



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES November 15, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, November 15, 2010, 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 Councilman Charles Webster opened in prayer.

Councilman L. B. Feemster 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

Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council minutes of November 1, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster reported that there had been several burglaries of businesses in Clay and Pinson, as well as, the city park facilities. He reported that the park had been burglarized and vandalized on three different occasions recently. He reported that changes have been made to Deputy Bryant's schedule, as well as, having extra deputies on duty during late hours to patrol the city in an attempt to eliminate this type activity. Also, he reported that quotes were being taken for a burglary system and a camera system for some of the facilities that he would present to the Council later.



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Mayor McGuffie requested the TASK force from the Sheriff's Department patrol the Clay area and Deputy Chief Jim Robinson stated he would look at trends and target the days and times they should come out.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick reported that the tree project was underway. She stated they hoped to have trees planted by the end of November. She reported that a new security system had been installed at the Library and some computers have been added and classes will be offered. She reported that the Historical Society would have Christmas ornaments for sale again this year and the Christmas tree lighting would be the first Saturday of December. Also, she encouraged everyone to participate in the Christmas parade and the annual food and coat drive.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported that she attended and enjoyed the Clay Chalkville High School football victory over Hewitt Trussville High School in the first round of the state playoffs last Friday. She stated the Chamber of Commerce would participate in the food drive and would ask businesses to bring food. Also, there will be a meeting of the Chamber tomorrow at 11:30 at the Houndstooth Café where Sheriff Hale would speak.

Councilwoman Johnson read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the city contribute, along with the City of Pinson, toward the expenses of hiring a part time Executive Director. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion that the city contribute \$10,000 toward the Executive Directors position for the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that Cub Scout Pack 66 had requested a donation toward building a pine wood derby track. Councilman Small made a motion to support the Cub Scouts by donating \$200 toward their pine wood derby track. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported that he was communicating with a representative from the Alabama Department of Transportation toward getting Clay signs placed at exits 141 and 143 on Interstate 59. He reported that the cut over had been completed for the new communications and data system for all city facilities.

Councilman Small reported there was a vacancy on the Park Board and, with Councilman Webster's prior permission, made a motion that Ricky Baker fill this vacancy. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion. Councilman Webster stated that, as Councilman over the Parks, he approved of Mr. Baker filling this position. The Mayor called for a voice vote which was a split vote and unable to determine the outcome. Mayor McGuffie called for a roll call vote with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: Council members Feemster and Hambrick.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He reported that the Park Board would be meeting Wednesday morning with the architects to get started on the master plan for Cosby Lake. The meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. at Cosby Lake.



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Mayor McGuffie thanked Mr. Gary Lloyd, new editor of the Trussville Tribune, and Ms. Cathy Leslie with the Pinson News and Clay Times for the article on the recent vandalism at the ball park.

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported that ALDOT sent out bids for constructing the sidewalk on Cougar Drive through the Safe Routes to School program. Also, he reported that there may be a possibility of a called Council meeting to review the proposed changes to the Business License Ordinance. The reason for a called meeting would be to finalize it as soon as possible to give Melissa Thomas, Bookkeeper, time to make the changes in the Quickbooks system and get renewal notices out to businesses with Business License in the City. He reported on the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$70,153.04; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$28,130.75; AmFund Account = \$620,986.32; Capital Improvement Fund = \$73,852.32; Concession Stand = \$3,290.83; Contractors Bond = \$43,322.92; General Fund = \$363,780.19; Library Fund = \$758.33; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$6,540.43.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent. Councilman Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 39, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Directional Signs; which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 39 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 40, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Finance Committee for Calendar Year 2011; which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.



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Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 40 which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 41, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Park Board for Calendar Year 2011; which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 41 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Dennis Locke who identified himself as President of the Greater Steeple Chase Homeowners Association and invited everyone to attend their meeting tomorrow night.

Ms. Pat Feemster was recognized and questioned the Council's appointment of Ricky Baker to the Park Board. She stated the Park Board usually made a recommendation to the Council for members to serve. Mayor McGuffie stated it would be checked out to see what the proper procedure was.

Mayor McGuffie called for any other Public Comments and there was no response.

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Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday December 6 at the Clay Community Center.

Councilman Webster made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas  
City Clerk / Treasurer