



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES March 17, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 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 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 March 3, 2014.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 3, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Small 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced David Cork and A.J. Young from Cork Hill and Company. Mr. Cork presented the City's nine month annual audit to the Council. Mr. Cork explained that revenues exceeded expenditures and stated that it was a good nine months. Mr. Dixon stated that the City has put into place all of the suggestions made by the auditors. The Council thanked the Mr. Young and Mr. Cork for the work they put into the audit.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to accept the audit as written 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 **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster stated that he had nothing new to report on the **Finance Committee**.



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Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. He announced that the Public Safety Committee is still working on traffic cameras. Mayor Webster stated that he spoke with Mr. Lee who expressed interest in installing cameras at the back high school parking lot.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported that Nails by Jennifer and Electrical Maintenance and Troubleshooting are two new businesses in the city.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson called on Senior Center Co-Director Linda Plummer who announced that 20 of the Seniors will be taking a trip to Savannah, GA next week.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. He who announced that the library will host Kevin Manning for a "Night Sky Explained" program on March 25 at the Community Center. Councilor Small stated that the County plans to begin paving Old Springville Road soon.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He asked Mr. Dixon about the status of the contracts with Nimrod Long. Mr. Dixon answered that the city is waiting for the contracts.

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 asked the Council to authorize the City Attorney to move forward with the condemnation process at Rogers Gas Station at the intersection of Old Springville Road and Clay Palmerdale Road. He explained that he has once again met with Mr. Roper's secretary to discuss the appraised value of the two parking spaces and Mr. Roper believes them to be more valuable than the appraisal.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to authorize City Attorney Alan Summers to begin the condemnation process of two corner parking spaces at the Rogers gas station located at 6776 Old Springville Road for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Springville Road and Clay Palmerdale Road. The motion was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon then asked the Council to review the draft copy of a proposed meeting agenda for future City Council meetings.

Councilor Small made a motion to adopt the new meeting agenda for future City Council meetings, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$343,671.89; Senior Citizens Fund = \$4,449.66; Library Fund = \$1,841.84; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$206,327.42; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$206,984.52; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$220,981.85; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$50,657.50; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$7,403.55.



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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 Ordinance 2014-01, An Ordinance Prohibiting Running at Large and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof, which was summarized by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. Mr. Dixon explained that this Ordinance was written by attorneys at Hale Sides LLC. *Councilor Small made a motion to approve Ordinance 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-06, A Resolution Awarding a Bid for Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures, which was summarized by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. *Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16, 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

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Jim Little who identified himself as living at 5945 Mockingbird Lane. Mr. Little spoke in favor of the leash ordinance passed by the Council.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Bruce Seward who identified himself as living at 5207 Highland Trace Circle. He thanked the City for installing speed bumps in his neighborhood.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Councilor Baker who spoke about the ballparks and practice times for baseball. He believes that the football field rental to the soccer league reduces practice times for baseball and suggested renting the upper field to the soccer league at a reduced rate.

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager