McGuffie agreed.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He reported that he had met with Councilwoman Hambrick, Councilwoman Johnson and Park Director Mike Stanley to discuss the Fishing Rodeo at Cosby Lake from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 7, 2011. He stated they met with Amy, Park Director at Center Point, for ideas to promote and conduct the rodeo based on her experience of having conducted three rodeos. She recommended having something to give to the kids and recommended giving them a rod and reel combo. Councilman Webster made a motion to purchase 150 rod and reels at \$1,023.96. Councilman Feemster suggested increasing the purchase amount to include the purchase of fish hooks and other accessories that will probably be needed for these rod and reels. Councilman Webster modified his motion to purchase 150 rod and reels with accessories at a price not to exceed \$1,500. Councilman Feemster seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster announced that the Community Wide Singings were being started back and the first singing will be April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Councilman Webster announced that the Park Board would meet Wednesday night March 23 at the Community Center to discuss playground equipment. He stated three people would be giving presentations on their equipment. Also, April 2 is opening day at the ballpark and invited everyone to attend.

Under the **Committee on Finance and Ordinance** Mayor McGuffie had no report.

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



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Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported that the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$97,954.28; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$49,607.30 AmFund Account = \$527,000.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$56,840.80; Concession Stand = \$1,287.95; Contractors Bond = \$43,367.74; General Fund = \$600,766.75; Library Fund = \$9,429.84; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$672.33.

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

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Dennis Locke, President, of the Greater Steeple Chase Homeowners Association. Mr. Locke invited everyone to their Homeowners Association meeting Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mr. George Post was recognized and referenced Councilman Feemster comments from the previous City Council meeting about him not having any public comments at that meeting. He stated that his not making any comments is an easy way for him to say the Council was doing a good job. He questioned why the Pre-Council meetings last almost an hour and the regular Council meetings are much shorter. Mayor McGuffie explained what transpired at the Pre-Council meetings to help make the regular Council meetings shorter.

Mayor McGuffie called for any further Public Comments and there were none.

Mayor McGuffie called for any further Council comments and recognized Councilwoman Johnson who stated that City Clerk Bobby Christmas and she were working on compiling a list of Homeowners Association contacts. She requested that anyone interested in being a contact to please let her know.

Councilwoman Hambrick asks when the actual work would begin at Cosby Lake. Councilman Webster responded that there was a meeting next week with the architects to discuss the specifications for the bridges. He stated the bid process would take a few weeks and hopefully some work would begin on the bridges around mid-May.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday April 4, 2011, at the Clay Community Center.

Councilman Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Webster. The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk